

From: [Maria Pham](#)
To: [BoardOperations](#); [Arenas, Sylvia](#); [Chavez, Cindy](#)
Cc: [Dang Long](#); [TRẦN CHÁNH TÙY](#); [Ha Trieu](#); [NGUYEN TRAN](#); [Maria Pham](#); [Phat Kien](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Urgent Advocacy for Closure of Reid-Hillview Airport: Action Needed Before April 16 Board Agenda
Date: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 12:01:22 PM
Attachments: [image.png](#)



THE UNITED VIETNAMESE AMERICAN
COMMUNITY OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA
Mr. Ha Trieu
President of Executive Board
(408) 646-8752

April 16th, 2024

Dear Supervisor Cindy Chavez & Sylvia Arenas:

I am writing to strongly advocate for the closure of Reid-Hillview Airport, as discussed in Item 10: Report Back on Reid-Hillview Future Planning on the upcoming April 16 Board agenda. As a resident of Santa Clara County, District 1, I believe it is paramount that we address the future of Reid-Hillview Airport without delay.

With the looming likelihood of closure by 2031, it is imperative that we, as a community, engage in strategic planning for the significant parcel of land it occupies. The potential consequences of not proactively addressing this issue could have far-reaching impacts on our community's future.

I urge you to give careful consideration to the staff's report on April 16 and to continue advocating for policies that facilitate the closure of the airport in a timely manner. The wellbeing of our neighborhoods, public transit users, aviation enthusiasts, Eastridge Little League players, and environmental sustainability all rely on the decisions made by our esteemed policymakers.

The complexities surrounding this matter necessitate comprehensive planning and extensive community involvement. It is crucial that County staff engage in thorough deliberation and seek input from all stakeholders to ensure a well-informed decision-making process.

Exploring alternative uses for the land, such as developing Little League facilities, collaborating with VTA to enhance transit options, and involving the community in the Reid-Hillview Vision Planning process, represent positive steps towards a brighter future for our region. The pressing need for transit solutions and recreational spaces for our youth cannot be overstated, and the closure of Reid-Hillview Airport presents an opportunity to address these needs.

I implore you to continue championing efforts to close the airport, initiate planning for the redevelopment of the site, and prioritize the delivery of quality and equitable transit solutions to East Side residents. By taking decisive action now, we can pave the way for a County where everyone enjoys access to clean, green, and community-serving spaces.

Thank you for your attention to this critical matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ha Trieu".

Ha Trieu
President of Executive Board
The United Vietnamese American
Community of Northern California

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From: [Laverie Foster](#)
To: [BoardOperations](#)
Cc: [Milan.Balinton](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Written Public Comment - Item 10 Reid-Hillview Airport
Date: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 12:23:22 PM
Attachments: [Letter_BOS RHV Airport.pdf](#)

Good afternoon,

Please see attached the written public comment on behalf of the African American Community Service Agency.



Laverie Foster
Associate Director, African American Community Service Agency

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April 16, 2024

Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors
County of Santa Clara
70 West Hedding Street
San Jose, CA 95110

RE: Item 10, regarding the report on the status of Reid-Hillview Airport

Dear Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors,

On behalf of the people, the African American Community Service Agency firmly believes it is time to support the needs of the community surrounding Reid-Hillview Airport.

For many years, the working class has had to endure the negative impacts this airport has had on the community, as it has been well-documented that air and noise pollution near RHV significantly harms residents, especially children.

As AACSA continues to support Reid-Hillview Airport's immediate closure, it is essential that this time, a strategy is developed that will put our community, of our children, first. Our youth represents the future of our county and should be treated as such.

The airfield should be converted into an initiative that will substantially impact our community by providing affordable housing, but only if it is environmentally safe for humans to inhabit, in addition to, social services, educational resources, and park facilities for our residents. Whichever is decided should be done by listening to those immediately impacted. Decisions for the people should be made in cohesion with the people.

Please support the immediate closure of Reid-Hillview Airport and develop initiatives that better serve the surrounding community.

Strength in Unity,

Lavere Foster
Associate Director
African American Community Service Agency

From: [Andrew Bell](#)
To: [BoardOperations](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] OPPOSE Agenda Item #10
Date: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 12:24:56 PM

Dear Santa Clara County Supervisors:

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I strongly support Reid Hillview Airport and hope you will consider rejecting this item.

