

From: [Tom](#)
To: [BoardOperations](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: URGENT: Help save Reid-Hillview Airport
Date: Monday, April 15, 2024 7:02:44 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 the airport expends funds the county doesn't have 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 easily cast aside.

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

Respectfully,

Tom Morris Sonoma , CA

From: [michael balfany](#)
To: [BoardOperations](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Oppose Agenda Item #10
Date: Monday, April 15, 2024 7:05:37 PM

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Respectfully, Michael Dodds Balfany, Alameda CA

From: [Sierra Brannon-Young](#)
To: [BoardOperations](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] OPPOSE Agenda Item #10
Date: Monday, April 15, 2024 7:15:44 PM

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Respectfully,

Sierra Brannon-Young
San Jose , CA

From: [GS](#)
To: [BoardOperations](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] OPPOSE Agenda Item #10
Date: Monday, April 15, 2024 7:19:12 PM

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Respectfully, Gary Stofer

From: [Gary Stofer](#)
To: [BoardOperations](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] OPPOSE Agenda Item #10
Date: Monday, April 15, 2024 7:22:38 PM

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Respectfully, Stofer Gerhard,

From: [brady davis](#)
To: [BoardOperations](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] OPPOSE Agenda Item #10
Date: Monday, April 15, 2024 7:23:38 PM

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Respectfully,

Brady Davis
Lodi, CA

From: [Mike](#)
To: [BoardOperations](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] OPPOSE Agenda Item #10
Date: Monday, April 15, 2024 7:27:24 PM

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Respectfully,

Michael Lopez

San Ramon, CA

From: [Tiffani Shiro](#)
To: [BoardOperations](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Oppose Agenda item 10
Date: Monday, April 15, 2024 7:32:59 PM

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Respectfully,

Tiffani Shiro

From: [Shelly Contreras](#)
To: [BoardOperations](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] OPPOSE Agenda Item #10
Date: Monday, April 15, 2024 7:35:43 PM

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Respectfully,

Shelly Contreras
Tracy, CA

From: [Brad Zaro](#)
To: [BoardOperations](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] OPPOSE Agenda Item #10
Date: Monday, April 15, 2024 7:42:51 PM

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Brad A. Zaro

From: [Patricia M. Dallam](#)
To: [BoardOperations](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] OPPOSE Agenda Item #10
Date: Monday, April 15, 2024 7:43:55 PM

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Respectfully,

Pat Dallam
Cool, CA

From: rheyde@earthlink.net
To: [BoardOperations](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] OPPOSE Agenda Item #10
Date: Monday, April 15, 2024 7:56:46 PM

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Respectfully,

Robert D. Heyde

From: [Langedyk](#)
To: [BoardOperations](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] OPPOSED to Agenda Item #10
Date: Monday, April 15, 2024 7:57:17 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 another study seeking to re-envision the airport wastes funds the county doesn't have especially considering the county is under no urgency to act on the airport. The airport is 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 reject this item. Help utilize the airport to train the future pilots, technicians and aerospace engineers by increasing the opportunities to inspire the youth in the area.

The best economical use of the land is as an airport lets keep it.

Respectfully,

Brian
San Jose, CA

From: [Dennis Huebner](#)
To: [BoardOperations](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] OPPOSE Agenda Item #10
Date: Monday, April 15, 2024 8:00:00 PM

Dear Santa Clara County Supervisors:

I live in Gilroy, work in City Government, and have been in aviation for over twenty years. I got my first experience in a small aircraft when I was eight years old, similar to many of the Young Eagles who have had their first experience flying out of Reid-Hillview. 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 expend funds the County doesn't have 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 easily cast aside.

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

Respectfully,

Dennis Huebner

Gilroy, CA

From: [Michael Harper](#)
To: [BoardOperations](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Oppose Strongly Agenda Item #10
Date: Monday, April 15, 2024 8:15:00 PM

SAVE REED HILLVIEW!!!

My first flight out of Reed was in the 1960's as was my first flight out of San Jose airport.

My wife is a frequent flyer into and out of Reed on her frequent visits to her children.

I understand the need for more housing as I sold my San Jose house in 2022 for an astounding amount of money. My daughter and husband paid an astounding amount of money for their house.

All of that said, the Santa Clara Valley community needs a balance of amenities to continue to be a place where the world wants to be. Reed is part of that balance.

Please consider rejecting Agenda Item #10.

Michael Harper

Used to live at 3216 Oriole Dr.

Now at

Cool CA.

From: [Mr. Eric Trehus](#)
To: [BoardOperations](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] OPPOSE Agenda Item #10
Date: Monday, April 15, 2024 8:20:14 PM

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

Respectfully,

Eric Trehus

From: [Prasad Gogineni](#)
To: [BoardOperations](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] OPPOSE Agenda Item #10
Date: Monday, April 15, 2024 8:20:40 PM

I am writing to voice my strong opposition to Agenda Item 10 and hope you will reconsider the tremendous value Reid-Hillview Airport has for the community. 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. Why, few years ago, wild fires were fought with helicopters flying from Reid-Hillview Airport.

Please Do not take it away from my grand children.

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

Respectfully,

[Prasada Rao](#) (aka Krishna), [Gogineni](#)

From: [Dushyant Patel](#)
To: [BoardOperations](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] OPPOSE Agenda Item #10
Date: Monday, April 15, 2024 8:24:41 PM

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

Respectfully,

Dushyant Patel
Milpitas, CA

From: [Pinche Know-It-All](#)
To: [BoardOperations](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Item 10: Report Back on Reid-Hillview Future Planning
Date: Monday, April 15, 2024 8:26:35 PM

Dear Board of Supervisors:

I am writing to address Item 10: Report Back on Reid-Hillview Future Planning on the April 16 Board agenda. I'm urging you to listen closely to the staff report on April 16 and to continue supporting and creating policy that plans as soon as possible for a closed airport. The neighborhood, aviation enthusiasts, Eastridge Little League players, and our clean skies depend on your policy decisions. Every single constituent that has been impacted by this airport's continued and outdated use deserves a positive outcome when it closes.

Specifically, I'm most interested in the staff presentation on leaded and unleaded aviation fuel. There are some interesting developments at the state and federal level regarding aviation fuel that you must be aware of and monitor closely. This should include air monitoring for metals, including lead, with consideration of San Jose's wind events that could disperse lead from the topsoil, into the atmosphere.

In the meantime, I also want you to continue keeping the pressure on County staff to do everything they can to protect the County's ability to sell only unleaded fuel. You can't go backwards on this issue in any way; you can't have our children and any future generations of children poisoned by lead. Act and plan now; don't be passive on this issue, and don't drag your feet. Don't look at the Reid-Hillview Airport issue as something to deal with down the road. Be diligent every step of the way, so you have the best possible outcome for all involved, whether that's planning for the site or phasing out leaded aviation fuel entirely.

