



November 7, 2017

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**RE: Elimination of MENLO Waypoint**

Glenn Hendricks  
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Councilmember

Nancy Smith  
Councilmember

Russ Melton  
Councilmember

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Councilmember

Dear Mr. Roberts:

I write to urge the FAA to deny the elimination of the MENLO waypoint as part of the embedded SERFR THREE arrival to SFO and respectfully ask that the FAA extend the public comment period for this proposed change.

Specifically, the elimination of the MENLO waypoint would force more air traffic over Sunnyvale. The FAA has a longstanding policy that aircraft noise abatement shall not be accomplished by moving air traffic from one neighborhood to another, a policy that I support. Given this policy alone, it is clear this proposed change should not be approved.

The FAA and the City of Sunnyvale have both received massive amounts of comments from Sunnyvale residents and surrounding communities about the ground level noise this change will create. This noise negatively impacts the quality of life for our residents.

In my letter dated October 18, 2017, I requested the FAA consider minimizing the encroachment of San Francisco International Airport airspace into the South Bay area. One of the things that makes our airspace so complex is how far south the SFO airspace comes into the South Bay. If SFO reserved air space were changed to avoid coming so far south, this would permit other aircraft to fly higher. The elimination of MENLO as part of the implementation of SERFR THREE does not address our issues and will only create more airplane noise for Sunnyvale and surrounding communities.

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We look forward to continuing to work with the FAA to find reasonable solutions to the problem of ground level aircraft noise in this complex airspace environment.

Sincerely,



Glenn Hendricks

Mayor

CC: The Honorable Ro Khanna, U.S. Congress  
The Honorable Anna Eshoo, U.S. Congress  
The Honorable Dave Cortese, President, Santa Clara County Board of  
Supervisors  
The Honorable Joe Simitian, Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors  
City Council  
Kent Steffens, Interim City Manager