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Ms. Andi Jordan
Executive Director
Cities Association of Santa Clara County
P.O. Box 3144
Los Altos, CA 94024

Re: Aircraft Noise Roundtable

Dear Ms. Jordan:

On September 4, 2018, the City of Milpitas City Council agendaized the CASCC request for consideration of a Santa Clara / Santa Cruz Airport Noise Roundtable Draft Resolution, by-laws, MOU and associated informational material. The Council directed staff to forward specific concerns in joining the Airport Noise Roundtable while providing specific recommendations that would ultimately enable the City of Milpitas to participate in such a committee.

Overall, the City of Milpitas is concerned with the formation of a committee whose focus duplicates the same issues extensively studied by the multi-agency Ad Hoc Committee on South Flows whose detailed recommendations have been forwarded to the FAA for formal consideration. We understand that the FAA will respond to the 26 recommended mitigations of this committee, which will provide all jurisdictions a better understanding of possible solutions to the present challenge. The Council's more specific concerns with the proposed Airport Noise Roundtable are as follows:

- Representation not based on population for member jurisdictions;
- Simple majority vote would not provide sufficient consensus over a 2/3 majority vote;
- Bylaws do not exclude future recommendations that shift noise to another community; and
- Voting membership excludes Unincorporated Alameda County and the City of Fremont.

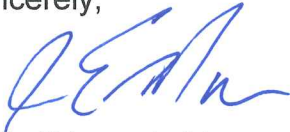
While the City of Milpitas concurs with the growing community concern of regional aircraft noise, we must defer consideration of joining the Santa Clara / Santa Cruz

Airport Noise Roundtable being formed by the CASCC until the FAA has responded to the recommended mitigations of the Airport Ad Hoc Advisory Committee on South Flow Arrivals. After this time, if the Committee is considered warranted, the City of Milpitas requests the following changes to the governance and structure of the body:

- 1) Proportional representation based on population for member jurisdictions;
- 2) Recommendations from the Roundtable require a 2/3 majority to ensure consensus;
- 3) Amend Roundtable bylaws so that no recommendations will be made that would only result in shifting noise to another community; and
- 4) Extend an offer of Roundtable voting membership to Unincorporated Alameda County and the City of Fremont.

Due to the request disallowing changes to the proposed by-laws, MOU or resolutions, City of Milpitas must decline the CASCC proposal at this time.

Sincerely,



Julie Edmonds-Mares
City Manager

c: Milpitas City Council