Please continue to keep the pressure on to close this airport, protecting our health, giving Eastridge Little League the fields it deserves, planning for a better use of the airport site, and bringing quality transit solutions to the eastside of San Jose.

I am a resident of South Sacramento and live near the Sacramento Executive Airport. My community is of a similar demographic as East San Jose, and facing similar conditions; we even have an airport little league. I would ask the same for my community, that I'm asking for yours.

Sincerely,

Jose Saldana

From: [Tom Am Rhein](#)
To: [BoardOperations](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposing Agenda Item 10 Reid-Hillview
Date: Monday, April 15, 2024 8:38:51 PM

Dear Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors:

I write to express my strong opposition to Agenda Item 10 and hope you will recognize the value Reid-Hillview Airport has for Santa Clara County. Much of the hi-tech economy of the County relies on aviation to maintain it's worldwide leadership position. Aviation starts at small airports such as Reid-Hillview.

Without airports such as Reid-Hillview where do you all think the pilots are going to come from to fly the commercial jets at San Jose International Airport? Where are the pilots going to come from who fly the corporate jets? Where are the pilots going to come from to fly the medical, police and firefighter operations the County needs?

Closing Reid-Hillview would force more concentration of pilot training and currency operations, maintenance services, and hanger space in nearby airports such as Watsonville, putting more pressure on our local airport and raising costs for local pilots. Santa Clara County would provide no financial support to our community for providing services much needed in Santa Clara County, while unfairly placing a burden on us.

I strongly support Reid Hillview Airport and hope you will take responsibility for maintaining the aviation industry in Santa Clara County and reject this item.

Respectfully,

Thomas R. AmRhein

Sent from my iPad

From: [Misha Smilovici](#)
To: [BoardOperations](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] OPPOSE Agenda Item #10
Date: Monday, April 15, 2024 8:39:27 PM

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

Respectfully,

Misha Smilovici
Hayward, CA

From: [David Pearson](#)
To: [Supervisor.Lee](#)
Cc: [BoardOperations](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] OPPOSE Agenda Item #10 re: Reid-Hillview Airport
Date: Monday, April 15, 2024 8:46:19 PM

Dear Supervisor Otto Lee (representing my interests as a Sunnyvale resident) and Santa Clara County 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 related to Reid-Hillview Airport on the April 16th Board of Supervisors' agenda.

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 have 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 easily cast aside.

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.

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

Respectfully,

David Pearson
Sunnyvale, CA

From: [Michael Luvara](#)
To: [BoardOperations](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] OPPOSE Agenda Item #10
Date: Monday, April 15, 2024 8:56:43 PM

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Respectfully,

Michael Luvara

San Jose, CA

From: [Bob Jansen](#)
To: [BoardOperations](#)
Cc: [Bob Jansen](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] OPPOSE Agenda Item #10
Date: Monday, April 15, 2024 9:01:20 PM

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Respectfully,

Bob Jansen

San Jose, CA.

From: [Michele D. Busque](#)
To: [BoardOperations](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] OPPOSE Agenda Item #10
Date: Monday, April 15, 2024 9:06:01 PM

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Respectfully,

Michele Busque
Saratoga, CA



Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors

County of Santa Clara

70 W. Hedding Street – 10th Floor, East Wing San José, California 95110

Sent via electronic mail

Dear Board President Ellenberg and the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors,

Re: Item 10, Report relating to the status of Reid-Hillview Airport

On behalf of Latinos United for a New America (LUNA), we write this letter in support of staff's report regarding an update on Reid-Hillview Airport. Our organization collaborated with Santa Clara County from June 2022 to July 2023 to provide information to families regarding lead exposure and resources due to concerns of residents in the surrounding community, specifically in the Cassell neighborhood. Many who have lived there for decades, and have shared with us that purchasing a home in East San Jose was not their first choice. Due to racist redlining policies, community members were only able to receive loans in neighborhoods like Cassell. The argument of "move if you don't like it" is not a solution because many have expressed that finding somewhere else to live is not easy. Airborne pollution is an environmental justice issue as those most affected are people of color who were pushed to live in environmentally unsafe neighborhoods.

As an organization we are supportive of efforts to transition a 180-acre airport property into a sustainable community asset. The work LUNA did during our collaboration with the county, helped us understand that the decades of leaded fuel have worsened the air and soil quality in East San Jose. The families with elders and small children here are faced with long term health impacts because of airport activities. They are paying the cost of this detrimental land use and it's time to envision something better.

At LUNA, we 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. We understand that in planning next steps, it will require patience and precise timing. A lot of thorough planning will be required from County staff, and as well as 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. Especially all who have been negatively impacted.

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

Thank you,

Team at *Latinos United for a New America*

From: [Steve Renwick](#)
To: [BoardOperations](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] OPPOSE Agenda Item #10
Date: Monday, April 15, 2024 9:10:21 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 the Reid-Hillview Airport has for the community. 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. 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 can myself say that I have used the Reid-Hillview Airport many times, including support of search-and-rescue missions with the Civil Air Patrol. Small airports like RHV are a vital part of our community infrastructure.

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

Respectfully,
Stephen Renwick
Moss Beach, CA

From: [Thorsten Schilling](#)
To: [BoardOperations](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] OPPOSE Agenda Item #10
Date: Monday, April 15, 2024 9:12:43 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-purpose the airport wastes funds the county doesn't have, 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 once lost is lost forever.

Also it would be a dereliction in your duty should the airport be closed and insufficient infrastructure be present for aid and evacuation in the event of a public emergency or disaster, not to mention the day to day Med-Evac operations that rely on regional airports like Reid-Hillview as part of our hospital infrastructure.

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

Respectfully,

Thorsten Schilling

Aptos, CA

From: [Paul Georghiou](#)
To: [BoardOperations](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Reid-Hillview Airport
Date: Monday, April 15, 2024 9:17:10 PM

Dear Santa Clara County Supervisors:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to Agenda Item 10 regarding Reid-Hillview Airport. It is an irreplaceable asset in the community. I have several patients who depend on the airport to access medical care

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

Sincerely,

Paul Georghiou MD

From: [Tom Meadows](#)
To: [BoardOperations](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Reid Hillview Airport
Date: Monday, April 15, 2024 9:19:32 PM

Dear Santa Clara County Supervisors:

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Please don't pave paradise and put up a parking lot!

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

Respectfully,

Tom Meadows, CFI & Lynn Meadows, Private Pilot

From: [R44 Driver](#)
To: [BoardOperations](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] OPPOSE Agenda Item #10 - First Responders Concerned
Date: Monday, April 15, 2024 9:25:28 PM

Dear Santa Clara County Supervisors:

I am a former first responder, who is now training new First responders to fly mission critical aircraft. I want to express my strong opposition to Agenda Item 10 and hope you will reconsider the tremendous value Reid-Hillview Airport has for the community.