Respectfully,

Andrew Bell

San Francisco, CA

From: [Philip Nguyen](#)
To: [BoardOperations](#)
Cc: [Staff 2020](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] VAR | Letter of Support for Item 10: Report Back on Reid-Hillview Future Planning
Date: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 12:29:01 PM
Attachments: [VAR Reid-Hillview Letter of Support.pdf](#)

Dear Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors,

Please see attached a letter from the Vietnamese American Roundtable on Item 10 for the April 16th agenda meeting.

Best wishes,
Philip Nguyen

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[Philip Nguyen](#) (he/him)

Executive Director

Vietnamese American Roundtable | <http://varoundtable.org>



**Letter to the Board of Supervisors for April 16
on Item 10: Report Back on Reid-Hillview Future Planning**

April 16, 2024

Dear Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors

Please take the time to listen carefully Item 10 on April 16 regarding an update on Reid-Hillview Airport.

We at the Vietnamese American Roundtable (VAR) have been following issues with Reid-Hillview for the past few years. We are supportive of efforts to transition a 180-acre airport property into a sustainable community asset. The mission of the Vietnamese American Roundtable is to organize, advocate, and educate our community on policy issues that impact our collective quality of life. 180 acres of land, in a community where land is a scarce and valuable commodity requires us to be intentional and thoughtful with how we use it. Converting RHV to alternative uses such as affordable housing connected to public transit can help make a dent in our housing crisis and improve our economic opportunities as well as our quality of life.

The airport served the County well for decades, but it's now an incompatible land use and we know the detrimental impacts that leaded fuel emissions and noise have had on the east side of San Jose, particularly children.

I hope the report you hear on April 16 is a reminder that we must do everything we can as soon as possible to plan for the future of this airport site. Staff's report is thorough and includes a lot of information about topics that are all tied to the airport's current and future operations.

Many of these topics are complicated, interconnected, and involve precise timing. This will require thorough planning from County staff, and require vast amounts of community engagement. The future of Reid-Hillview Airport is not something to deal with down the road. We must be diligent every step of the way, so we have the best possible outcome for all involved.

Please continue to keep the pressure on to close this airport, give Eastridge Little League the facilities they deserve, begin planning for a better use of the airport site, and bring quality transit solutions to the east side of San Jose.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Philip Nguyen", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Philip Nguyen, Executive Director
Vietnamese American Roundtable

From: [Brian R. Gaeke](#)
To: [BoardOperations](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] OPPOSE Agenda Item #10
Date: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 12:32:43 PM

Dear Santa Clara County Supervisors:

I write to express my strong opposition to Agenda Item 10 and hope you will reconsider the tremendous value Reid-Hillview Airport has for the community. Plans to conduct a study seeking to re-envision use of the airport land expends funds the county doesn't have. Furthermore, the county is not required to take any urgent action on the airport. The airport has been an asset to the community and its ability to promote education, future careers in aviation, and aviation technology should not be lightly cast aside.

Keeping Reid-Hillview Airport open is crucial for several reasons. Firstly, it serves as an educational hub, providing opportunities for local youth to engage in STEM education and careers in aviation, which are in high demand and offer well-paying jobs. Secondly, the airport significantly contributes to the local economy, not only through direct operations but also by attracting general aviation tourism, which adds substantial economic value to the region. Lastly, Reid-Hillview plays an essential role in community safety and emergency response, acting as a strategic hub during crises.

I strongly support Reid-Hillview Airport and hope you will consider rejecting this item.

Respectfully,
Brian Gaeke

From: [Clark Gogineni](#)
To: [BoardOperations](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] OPPOSE Agenda Item #10
Date: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 12:42:01 PM

Dear Santa Clara County Supervisors:

I strongly oppose the Agenda Item 10 and hope you will reconsider the tremendous value Reid-Hillview Airport has for the community.

Plans to conduct a study seeking to re-envision the airport is wasteful expenditure of resources and my tax money. I do not see the urgency to act on closing the airport. The airport has been a cherished asset to the community and its ability to promote education, future careers in aviation, and aviation technology should not be easily cast aside. I want to remind you, just 2 years ago, wildfires were fought by helicopters using our airport and protected the surrounding communities.

I am not a pilot but work in aviation. I want the airport to remain open and available for my children and their children.

I strongly support Reid Hillview Airport and hope you will consider rejecting this item.

