

**From:** [Jordan Hubbard](#)  
**To:** [BoardOperations](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] OPPOSE Agenda Item #10  
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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 the airport expends funds the county doesn't make sense, especially considering the county is under no urgency to act on 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 lightly cast aside. Moreover, simply closing this airport will simply impose additional loads on other nearby airports for fire fighting, training, life flights, and other activities which benefit the S.F. Bay Area as a whole as well as people in close proximity to this airport.

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

Respectfully,

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Dear Supervisors :

Supervisor Ellenberg  
Supervisor Lee  
Supervisor Chavez  
Supervisor Simitian

I am writing to address Item 10: Report Back on Reid-Hillview Future Planning on the April 16 Board agenda. As a resident of Santa Clara County, District 2, it is imperative that we don't delay in planning for the future of Reid-Hillview Airport. We know it will likely close by 2031 and it remains prudent that we as a community think critically now about the future plan for such a large plot of land. We can't afford to get caught off guard with what to do with a nearly 200-acre piece of County-owned land.

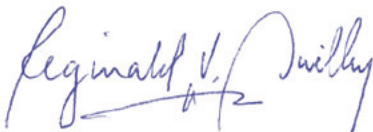
I urge you to listen closely to staff's report on April 16 and to continue supporting and creating policy that plans as soon as possible for a closed airport. The neighborhood, our transit riders, aviation enthusiasts, Eastridge Little League players, and our clean skies depend on your policy decisions.

The issues are complicated, interconnected, and involve precise timing. Most importantly, they require thorough planning from County staff, and vast community engagement. For instance, we can't give Eastridge Little League the fabulous new ballfields they deserve until we close the airport. We must act and plan now!

Reid-Hillview Airport issue is not something to deal with down the road. We must be diligent every step of the way in order to 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,



Reginald V. Swilley

**From:** [Andy Stavros](#)  
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Dear Santa Clara County Supervisors:

I am writing to voice my strong opposition to Item 10 Agenda and hope you will reconsider the tremendous value Reid-Hillview Airport has for the community.

I emigrated to San Jose in 1980. I purchased my first plane in 1982 and paid a local flight instructor to train me while I kept it at Reid-Hillview Airport.

I am now on my third plane and am still at Reid-Hillview, 42 years later.

I grew up in London England, lived in a Victorian terraced house that had lead pipes throughout the water supply system.

No doubt I have some lead in my body, but I will turn 72 in June and am in much better shape than most younger people.

I have never smoked, don't drink, I don't do drugs, I try to get a good night's rest and am doing just fine. I still have my pilots medical.

The lead studies that the county keeps funding with my tax dollars are quite pathetic. Any knowledgeable historian will tell you that we have been polluting our bodies with lead for thousands of years and yet here we all are. There are many toxins out there, but lead is not a major issue today. The quantity released by all the airplanes transitioning at Reid-Hillview in any month might be measurable with today's technology, but I doubt that it will affect people's health. As competitive studies have shown the soil lead levels around the bay area are virtually identical to the area around Reid-Hillview Airport.

Plans to conduct a study seeking to re-envision the airport expends funds the county doesn't have especially considering the county is under no urgency to act on the airport. This is a storm in a teacup.

The airport has been a cherished asset to me, to the community and its ability to promote education, future careers in aviation, and aviation technology should not be casually cast aside. Its working, why break it.

There are thousand of acres of bare land just a few miles from Reid-Hillview Airport if you want to add "affordable housing" why destroy something that is working just fine?  
A few thousand affordable homes on these 180 acres will make the area another run down gridlocked community with hundreds of cars jamming Capitol Expressway and the surrounding streets. Is this really going to be an improvement.

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

Respectfully,

Andrew Stavros

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