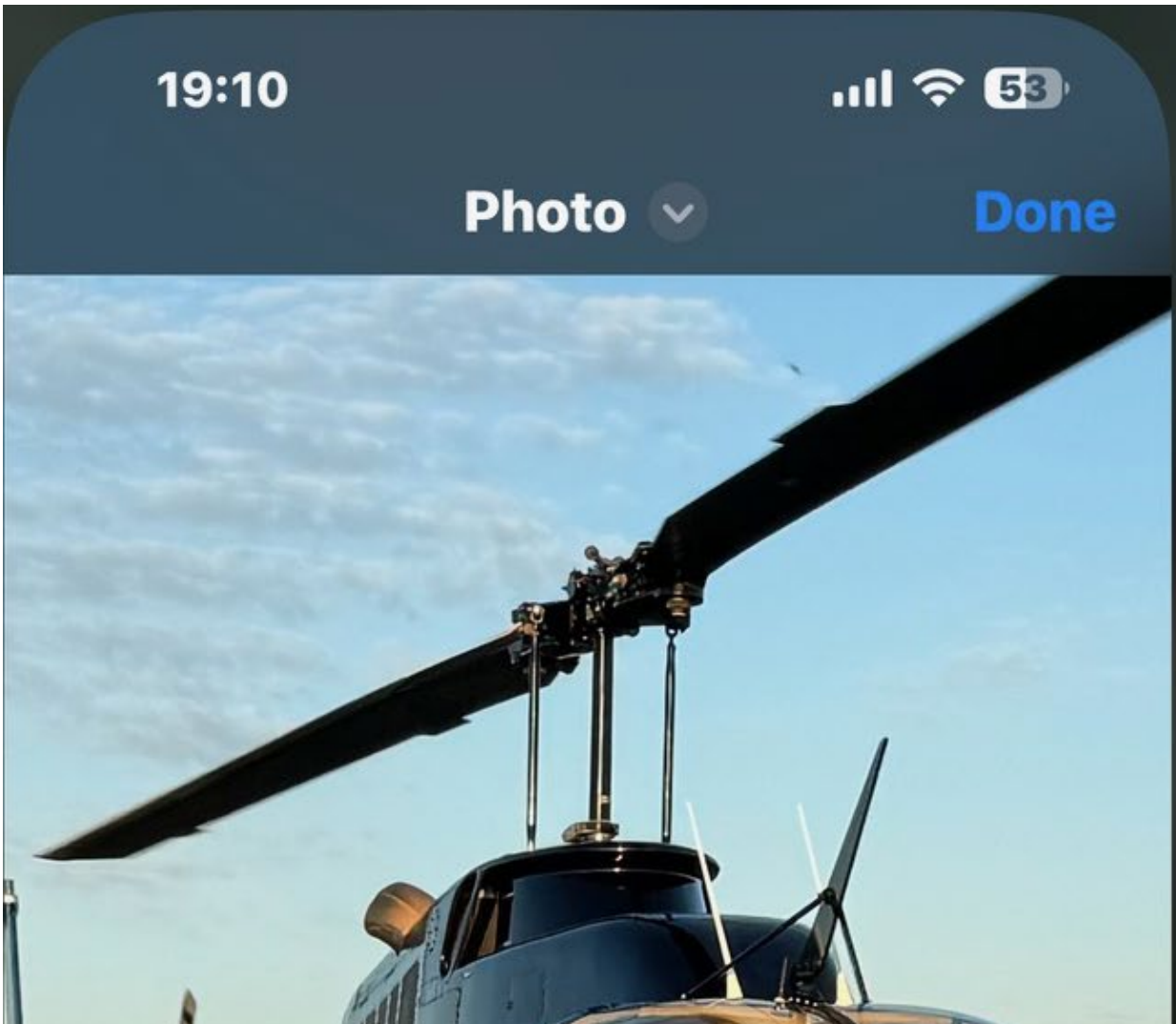
Targeting closure of Reid Hillview is a major problem for first responders since this airport serves as a critical training aid, plus essential staging area in the event of earthquakes and wildfires.

If defunding Police and Fire is your goal, then by all means, please close the airport. When natural disaster strikes... and you hoping for someone to come save you...or your constituents... having a local response from Reid Hillview will shorten response times.

Respectfully,

Richard Carlton

Helicopter Certified Flight Instructor - EMS and LE





From: [Yadhu](#)
To: [BoardOperations](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] OPPOSE Agenda Item #10
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Respectfully,
Yadhu Govindarajan
San Jose, CA

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To: [BoardOperations](#)
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Respectfully,
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San Jose, CA

From: [Matthew Weingart](#)
To: [BoardOperations](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] OPPOSE Agenda Item #10
Date: Monday, April 15, 2024 10:02:01 PM

Dear Santa Clara County Supervisors:

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I have used this airport extensively as a resident of the South and East Bay since the 1960's and can absolutely attest to its value to our regional economy and civic environment.

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

Respectfully,
Matthew Weingart
Livermore, CA

From: [Carlos Rojas](#)
To: [BoardOperations](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] OPPOSE Agenda Item #10
Date: Monday, April 15, 2024 10:11:17 PM

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Respectfully,

Carlos Rojas

San Jose, CA

From: [Tom King](#)
To: [BoardOperations](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] OPPOSE Agenda Item #10
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Respectfully,

Tom King
Palo Alto, CA

From: [David Chmelir](#)
To: [BoardOperations](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] OPPOSE Agenda Item #10
Date: Monday, April 15, 2024 10:46:07 PM

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Respectfully,

David Chmelir
Los Gatos, CA

From: [Andy & Kathy Aldrich](#)
To: [BoardOperations](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] OPPOSE Agenda Item #10
Date: Monday, April 15, 2024 10:49:01 PM

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Respectfully,

Andy Aldrich
Sonora, CA

From: [John McCreight](#)
To: [BoardOperations](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Request to OPPOSE Agenda Item 10
Date: Monday, April 15, 2024 10:50:43 PM

Dear Santa Clara County Supervisors:

Thank you for your efforts in managing the county, and for listening to my concerns regarding the attempted closure of the Reid-Hillview airport. I hope it has (positively) come to your attention that the pilot community of Santa Clara county have met the concerns of the county to the best of our abilities, and will continue to do so as much as practicable to ensure the airport remains a useful and desirable environment for education, jobs, and transportation. Much like railroads, airports can no longer practically be built or rebuilt in this country, and thus it must be considered what the future use of the airport as an airport could or should be. As electric flight becomes an option, the county's small airports will provide a vital lifeline in times of need and an innovation hub for transit in the day-to-day. There is no need, and indeed it would be wasteful to, consider destroying this resource.

A form letter follows, but it does encompass my viewpoints further.