Respectfully,

Clark R Gogineni

From: [Richard Tejada](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Item 10 on April 16 Regarding Reid-Hillview Airport
Date: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 12:52:08 PM
Attachments: [SBN Letter.docx.pdf](#)

Dear Supervisors:

Please take the time to listen carefully to Item 10 on April 16 regarding an update on Reid-Hillview Airport.

Saved By Nature has been following issues with Reid-Hillview for the past few years. We are supportive of efforts to transition a 180-acre airport property into a sustainable community asset. **We advocate for social justice, clean air, and water, and protecting communities with fewer resources from environmental injustices.**

The airport served the County well for decades, but it's now an incompatible land use and we know the detrimental impacts that leaded fuel emissions and noise have had on the east side of San Jose, particularly children.

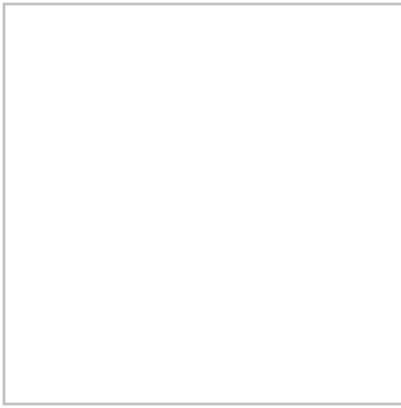
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Please continue to keep the pressure on to close this airport, give Eastridge Little League the facilities they deserve, begin planning for a better use of the airport site, and bring quality transit solutions to the east side of San Jose.

Thank you,
Richard Tejada

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Richard David Tejeda, Founder & Executive Director
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Please excuse my short emails. I have a Direct and Systematic social style.

- Center for Excellence in Nonprofits (CEN)

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Thank you,
Richard Tejeda

From: [Paul van der Kouwe](#)
To: [BoardOperations](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] OPPOSE Agenda Item #10
Date: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 1:07:18 PM

Dear Santa Clara County Supervisors:

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The airport has been a cherished asset to the community and its ability to promote education, future careers in aviation, and aviation technology should not be easily cast aside.

I strongly support Reid Hillview Airport and hope you will consider rejecting this item.

Respectfully,

Paul van der Kouwe,

San Jose, CA

From: [Churan He](#)
To: [BoardOperations](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] OPPOSE Agenda Item #10
Date: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 1:20:38 PM

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Respectfully,
Churan He
Santa Clara, CA

From: [Tim Heyboer](#)
To: [BoardOperations](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Oppose Agenda Item #10
Date: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 1:22:48 PM

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I strongly support Reid Hillview Airport and hope you will consider rejecting this item.

I flew out of Palo Alto Airport for more than a decade when it was under the County's management. I don't think it is any secret that the county treated PAO like the proverbial red haired step child. The county continuously claimed that PAO was unprofitable and a drag on the county's resources. Once the city of Palo Alto took back control of PAO, they supported it and invested in improvements. The transformation of PAO from a neglected resource under the county management to a thriving contributor to the local economy under the City's management has been remarkable. Clearly, the county has a negative view of General Aviation airports. The successful rejuvenation of PAO shows how valuable an airport like Reid Hillview can be if managed properly. Please reconsider your biased view, and explore Reid Hillview's potential if managed properly. Since the Federal funding you have accepted for Reid Hillview requires you to keep the airport for most of the next decade, why not reap the benefits it can provide?

Respectfully,
Tim Heyboer

From: [Edward Gabel](#)
To: [BoardOperations](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] OPPOSE Agenda Item #10
Date: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 1:26:25 PM

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I strongly support Reid Hillview Airport and hope you will consider rejecting this item.

Respectfully,

Edward Gabel

San Jose, CA

From: [Vanessa Gaeke](#)
To: [BoardOperations](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] OPPOSE Agenda Item #10!
Date: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 1:26:39 PM

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I strongly support Reid Hillview Airport and hope you will consider rejecting this item.

Respectfully,

Vanessa Gaeke
San Jose, CA

From: [Sierra Brannon-Young](#)
To: [BoardOperations](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] OPPOSE Agenda ITEM #10
Date: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 1:28:19 PM

Dear Board,

I challenge each and every member of the board to thoroughly try to understand the value that RHV has to offer the community. If you listen to anything I have to say today think about this. At our last RHV airport day they were tens of people supporting the protest to close the airport while there were more than a thousand people engaged and enjoying the event as the airport community shared with the local community education about aviation and it's importance.

That alone shows the love and support that the airport has from the local community.

