

OAKLAND AIRPORT-COMMUNITY NOISE MANAGEMENT FORUM

An Advisory Body to the Executive Director of the Port of Oakland

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Mr. Glen A. Martin
Regional Administrator
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RE: FAA Initiative to Address Noise Concerns in the NorCal Metroplex

Dear Administrator Martin:

Long standing issues with, and changes to the San Francisco Bay Area airspace as a result of implementation of the Northern California Metroplex in November 2014 have resulted in significant increases in noise complaints and threats of litigation from affected communities not only in Santa Cruz, Santa Clara, San Mateo and San Francisco counties, but equally, if not more so, in the East Bay region of the San Francisco Bay Area.

As Co-Chairs of the Oakland Airport-Community Noise Management Forum (Forum) we are writing to you to express our concern over these issues and to appeal to the FAA to include the Forum in the coordination, consideration and evaluation of any amendments, modifications and/or new procedures associated with the FAA's "Initiative to Address Noise Concerns of Santa Cruz/Santa Clara/San Mateo/San Francisco Counties" as requested by Peninsula Congressional Representatives Farr, Eshoo and Speier. We are concerned that the FAA will focus on evaluating and modifying only those procedures affecting the Peninsula and West Bay counties to the possible detriment of the East Bay Region. The Forum represents two counties and six East Bay cities with demonstrated aircraft noise and overflight problems. Over the seventeen year history of the Forum we have worked successfully with the FAA and the Port of Oakland on a number of these issues and have had measurable success. We would like to continue this relationship.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Benny Lee
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cc: Rep. Barbara Lee (CA-13)
Rep. Eric Swalwell (CA-15)
Rep. Jared Huffman (CA-2)
Cliff Lentz, President, SFO Roundtable