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Respectfully,

-John McCreight

From: [Richard Smith](#)
To: [BoardOperations](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] OPPOSE Agenda Item #10
Date: Monday, April 15, 2024 10:55:42 PM

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Respectfully,

Richard Smith

From: [Clark Mueller](#)
To: [BoardOperations](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] OPPOSE Agenda Item #10
Date: Monday, April 15, 2024 11:23:31 PM

Dear Santa Clara County 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.

California in general and Santa Clara County in particular are uniquely positioned to benefit from general aviation. We enjoy some of the finest and most consistent weather in the country. More than that, we are a hotbed of technology innovation, including in the field of sustainable aviation and autonomous aviation. Aviation is critical to the economies of California, the United States, and the world. General aviation creates a critical pipeline to the air transport industry for pilots, mechanics, dispatchers, air traffic controllers, airport operations employees, and many other roles.

At the same time, aviation is and has always been an industry that is incredibly delicate. We **MUST** keep aviation healthy in California and the United States, and investing in general aviation airports like Reid-Hillview and San Martin are no small part of doing that. Accordingly, I find it distasteful that one board member in particular has chosen to engage in such an aggressive, misleading, and recklessly expensive campaign against this valuable community asset. **Destroying these assets also destroys the opportunity for Santa Clara County to reap the economic as well as practical benefits of all the aerospace**

advancements that are on the horizon.

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

Clark Mueller
San Jose, CA

From: [Michael Laccabue](#)
To: [BoardOperations](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] OPPOSE Agenda Item #10
Date: Monday, April 15, 2024 11:24:36 PM

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Respectfully,

Michael Laccabue

Campbell, CA

[Michael J Laccabue](#)
First Officer, United Airlines
Flight Instructor, CFII, MEI
Cellular: (

From: [colin.smith](#)
To: [BoardOperations](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Oppose Agenda Item #10
Date: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 12:25:31 AM

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 expend funds the county doesn't have, especially considering the county is under no urgency to act on the airport. The airport has been a notable asset to the community and its ability to promote education, future careers in aviation, and aviation technology should not be easily cast aside. It is also a valuable emergency asset in the event of natural disasters. I strongly support Reid Hillview Airport and hope you will consider rejecting this item.

Respectfully,

Colin Smith
Watsonville Ca

From: [Gary](#)
To: [BoardOperations](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Oppose Agenda Item #10
Date: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 3:20:05 AM

Dear Santa Clara County Supervisors:

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I strongly support the long-term sustainability of Reid-Hillview Airport and hope you will consider rejecting this item.

Respectfully,

Gary

Gary Cathey

El Dorado Hills, CA

From: [Barry Porter](#)
To: [BoardOperations](#)
Cc: [Barry Porter](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] OPPOSE Agenda Item # 10
Date: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 5:32:54 AM

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Respectfully,

Barry J Porter

Santa Cruz, CA

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Barry J Porter

May your gravel bars be frequent, and your isobars far between.

From: [Kelly Johnson](#)
To: [BoardOperations](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] OPPOSE Agenda Item #10
Date: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 6:26:56 AM

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Respectfully,

Kelly Johnson
San Jose, CA

Sent from my iPad Mini

From: [The Johnson Family](#)
To: [BoardOperations](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] OPPOSE Agenda Item #10
Date: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 6:40:04 AM

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Respectfully,

Melissa Monsees

San Jose, CA

From: [Lutfi G. Abed](#)
To: [BoardOperations](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Agenda Item 10
Date: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 6:51:06 AM

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Respectfully,

Lutfi G

Sacramento CA

From: [Brian Cleveland](#)
To: [BoardOperations](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] OPPOSE Agenda Item #10
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Respectfully,

Brian Cleveland

From: [Don Ingalls](#)
To: [BoardOperations](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] OPPOSE Agenda Item #10
Date: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 7:28:25 AM

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Respectfully,

Don Ingalls

Morgan Hill, CA

From: [Forest Wilson](#)
To: [BoardOperations](#)
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Respectfully,

Forest Wilson
Hollister, California

From: [Mark Banks](#)
To: [BoardOperations](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Reid-Hillview agenda item #10
Date: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 7:49:55 AM

Board,

Please accept my strong opposition to any expenditure to study any use change of Reid-Hillview airport. The money would most certainly be better used elsewhere and any change to the use of Reid-Hillview Airport is a big mistake in land use policy.

Airports are often under valued and often lost forever when over zealous land use policy and planning thinks they can make better use of the property. Once lost, airports never come back. It is virtually impossible to build a new airport in a suburban area. Around the bay area, there are just four airports that serve general aviation with Reid-Hillview being one of the most important. The others are San Carlos, Hayward and Buchanan Field in Concord. As you can see, these General Aviation friendly airports are strategically located to serve the bay area and the loss of one will mean much more traffic both in a crowded airspace and on our freeways.

Please continue the current use and designation of Reid-Hillview and vote no to reject item #10 on your agenda!

Thank You in advance for your support,

Mark Banks

From: [Matthias Gottmann](#)
To: [BoardOperations](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] OPPOSE Agenda Item #10
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Respectfully,

Matthias Gottmann
San Jose, CA

From: [Patric Barry](#)
To: [BoardOperations](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Reid-Hillview Airport
Date: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 8:19:19 AM

Dear Supervisors:

I serve as the CEO of Tiger International Resources Inc., a mineral exploration and development company.

A year ago I stated in a call in to the Supervisors that the company was seeking a facility near a general aviation airport located in a region where there existed a labor force that could assist the company's plans. The anticipated employment has been planned at twenty employees to begin, growing to a target of fifty.

The San Jose area was appealing because it offered Reid-Hillview Airport and an excellent trainable labor base in the area of the airport. However, it became clear that the Supervisors wished to close the airport in 2031 and our directors declined to invest in a facility and training staff where relocation and rehiring would be necessary within a few years.

Should the Supervisors reconsider their intention to close Reid-Hillview Airport our company would be interested to explore the opportunity again of locating to your area.

Our focus recently has been on Nevada, but the available labor base near Reid-Hillview makes it stand out as a viable location. However, we need permanence, and should the Board of Supervisors decide to not close Reid-Hillview then we will reconsider our decision.

Truly Yours,

Patric Barry
Tiger International Resources Inc.

From: [Curtis Stofer](#)
To: [BoardOperations](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] OPPOSE Agenda Item #10
Date: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 8:19:29 AM

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Respectfully,

Curtis Stofer

Concord, CA

From: [Gabor](#)
To: [BoardOperations](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] OPPOSE Agenda Item #10
Date: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 8:19:34 AM

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It is also a reliever airport for SJC and a critical resource for emergency operations, such as aerial firefighting.

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

Respectfully,

Gabor Nagy

San Mateo, CA

From: [Richard Moorhouse](#)
To: [BoardOperations](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] OPPOSE Agenda Item #10
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I am 67 years old and earned my private pilots license at Reid Hilview in 1976. I now live in the Sacramento area and fly coporate aircraft. I use Reid Hillview when ever I go to the San Jose area to avoid the over congestion at SJC. In my opinion you should be looking to extend the runways and expand that airport. There is a tremendous shortage of airport availability in the south Bay Area.