I also challenge each and every member of the board to think about the last time that they flew on an airline and felt grateful for the blessing of being able to travel by plane afar to visit their loved ones and experience the world.

Also to think about their loved ones affected by the fires that burn across the West, that are put out by the assistance of aviation professionals and how all of those pilots started at an airport like RHV or even at RHV!!

There seems to be a lack of perspective that RHV is an airport where education is a core value. As a member of the board, can you live with yourself if you support research to close a place so rich in education for the sake of repurposing land.

Pilots and Aviation industry professionals of airlines, fire safety, and every sector of aviation for the future are created here. Please don't waste time and money funding planning for something that will ultimately negatively affect the community and the future of aviation.

Thank you,

Sierra Brannon-Young

From: [Tom McReynolds](#)
To: [BoardOperations](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] OPPOSE Agenda Item #10
Date: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 1:36:58 PM

Dear Santa Clara County Supervisors:

I write to express my strong opposition to Agenda Item 10.

Reid-Hillview Airport has tremendous value for the county and its neighbors. It should be developed, not closed:

- Numerous charity organizations operate out of it: Angel Flight West, CalDART, Pilots and Paws, Civil Air Patrol, and occasionally Cal Fire, to name a few. All of these organizations directly benefit non-pilots in the county
- Aviation jobs are currently one of the hottest employment markets, offering work for folks with or without college degrees. Reid Hillview is a non-threatening local resource for residents near the airport
- Aerospace technology is disruption what we think of as aviation. Drones, air taxis, autonomous vehicles, and electric aircraft will democratize aviation in the same way that computers went from mainframes to PCs to cell phones; widely used, accessible, and cheap. What won't be available in this new world will be space for airports. Vertical take off and landing is certainly part of the equation, but fixed wing aircraft use less power, are less noisy go farther, carry more and air cheaper to operate. It's physics. Battery and motor tech, and AI won't change this basic tradeoff. Drone operations are already moving towards winged vehicles. Get rid of the airport and runways, and you have made the county less competitive, and deprived county residents – especially those near the airport, an economic opportunity for good paying jobs to support this industry.
- Diversity is more than just ethnic heritage and sexual preference. It's respecting a diversity of paths through life, and not letting "the tyranny of the majority" for people not following the mainstream. Aviation, especially, general aviation, should be protected just for this reason. California is the state where people have the freedom to make their own path in life, and our supervisors should support and maximize the diversity that comes from that. If you need a reason, that mindset is part of the innovation that drives the state. As an example, amateur built aircraft trailblazed the use of composite construction and carbon fiber, that is now use widely, not only in aircraft, but almost all device construction.

Now for the less nice part:

- To be blunt, the lead argument for closing the airport is bogus. The study was underpowered statistically, offers no mechanism to support the idea that aircraft flying overhead are causing lead contamination to any degree, had no follow up testing of children to validate the statistics (standard practice of a study of this kind), and other studies, such as the ground study, refute its conclusions.
- Frankly the board's motives are inconsistent with the goal of protecting children for lead contamination. If the board's motivation was to protect children from lead poisoning, follow up with additional blood testing to validate the study, work to reconcile (not hide) the studies that contradict it, and work to eliminate other mechanisms (such as lead paint) as a potential source of lead contamination. Someone protecting children would want to conclusively confirm the source of contamination so the right action would be taken. Otherwise the actual source of the problem wouldn't be fixed leaving children to continue to suffer. The evidence seriously questions the source of lead being the airport, but the board still focuses on closing it.

Add to that the fact that a) the airport sells no leaded fuel, b) the vast majority of aircraft flying at Reid Hillview don't use leaded fuel, and that 100UL is in the pipeline and will shortly supply the remaining aircraft that can't burn 94UL. Yet the same argument is being made to close the airport. Nothing about closing San Martin airport, or pushing to close Palo Alto, Hayward or other airports close to high density residences. The evidence points to a land grab, and an attempt to replicate Zoe Lofgren's success getting to federal office, partly on the back of Reid Hillview a few decades ago (again on an argument unsupported by facts). The board doesn't look good here; clueless at best, corrupt at worst. Not the government that supports its diverse citizenry.

It's hard not to see the board, or at least Supervisor Chavez - with the implicit support of the other board members – use fear tactics to avoid having to have a fact based discussion about the different tradeoffs about keeping the airport letting the data, and the sober will of the people decide. Instead, they are stooping low; using fear, lying about the facts, hiding their actual motives. Tactics that the country has been suffering from over the last decade. I thought Santa Clara was better than that...

