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The Honorable Anna Eshoo
United States House of Representatives
698 Emerson St., Palo Alto, CA 94301

The Honorable Sam Farr
United States House of Representatives
701 Ocean St, Room 318C, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

The Honorable Jackie Speier
United States House of Representatives
155 Bovet Road, Suite 780, San Mateo, CA 94402

Re: FAA Initiative, City of Brisbane’s support for the SFO Airport/Community Roundtable Response

Dear Members Eshoo, Farr, and Speier:

As the Mayor of the City of Brisbane, I want to thank you for caring about the health and welfare of my constituents as it relates to airplane overflight in our community. Through your sincere and diligent efforts, you were able to get the public a seat at the table with the FAA to seriously address noise and health impacts resulting from flights out of SFO and OAK. Through the FAA Initiative process, our communities were provided a platform to address our concerns, understand the issues and put forth real solutions that seek to find coexistence with our surrounding airports.

Airplanes flying over our community not only diminish our ability to live a peaceful existence, but also negatively impact the health of our citizens. Quality of life is severely compromised when people are constantly being awakened in the middle of the night, children struggle to concentrate at school, every morning is greeted by a constant barrage of noisy flights seven days a week.
We strongly support the efforts of our Congressional Representatives, the SFO Roundtable, and the FAA to collaboratively work together to find solutions that reduce negative noise impacts caused by airplanes, while also maintaining safety in our skies.

We strongly support the following recommendations that have been made in the SFO Roundtable Response Document:

- At night, fly the 050 Operation as often as possible.
- Create a southbound destination for the NIITE procedure.
- Fly the CNDEL procedure to the CNDEL waypoint, then preferably fly out the Golden Gate and down the coast. This would be an excellent solution to reduce noise impacts because planes would fly over the water, rather than over people’s homes.
- Short term SSTIK, fly planes over the Bay (at least to SEPDY) for as long as possible to achieve higher altitudes before turning planes in a relatively wide dispersal path as they make their way to the ocean.
- Long term SSTIK, move the waypoint as far north and east from SEPDY as possible, then preferably fly out the Golden Gate and down the coast. This would be an excellent solution to reduce noise impacts because planes would fly over the water, rather than over people’s homes.

We understand that we live near an airport, and that Brisbane should expect to receive some level of airplane noise. However, the number of planes that fly through our City is excessive and unfair. The busiest route in the country is SFO to LAX, which predominately passes through our City as the planes are at full thrust, gaining altitude. We recently learned that SFO is now at historic levels of flight volume, with more to come: our residents cannot be the collateral damage of insensitive growth at SFO. Using the Bay and Pacific Ocean to route airplanes to Southern CA destinations is a respectful way for SFO to grow, while drastically reducing noise and the fuel pollution that rains down on Brisbane.

The suggestions put forth in the SFO Roundtable Response document provide balanced perspectives, efficient use of non-residential areas, and a spirit of mutual collaboration to create solutions that achieve significant objectives for everyone.

Our Community will be by your side as you work with the FAA to embrace the solutions in the SFO Roundtable Response Document, and guide them to be sincere partners in reducing negative impacts from airplanes.

Sincerely,

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Mayor of Brisbane
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