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

Respectfully,

Richard F. Moorhouse
Sacramento CA



April 15, 2024

Dear Santa Clara County Supervisors,

We, the Silicon Valley Young Democrats Executive Board, has been following issues with Reid-Hillview for several years and strongly support the efforts to transition a 180-acre airport property into a sustainable community asset.

We, of the Silicon Valley Young Democrats Executive Board, has been following issues with Reid-Hillview for the past few years. We support the efforts to transition a 180-acre airport property into a sustainable community asset.

Over the years, Reid-Hillview Airport has emitted significant amounts of leaded fuel emissions and generated excessive noise, particularly affecting the east side of San Jose, where vulnerable populations, including children, reside. Numerous studies have highlighted the negative health effects associated to exposure to these pollutants, including elevated lead levels in the bloodstream and developmental issues in children.

While the airport may have served its purpose in the past, it no longer aligns with the evolving needs and priorities of the community.

The report presented on April 16 will underscore the urgency of addressing the future of the Reid-Hillview Airport. It emphasizes the complexity of the issues involved and the necessity for meticulous planning and extensive community engagement to ensure a positive outcome.

As advocated for the broader community, we strongly urge the Board of Supervisors continue the pressure to close the Reid-Hillview Airport and initiate planning for the redevelopment of the airport site into more beneficial and eco-friendly resource for all residents. We also stress the critical Need for implementing high-quality transit solutions to best serve the east side of San Jose.

Thank you,

Erik Poicon

President, Silicon Valley Young Democrats

Jaria Jaug

Vice President

Krista De la Torre

Political Director

Pablo Velasquez

Membership Director

Ryan Globus

Finance Director

Ashley Guerrero

Communications Director

From: [Serena Alvarez](#)
To: [Ellenberg, Susan](#); [Lee, Otto](#); [Chavez, Cindy](#); [Simitian, Joe](#); [Arenas, Sylvia](#); [BoardOperations](#)
Cc: [Williams, James](#); [Hansen, Greta](#); [Gallegos, Sylvia](#); [Campos, David](#); [Santiago, Rene](#); [Lorenz, Paul E](#); [Freitas, Harry](#); [Sylvia Alvarez](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment: BOS Agenda Item 10 (April 16, 2024)
Date: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 8:23:24 AM

Dear President Ellenberg, Vice President Lee, and Members of the Board of Supervisors,

We have committed ourselves to practice active listening with willing community members directly impacted by leaded avgas and operation of Reid Hillview Airport. It is humbling. Below are a few insights we hope the Board will consider in relation to BOS Agenda Item 10.

Accuracy, Transparency and Accountability

The County has effected a ban on sale of leaded fuel, not a ban on use of leaded fuel. Simply stated, the County has authority over available fueling tanks and is exercising its right to sell unleaded fuel, rather than leaded. Directly impacted residents and the general public are able to understand this. Still, adjacent residents, including babies and children, are exposed to neurotoxic lead emissions daily, as use of leaded avgas continues -- which is a painful truth especially for those exposed to the danger. In actively listening to residents directly impacted by leaded avgas, we have not heard that the word "ban" is vitally important to them. It is presumed salient for County strategy. We have heard that transparency and accountability are deeply important and, fairly, we hear insistence on accuracy and clarity in communication. It does seem to us that the ban on sale is often a focal point without context of continued use. We encourage the County to couple statements related to the ban on sale with confirmation of continuing harmful use of leaded avgas.

The County Has Not Prohibited the Use of Leaded Avgas

14. The Board's August 17, 2021 action authorized the County Executive to ban the use of leaded fuel, but did not implement such a ban. In other words, the Board authorized the County Executive to prohibit the use of leaded fuel at the County Airports without further consultation with the Board. However, the County Executive has not used this authority granted by the Board to adopt any rules, regulations, or policies that prohibit the use of leaded avgas at the County Airports. Moreover, the County has not taken any enforcement action for the use of leaded avgas at the County Airports. Id. At ¶ 43.

See ANSWER, STATEMENT OF FACTS, AND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES OF COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA, CALIFORNIA at <https://files.santaclaracounty.gov/migrated/2023%2003-28%20County%20Answer%20to%20Complaint.pdf> (Statement of Facts at p.16, ¶ 14).

If community members express anger and rally to advance progress, we encourage members of the Board to be led by the community. We believe it counterproductive for County officials to make efforts to dull complaints or portray itself as protagonist. The County is not a protagonist, nor innocent victim, in this historical narrative. Its role is to advance restorative justice and compensatory service to harmed families. To this end, we urge County officials to refrain from depicting a narrative that begins with its ban on sale in 2021. In 2018, the County was pressured

heavily and successfully by directly impacted residents and allies to stop federal grants and commit to closure. Justly, the HLUET Committee Chair and later the full Board listened and responded to the community's leadership and call to action. In February 2020, the RHV model extrapolated study issued by USEPA was published and directly presented to community leaders by the USEPA scientist. It shocked most, if not all, by exposing that avgas remains leaded and dangerous. Public outcry on the USEPA study prompted further study of lead in children and action by the BOS. By recognizing the primary leadership role of the impacted community, County officials only stand to gain credibility and seize an opportunity to demonstrate the power of democratic process. In sum, we understand from our listening that accuracy, transparency and accountability matter very deeply.

IF Eastridge Little League, THEN Meyer Elementary et al.

The County has rightly taken action on Eastridge Little League relocation and supported that impacted community of interest. Yet, roughly 21 schools and child care centers are located within a 1.5 mile radius of Reid Hillview Airport. Studies show that leaded avgas emissions within that distance are especially dangerous to children. We have heard directly impacted residents express painful frustration at the County taking action to protect children intermittently exposed to lead emissions (ELL) but that the County has not taken action on protective measures for children constantly exposed. It makes no sense to us either. No one is disputing care for Eastridge Little League. But, Meyer Elementary and all other schools and child care centers within the zone of harm must be protected urgently. This takes us to the last insight we pray you consider below.

Disaggregate Complex Systems and Prioritize Immediate Health & Safety Needs

While appropriate to conduct community engagement related to visioning and planning for closure of Reid Hillview Airport, the County must serve the health needs of Cassell households, schools and daycare centers now. Cassell families and impacted communities in the zone of harm must be taken care of first. Closure isn't certain and, even if certain, it won't occur until 2031 or much later -- vision and plans for that aren't the most important matters for action right now. Health and safety needs being met now are most urgent. We urge you to place first things first and set complex matters apart from each other. For example, we recommend VTA be separated from action today and in the future. VTA is an enormously complex agency and the East San Jose corridor it impacts is broader than Cassell or the zone of harm. Hearing and deliberating on VTA in the same item as leaded avgas conflates two deeply painful matters. We hear this from Cassell residents and it makes tremendous sense.

