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Dennis E. Roberts
Regional Administrator, Western-Pacific Region
Federal Aviation Administration
15000 Aviation Boulevard
Lawndale, CA 90261

RE: Bayside Visual Approach Review

Dear Mr. Roberts:

On behalf of the City of Cupertino, I write to urge the Federal Aviation Administration to deny approval of the proposed Bayside Visual Approach (BVA) flight path into San Carlos Airport.

While the BVA was proposed to reduce ground level noise in residential neighborhoods in San Mateo County, it is clear that the proposed path merely shifts noise pollution from one residential area to another. The City has received numerous complaints from residents about increased aircraft noise since the start of the BVA pilot. This is a quality of life issue for our residents. It is also of concern that the cities most affected by BVA were never consulted about this proposed route or notified about the testing period.

Given the FAA's longstanding policy that aircraft noise abatement shall not be accomplished by moving air traffic from one neighborhood to another, we respectfully ask you to reject the proposed BVA flight path. Instead, we hope to engage in an inclusive process to address regional aircraft noise issues for all our residents.

Sincerely,

Darcy Paul
Vice Mayor, City of Cupertino

cc: Congressman Ro Khanna