



October 15, 2018

Daniel K. Elwell  
Acting Administrator  
Federal Aviation Administration  
800 Independence Ave SW  
Washington, DC 20591

**RE: Pending Bayside Visual Approach San Carlos Airport (KSQL) (Bayside Visual RWY, Amdt 30) - Request FAA withdraw of pending flight path**

Glenn Hendricks  
Mayor

Larry Klein  
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Councilmember

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Councilmember

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Councilmember

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Councilmember

Dear Mr. Elwell,

The Bayside Visual Approach (BVA) for Surf Air flights into San Carlos is currently in pending status with a scheduled FAA publication of April 25, 2019. I respectfully request that publication of this pending flight procedure be withdrawn from consideration. The City of Sunnyvale is already heavily impacted by airplane noise from flights arriving into the Norman Y. Mineta San Jose International Airport, as well as San Francisco, Oakland and the San Carlos Airports.

The BVA Pilot was created as a solution to reduce airplane noise over peninsula cities such as Atherton, Menlo Park, and Palo Alto. In 2016, the FAA granted a request by San Mateo County to approve a six-month pilot program to divert the last leg of airline Surf Air's approach to SQL. The diverted route flew north over Moffett Field and then over San Francisco Bay. The BVA pilot began on July 5, 2016 and ended on Jan. 5, 2017 and in that time the San Carlos Airport received 11,586 complaints from Sunnyvale residents. During open comment period of the pilot, residents of Sunnyvale wrote over 900 letters to the FAA opposing the Bayside Visual Approach procedure. If approved, the Bayside Visual Approach would shift airplane noise from the peninsula over to Sunnyvale permanently.

The FAA has a longstanding policy that aircraft noise abatement shall not be accomplished by moving air traffic from one community to another, approving the

BVA procedure conflicts with this policy. Our community has and continues to express concern and strong opposition to this procedure. On behalf of the many voices of our community, I strongly request that you reject the pending BVA procedure. Thank you for considering my request and I look forward to future opportunities to collaborate on noise mitigating solutions.

Sincerely,



Glenn Hendricks

Mayor