We encourage the County to meaningfully engage the community on the health and safety programs and services they need. The social media post below relates to Pacoima leaded avgas exposure. We have shared this with a few residents and will continue to participate in learning dialogue on modes of service, such as mobile unit models like homeless health services but specializing in blood lead tests, medical service navigation for example. The community impacted by the zone of harm will best guide the County.



We will continue to practice active listening and seeking guidance on how we can be helpful to impacted residents. We are advised that the content of this communication feels helpful to some impacted residents so we respectfully submit this today. Be assured we are not just asking more of you, but are working to do more ourselves. We all must do more and faster.

Lead harms children and families, as well as their descendants.

Family medical, educational, and social histories continue being changed as exposure continues.

We urge that mitigation, protection and care programs be dispatched immediately.
First things first, please.

Respectfully,

Serena Alvarez, Esq.

Executive Director, The Salvador E. Alvarez Institute for Non-Violence

President, LULAC Council 3090

Co-Chair, CA LULAC Legislative Committee & Health Committee

Advisor, LULAC National Vice President Farwest

Sylvia Alvarez, J.D.

Commissioner, Santa Clara County Airports Commission

Retired Educator & Trustee Emeritus, Evergreen Elementary School District

Senior Latino Fellow, The Salvador E. Alvarez Institute for Non-Violence

From: [Steven Emert](#)
To: [BoardOperations](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] OPPOSE Agenda Item #10
Date: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 8:31:31 AM

Dear Santa Clara County Supervisors:

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Respectfully,

Steven Emert:

San Jose, April 16, 2024

Chúng tôi là một số cư dân tại khu vực phía Đông San Jose.

Vì bận việc không thể đến tham dự cuộc họp ngày hôm nay 16 tháng 4 tại quận hạt, chúng tôi xin phép được chia sẻ một số điểm quan trọng liên quan đến việc đóng cửa phi trường Reid-Hillview. Phi trường này đã gây ra nhiều vấn đề cho cộng đồng trong nhiều thập kỷ qua, như tiếng ồn và ô nhiễm chất chì. Chúng ta cần phải lập kế hoạch cho tương lai của khu đất tại phi trường này ngay từ bây giờ.

Báo cáo từ nhân viên đã đề cập đến nhiều vấn đề phức tạp và liên kết với nhau. Điều này yêu cầu sự tham gia tích cực từ cộng đồng và kế hoạch chi tiết từ phía cơ quan chính phủ. Chúng ta không thể chờ đợi lâu hơn nữa để giải quyết vấn đề này.

Chúng tôi kêu gọi Hội Đồng Giám Sát hỗ trợ việc đóng cửa phi trường, cung cấp cơ sở vật chất cho Eastridge Little League, lập kế hoạch về sử dụng khu đất phi trường, và cải thiện hệ thống giao thông công cộng ở phía đông San Jose.

Thành thật cảm ơn.

Đồng ký tên

- Tro Nguyen, San Jose 95122
- Luc Le, San Jose 95111
- Y Le, San Jose 95111
- Hieu Nguyen, San Jose 95129
- Viet Truong, San Jose 95129
- Anthony Ha, San Jose 95111
- Ngọc Do, San Jose 95122
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- Kim Ho, San Jose 95148
- Binh Mai, San Jose 95122
- Quynh Bui, San Jose 95111

From: [Jeff Taylor](#)
To: [BoardOperations](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Oppose agenda line item 10
Date: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 8:41:34 AM

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How soon you forget that Reid hillview airport was the staging for water drops when the wild fires were raging only miles away. The airport is place that can bring positive income for the county with proper management. Closing an airport that has been a major part of the Bay Area is a mistake.

I live and work in Santa Clara county and we don't need high density housing at this time. There are many other location the city of San Jose should redevelop first.

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

Respectfully,

Jeff

From: [Bradley Dickinson](#)
To: [BoardOperations](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] OPPOSE Agenda Item #10
Date: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 8:42:09 AM

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Respectfully,

Brad Dickinson

San Carlos, CA

From: [Dave Saylor](#)
To: [BoardOperations](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] OPPOSE Agenda Item #10
Date: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 8:52:20 AM

Dear Santa Clara County Supervisors:

I am employed in the General Aviation industry as an aircraft mechanic. I live in unincorporated Santa Clara County. I own a small plane and I use the county airports regularly. I'm emailing 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 have, 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 easily cast aside.

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Respectfully,

Dave Saylor

April 12, 2024



Supervisor Susan Ellenberg, District 4
President, Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors
70 West Hedding Street, 10th Floor, East Wing
San Jose, CA 95110
Delivered electronically via BoardOperations@cob.sccgov.org

RE: Item 10: Report Back on Reid-Hillview Future Planning

Dear Madam Chair Ellenberg,

On behalf of North East Medical Services (NEMS), I am writing to urge the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors (SCC BOS) to consider closing the Reid-Hillview airport, giving Eastridge Little League the facilities they deserve, planning for better use of the airport site, and bringing quality transit solutions to the East side of San Jose. As the President & CEO of a community health clinic that is in Supervisorial District 3 and a PACE Center that is planned for Supervisorial District 2, I would like to urge the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors (SCC BOS) to act on the issues identified in the staff's Report Back on Reid-Hillview Future Planning today!

NEMS is one of the largest FQHCs in the United States targeting the medically underserved Asian population. Based in the San Francisco Bay Area with clinics in San Francisco, Daly City, and San Jose, we offer comprehensive healthcare services to over 72,000 patients, a majority of whom are uninsured, low-income, and prefer to be served in a language other than English.

Thanks to the Board's engagement with the Reid-Hillview Airport since 2018, the County has discontinued the use of leaded avgas since January 1, 2022. Furthermore, the County's petition to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to make an endangerment finding has led to the finding that lead emissions from aircraft do indeed contribute to air pollution, which has endangered the public's health and welfare—especially among our children. Now, the EPA and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) are required to propose new standards relating to emissions and fuel composition but have not yet issued a timeline for the draft standards.

While the airport may likely close by 2031, it remains prudent that we as a community think critically now about the plan for such a large plot of land. We can no longer afford to get caught off guard with what to do with a nearly 200-acre piece of County-owned land. The neighborhood, our transit riders, aviation enthusiasts, Eastridge Little League players, and our clean skies depend on your policy decisions. Reid-Hillview Airport issue is not something to deal with down the road. The time is now. We must be diligent every step of the way to have the best possible outcome for all involved.

Thank you for your consideration in advance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Eddie Chan', is positioned below the word 'Sincerely,'.

