

OAKLAND AIRPORT-COMMUNITY NOISE MANAGEMENT FORUM

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RE: November 7, 2017 Letter to FAA Administrator Huerta

Members

Dear Senator Feinstein:

City of Alameda

On November 7, 2017 you wrote to FAA Administrator Michael P. Huerta citing the concerns of your Southern California constituents over increased airplane noise resulting from “new flight patterns instituted by the FAA as part of its implementation of the NextGen air traffic control technology.” In your letter you asked that the FAA “consider all options to reduce the noise impact on affected communities,” and that the agency address three specific issues:

City of Berkeley

- Adjustments to the current flight paths, or a return to previous flight paths, to limit the noise in particular communities.
- Enforcement of FAA-established altitude levels for planes flying above residential areas.
- Reduce impact of future FAA flight path changes.

City of Hayward

City of Oakland

City of San Leandro

City of Union City

County of Alameda

Port of Oakland

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Additionally, you asked that the FAA provide your office with an update on the FAA's progress in implementing noise-impact mitigation measures in the San Francisco Bay Area, which were submitted to the FAA by the Select Committee on South Bay Arrivals last year.

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We greatly appreciate your efforts to have the FAA reduce the noise impacts over all of the communities affected by NextGen implementation. However, you should know that Alameda and Contra Costa Counties are also part of the Northern California Metroplex; and that the FAA's Administrator for the Western-Pacific Region asked the Oakland Airport-Community Noise Management Forum, in cooperation with the Oakland Airport Noise Management Office, to serve as the link to the FAA on behalf of the East Bay communities and neighborhoods affected by NextGen implementation.

Consequently, on March 17, 2017, the Forum submitted its recommendations and proposals to the FAA to adjust and/or revise its procedures to mitigate or alleviate East Bay community noise concerns resulting from NextGen implementation. A copy of this letter is attached for your information. In addition, on October 18, 2017, the Forum wrote to FAA Regional Administrator, Mr. Dennis Roberts, requesting that the FAA not transfer aircraft noise from SFO to the East Bay through

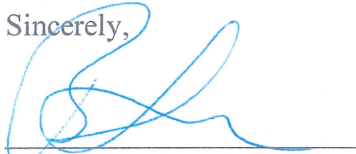
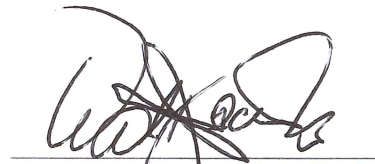
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increased operations on the TRUKN departure procedure. A copy of this letter is also attached for your consideration. As is noted in the attached letter, it appears likely that the proposed change would alter historical traffic patterns, and that such a change would substantially increase the noise burden on communities in the East Bay. The letter requests that the FAA not consider the Roundtable's proposal as it appears to alter legacy air traffic patterns to the detriment of East Bay communities.

As you can see, the Northern California Metroplex and the adverse impacts from NextGen implementation have greater and more far-reaching impacts than on just the San Francisco Peninsula. The Forum respectfully requests that you ask Administrator Huerta to consider this letter and the associated attachments to your letter of November 7 and specifically request that he also address the 3 issues set forth in your letter for the East Bay communities. Also, please request that he provide your office and the Forum with an update on the FAA's progress in reviewing the noise mitigation measures as submitted to the FAA by the Forum on March 17, 2017, in addition to those submitted by the Select Committee on South Bay Arrivals.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Benny Lee, Co-Chair
Walt Jacobs, Co-Chair

Attach:

Letter to Mr. Dennis Roberts, FAA Regional Administrator, March 17, 2017
Letter to Mr. Dennis Roberts, FAA Regional Administrator, October 18, 2017

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