I strongly support Reid Hillview Airport and demand you reject this item.

Not Really Respectfully, given the board's disgraceful performance in this matter

Tom McReynolds

From: [Renee Stephens](#)
To: [BoardOperations](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Board of Supervisors meeting
Date: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 1:44:51 PM

Dear President Ellenberg and Honorable Supervisors,

As a Santa Clara County resident, I sincerely appreciate President Ellenberg and Supervisor Arenas' steadfast leadership and dedication, particularly concerning the upcoming Item 10 report on the April 16th Board of Supervisors' agenda.

On February 6, 2024, President Ellenberg and Supervisor Arenas voiced their concerns to their fellow Supervisors with clarity and conviction. Their message, "This is not a good time to spend taxpayer dollars on projects that could be seven or more years out. Let's wait a year or two so the budget can handle these types of projects," is especially appreciated. I understand the intricacies of budget management, especially in these challenging times of severe budget deficits. However, spending \$300,000 for a Vision Plan and the potential of looking for resources of \$1,000,000+ for baseball fields should be delayed. To include land issues with the VTA and Eastridge developments in Item #10 is inappropriate. The VTA issue could lead to more taxpayer dollars being requested through bonds and tax increases. This is not what the taxpayers need at this time. Therefore, the VTA and Eastridge items must be separated from the Little League and Vision Plan expenses. The County has spent over \$2,000,000 on various efforts to close (or study closing) Reid-Hillview – all without any concurrence from the FAA that they would allow this to happen. I urge Supervisors Lee, Simitian, and Chavez to carefully consider the potential consequences of this report. The FAA response, the possible cost of legal issues, and the concerns that President Ellenberg and Supervisor Arenas have raised are all significant factors that could have a profound impact.

It is of utmost importance that you, as the Supervisors, understand the gravity of the impact of your vote should it be other than to receive the report and that no action will be taken for at least one to two years. The decisions you make will have a direct and significant effect on our County, and we trust in your ability to consider this responsibility seriously.

Respectfully,

Renee Stephens

San Martin, CA

From:
To: [BoardOperations](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] NO on surveys & Spending to close Reid Hillview!!
Date: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 1:59:11 PM

Subject: Vote No on Authorizing Further Spending on the Closure of Reid Hillview Airport

Dear President Ellenberg and Honorable Supervisors,

We desperately needed Reid Hillview for Cal Fire's responses to the devastating Santa Cruz and other forest fires in past years.. Closing the airport isn't wise. Likewise, it's highly doubtful that building more housing will actually be affordable to the people in the area.

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Jean Hess
District 3

From: [Ishwar H](#)
To: [BoardOperations](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] OPPOSE Agenda Item #10
Date: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 2:28:06 PM

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Respectfully,

Ishwar Hosagrahar

San Jose, CA

From: [Owen DeLong](#)
To: [BoardOperations](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] OPPOSE Agenda Item #10
Date: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 2:21:23 PM

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Respectfully,

Owen DeLong
San Jose, CA

From: [VAN LE](#)
To: [Chavez, Cindy](#); [BoardOperations](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] item 10- Reid-Hillview airport update
Date: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 2:38:45 PM

Dear Supervisor Chavez

Please take the time to listen carefully Item 10 on April 16 regarding an update on Reid-Hillview Airport.

My name is Van Le, a community activist has been following issues with Reid-Hillview for the past few years. We are supportive of efforts to transition a 180-acre airport property into a sustainable community asset. *Insert additional language about why this is important to your organization, your clients, your constituents, your partners, etc.*

The airport served the County well for decades, but it's now an incompatible land use and we know the detrimental impacts that leaded fuel emissions and noise have had on the east side of San Jose, particularly children.

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Many of these topics are complicated, interconnected, and involve precise timing. This will require thorough planning from County staff, and require vast amounts of community engagement. The future of Reid-Hillview Airport is not something to deal with down the road. We must be diligent every step of the way, so we have the best possible outcome for all involved.

Please continue to keep the pressure on to close this airport, give Eastridge Little League the facilities they deserve, begin planning for a better use of the airport site, and bring quality transit solutions to the east side of San Jose.

Unfortunately, I could not be at the county to speak on item 10 due to my busy schedule but want to write this memo to express my support for Eadtridge Littke League and hope all supervisors will listen to residents and community voices to make a good decision.

Thank you,

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Community activist.