Eddie Chan, PharmD,
President & CEO
North East Medical Services

Cc: Supervisor Otto Lee, Vice President, District 3, SCC BOS
Supervisor Sylvia Arenas, District 1, SCC BOS
Supervisor Cindy Chavez, District 2, SCC BOS
Supervisor Joe Simitian, District 5, SCC BOS

From: [Rich Hill](#)
To: [BoardOperations](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for Reid Hillview Airport -- OPPOSE Agenda Item #10
Date: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 8:57:24 AM

Dear Supervisors:

Please support Reid Hillview Airport and oppose the proposal to spend more money on studies to investigate non-airport uses (Item 10 on today's agenda).

Reid Hillview is an important asset to the community, and any study to re-envision the airport simply spends money that would be better used elsewhere.

Respectfully,
Rich Hill
Campbell, CA

From: [Anton Gvozdev](#)
To: [BoardOperations](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] OPPOSE Agenda Item #10
Date: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 9:02:06 AM

Dear Santa Clara County Supervisors:

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

Respectfully,

Anton Gvozdev,

From: [David Cunningham](#)
To: [BoardOperations](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] OPPOSE Agenda Item #10
Date: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 9:02:13 AM

4/16/2024

Dear Santa Clara County Supervisors:

My name is David Cunningham. I am the President of the only Tuskegee Airmen Chapter in the San Francisco Bay Area. I live in the Evergreen district, and under the flight pattern of Reid-Hillview Airport. I am the son of a Documented Original Tuskegee Airman. I am a Vietnam Veteran, having worked on aircraft avionics in the US Navy. I am retired from the FAA at Oakland Center. I am a pilot and have owned an airplane which I once kept at RHV. Nothing gives me more pleasure than seeing the aircraft in the pattern or on approach or departing Reid-Hillview Airport.

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Respectfully,

David Cunningham – President
William "Bill" Campbell Chapter, Tuskegee Airmen, Inc.
San Francisco Bay Area

From: [Luiz Razera](#)
To: [BoardOperations](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] OPPOSE Agenda Item #10
Date: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 9:07:41 AM

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I have personal examples of how the value of having such an asset in the community (the airport) is something that cannot be replaced by any other use of the land. From mechanics, to airmen, to air-traffic-controllers, to other professions and usages alike. It's an inspiration for the youth, for the grown, and the old in our community.

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

Respectfully,

Luiz Antonio Razera Jr.

Scotts Valley, CA. (prior San Jose resident).

From: [DylanDapperVlogs](#)
To: [BoardOperations](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Item #10 - Public Comment
Date: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 9:07:55 AM

To The Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors:

I write regarding Item #10 on the meeting agenda for April 16.

As a Santa Clara County resident, I 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,"** 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. Waiting for the FAA response, the possible cost of legal issues, and the concerns President Ellenberg and Supervisor Arenas 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** for all Santa Clara County taxpayer dollars. 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.

Reid-Hillview Airport is a valuable aspect to our community economically and socially. The loss of the airport will have serious negative impacts on our ability to work and live in Santa Clara County. New development will only make living in the Bay Area more expensive while also increasing traffic and the length of time I commute from home to work and back. Additionally, closing the airport will have significant negative consequences on our local economy, in drastically reducing our county's capacity for general aviation, and shutting down multiple flight schools. Alongside that, closing the airport would remove the opportunity for our county to train the next generation of pilots, which could greatly boost the economy of our county in the years to come, not just from those pilots paying for training at the airport but also through the salaries they will make when they begin to work. While some may prefer the financial benefits housing developments may bring to the County, I care about the public safety benefits the airport provides during natural disasters. I care about the educational and job training opportunities it provides for our young people, including myself. You simply cannot put a financial price tag on those benefits. I am only 18 years old, but I can already see the closure of Reid-Hillview airport would have negative consequences for our community and economy that vastly outweigh the positives.

Support our major county airport, and in doing so you will support our community. Do not allow Reid-Hillview to be closed and repurposed by developers. It is good for the county and good for us!

Sincerely,

Dylan Lea

From: [A Rodebush](#)
To: [BoardOperations](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] OPPOSE Agenda Item #10
Date: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 9:09:08 AM

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Respectfully,

Alan Rodebush
Bass Lake, CA 93

From: [Maristella Huerta](#)
To: [Arenas, Sylvia](#); [Chavez, Cindy](#); [Lee, Otto](#); [Ellenberg, Supervisor](#); [Supervisor Simitian](#); [BoardOperations](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for Item #10, April 16th: Reid-Hillview Future Planning Dear Supervisors Arenas, Chavez, Lee, Ellenberg, and Simitian
Date: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 9:37:16 AM

Dear county Supervisors,

As a resident of Santa Clara County Supervisorial District 4 and a member of Mothers Out Front Silicon Valley, I urge you to protect public health and the environment and to advance equity for San José's East Side community by taking the following steps:

1. keep the pressure on to close the Reid-Hillview Airport,
2. give Eastridge Little League the facilities they deserve,
3. begin planning for a better use of the airport site with robust and transparent community input, and
4. bring quality transit solutions to the east side of San Jose.

This is important to me because I grew up on the East Side of San Jose before relocating to where I currently live. My mother and father still live on the East Side. My father has cancer which I know was caused by environmental factors, quite possibly even living so close to the toxic site of the Reid Hillview airport and other known carcinogenic sites on the East Side. Children on the East Side deserve clean air, clean water and unpolluted land, similar to those growing up in more affluent areas of San Jose. The location of Reid Hillview on the East Side is a living example of environmental racism and has real detriment to the residents of this area.

But beyond simply being protected from harm, East Side residents deserve a community in which they can thrive. This is why we need recreational facilities like the Eastridge Little League, and why we need transportation solutions. It takes my mother almost 30 minutes to drive from her house to mine due to traffic congestion along the Capitol Expressway/Hillsdale Corridor and congestion on the 101 North and South onramps. I often think of more disenfranchised residents who do not have their own transportation and the many who can benefit from more efficient transport from the East to the West side of San Jose.

Thank you for hearing these concerns,

Maristella Tapia

From: [Mike Miller](#)
To: [BoardOperations](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Vote No to Authorize Further Spending on the Closure of Reid Hillview Airport
Date: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 9:27:23 AM

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Respectfully,
Mike Miller

From: [George Narancic](#)
To: [BoardOperations](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] OPPOSE Agenda Item #10
Date: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 10:03:58 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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

Respectfully,

George Narancic



From: [rachel grocha welch](#)
To: [BoardOperations](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Item 10
Date: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 10:20:11 AM

My home is in the direct take off flight path of RHV.

The little league children were generously compensated for their inconvenient yet the hundreds of children at Meyer school were not compensated nor given a new school away from the airport. In fact none of the schools in the flight path were compensated or moved. This fact has been completely ignored by the BOS. Instead the VTA has taken priority in this agenda item.

Yes the East Side has been promised a new rail many years ago, but I do not feel this should be in any way tied to the airport. The avgas is a separate but extremely important concern and I do not understand why this more pressing issue of avgas sales is not being addressed.

Ragards,
Raquel Welch

Sent from my Galaxy

From: [Drew Stassen](#)
To: [BoardOperations](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] OPPOSE Agenda Item #10
Date: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 10:25:06 AM

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Respectfully,

Andrew Stassen
Concord, CA

From: [Patrick Belanger](#)
To: [BoardOperations](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RHV Vision Plan
Date: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 10:25:20 AM

Comments for Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors-April 16, 2024

My name is Patrick Belanger and I am the President of the South County Airport Pilots Association. The pilots and aircraft owners are begging you to reconsider this plan because the airport is an irreplaceable asset and should not be closed. If these plans are to redevelop this land and displace all the airplanes and facilities to another airport, where would that be? San Martin would be that airport. As I understand it, there are no plans nor a proposed budget to improve and expand the San Martin airport even considered now. I believe that if the county started planning for the expected transition tomorrow, it would be over 10 years and at least \$50 million to accommodate the current traffic that operates out of the two airports at this time. I strongly urge you to reconsider this untenable direction you are proposing or start working on San Martin tomorrow.

If time permits, please let me expand on this thought. If RHV is closed, E16 must be completely rebuilt with two runways and preferably at least one 5000' runway. A control tower or remote tower is a necessity because of the volume anticipated. It should have modern designed buildings to house FBO's, and other aviation related shops and services. Have any of you, the supervisors, visited E16? Please consider doing this before you spend any more money on RHV. I will be happy to give you a personal tour. This will not be a small project, yet it will have to be finished before closing RHV.

Respectfully submitted,
Patrick J Belanger
President, SCAPA

From: [Kristina Pistone](#)
To: [BoardOperations](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Comment on 4/16/2024, Items #9-10, 24-5381 and 24-5018
Date: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 10:27:36 AM

Dear Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors,

Meant to send this follow-up from when I was perusing the agenda for item 11! I just also wanted to voice that 1) I am greatly concerned about the possibility of reduction in emergency services, because in many cases, minutes and seconds in response time can change the outcome, although I am acutely aware of the different ways that our healthcare system; and 2) my support to continued efforts to transition Reid-Hillview Airport to other uses, and especially for the county's efforts to work against leaded gasoline on a federal level. It's astounding that it's still something that's legal, considering everything we know, and have known for decades, about the horrible and lasting health effects of lead. I'm glad the county is finally working towards mitigating those effects both in our community and nationally.

Thank you,
Kristina Pistone

From: carobles2789@gmail.com
To: [BoardOperations](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] OPPOSE Agenda Item #10
Date: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 10:32:09 AM

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Respectfully,

Carlos Robles

San Jose, CA

From: [Paul Sonnikson](#)
To: [BoardOperations](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] OPPOSE Agenda Item #10
Date: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 10:37:38 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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Respectfully,

Paul Sonnikson
Martinez, CA

Thanks

Paul Sonnikson

President

If you have any questions, please consider using email as a primary method of contact. This will help me better serve you in getting responses out quicker and more accurately. Thank You



From: [Tony Stieber \(Yahoo\)](#)
To: [BoardOperations](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Meeting April 16, 2024: Item 10: Reid-Hillview Future Planning
Date: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 10:37:45 AM

Dear Supervisors,

While I am pilot with Civil Air Patrol (a USAF Auxiliary), I am writing this in my personal capacity. I would really like to see Reid-Hillview remain open as an airport that offers employment, stimulation for young people (CAP cadet programs, Airport Days, Young Eagles, SJSU etc.) and a role for Santa Clara County in furthering an aviation industry that is important to our nation. To be effective, the airport must be seen to have a long-term future, and an effective relationship with the FAA to allow airport businesses to thrive again. We need to continue to make sure we minimize noise, maximize safety and use safer fuels in aviation operations.

Of course I recognize that airports bring disadvantages to people living nearby, and that people have to make economic choices about where to live. Having enjoyed working and volunteering in the vicinity of the airport, I would prefer for the airport to remain open, but, if the airport is to be closed, it is absolutely critical to ensure that people living nearby are not displaced by rising rents, rising property values and gentrification.

Thank you,

Tony Stieber
San José

From: [Pitch Johnson](#)
To: [BoardOperations](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fw: Jared Yoshiki <advocacydonotreply@aopa.org> 33 AM
Date: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 10:37:55 AM

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Sent: Monday, April 15, 2024 9:

From: Jared Yoshiki <advocacydonotreply@aopa.org> 33 AM
To: Pitch Johnson <pitch@assetman.com>
Subject: URGENT: Help save Reid-Hillview Airport

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Respectfully,
Franklin Pitch Johnson



Dear Franklin,

We need your help to show our continued support for Reid-Hillview Airport in Santa Clara County. The Board of Supervisors will be considering a motion to explore the future uses of the airport. As you may know, Santa Clara County has been seeking to close this airport for several years although its grant obligations run through 2031. This attempt to repurpose the airport is 7 years premature and we must show the supervisors how strong our commitment is to protect this airport. **You can help by sending an email - copy the following paragraph into a new email from your email address and send it as soon as you receive this:**

[insert your name here]
[City, CA]

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Thank you,
Jared Yoshiki
Western-Pacific Regional Manager

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From: [Andrey Danin](#)
To: [BoardOperations](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] OPPOSE Agenda Item #10
Date: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 10:42:35 AM

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Respectfully,

Andrei Danin
Campbell, CA

From: [Minh Pham](#)
To: [Chavez, Cindy](#)
Cc: [BoardOperations](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Item 10-Report Back on Reid-Hillview Future Planning
Date: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 10:47:01 AM

Dear Supervisor Chavez,

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. I 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. Our community 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 the staff's report on April 16 and to continue supporting and creating a 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.

Furthermore, as a Trustee of the Alum Rock Union Elementary School School District whose Meyer Elementary School is located directly across from Reid-Hillview, the airport remains a safety issue for our students. In late August 2022, prior to the start of the school year, a plane crashed through a fence and onto the school field. Had school been in session, children playing in the field during recess would have been hurt. In addition, the Alum Rock District has not been compensated for the cost of repairing the field's landscape and fence.

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 for your attention on this issue.

Sincerely,

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Minh Pham
Member, Board of Trustees
Alum Rock Union Elementary School District

From: [Max Spivak](#)
To: [BoardOperations](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] OPPOSE Agenda Item #10
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Max Spivak |

From: [Wolfgang Sieck](#)
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Oppose Agenda item #10
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Dennis Spears

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Ed Bogner

Santa Cruz, CA

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Campbell, CA

From: [Sascha Hallstein](#)
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Saratoga, CA

From: [John Earnest](#)
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John Earnest
Valley Cutting Systems
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From: [KENNY BROWN](#)
To: [BoardOperations](#)
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