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Sent: Sunday, December 2, 2018 3:38 PM
To: Chavez, Cindy; Cortese, Dave; Simitian, Joe; Wasserman, Mike; Supervisor Yeager; BoardOperations
Cc: Wilson, Heather; Strickland, Scott; Donohoe, Mike; Haskell, Tyler; Weston, Jim; Leslye Corsiglia
Subject: RE: Item #19-- Receive report from the Roads and Airports Department
Attachments: SVH_Item #19_Reid-Hillview_12_4_18.pdf

Thank you for this opportunity to share our support for the potential redevelopment of the Reid-Hillview Airport in East San Jose for non-aviation uses.

We are pleased to join with community voices on this issue. This is an exciting opportunity to begin exploring opportunities for a vibrant, mixed-use development that includes significant affordable housing.

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From: Teresa Alvarado <talvarado8@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, December 1, 2018 1:00 PM
To: Chavez, Cindy
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Subject: Tuesday vote regarding Reid-Hillview Airport

Supervisor Chavez:

As a native of San Jose's east side (I attended Most Holy Trinity elementary school for 8 years which is just 1500 feet from the Reid-Hillview runway) and as someone actively engaged in land use planning issues, I am excited about the opportunity you will consider on Tuesday to start a long-term conversation about the future of Reid-Hillview Airport.

With a vote to stop accepting FAA money for Reid-Hillview, the county can begin to consider consolidation of airport services and initiate a community dialogue about what is best for the residents of San Jose. In that location, there is a tremendous opportunity to take advantage of planned rail improvements and evaluate the possibility of jobs closer to neighborhoods, affordable housing, open space, health care and other county services.

I encourage you to make a decision that starts a conversation about how to use our precious space more efficiently and in a way that best serves the broader community.

Sincerely,

Teresa Alvarado

Truong, Kathy

From: Serena Alvarez :>
Sent: Monday, December 3, 2018 7:49 AM
To: Simitian, Joe; Cortese, Dave; Wasserman, Mike; Yeager, Ken; Chavez, Cindy
Cc: Doyle, Megan; Smith, Jeff; Marquez, Miguel; Freitas, Harry
Subject: Item 19 (Dec 4) Joint Letter Urging No Further FAA Funding for Reid-Hillview & Board Direction on Planning for Alternate Purpose
Attachments: Public Comment re Item 19 (Dec 4) INV Interfaith and Community Leaders.pdf

Dear President Simitian and Members of the Board of Supervisors,

Regarding Item 19 for December 4, 2018 (Airports Business Plan Update), please find attached a Joint Letter from Faith, Civil Rights and Community Leaders Urging 1) No Further FAA Funding for Reid-Hillview Airport and 2) Board Direction on Planning for Alternate Purpose (submission facilitated by *The Salvador E. Alvarez Institute for Non-Violence*).

It is through the spirit of non-violent conflict resolution, shared throughout our community, nation and world by my father, Deacon Sal Alvarez, that this letter is submitted.

Providentially, you hear the matter of this protracted conflict in the first week of Advent and during Hanukkah. May we be a light to the world in the way we listen and respond to each other and to the needs of the vulnerable among us. May we, together, make crooked ways straight, rough ways smooth, and ready the way for health and peace in our community +

I respectfully request that this communication and attached Joint Letter be included in the public record.

With gratitude for your consideration and leadership +
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The Salvador E. Alvarez Institute for Non-Violence

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Subject: FAA Reid Hillview funds

December 4, 2018

Supervisor Cindy Chavez
Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors

Re: Reid Hillview

I want to encourage the BOS not to accept any addition FAA funding for use at Reid Hillview Airport. Accepting additional funds would extend the time in which a change in use of this valuable property could be made.

Reid Hillview sits within one of the largest moderate to low income communities in the county. It is a service for more affluent individuals who own and use private airplanes in stark contrast to the community around it. The most pressing county wide need is for additional affordable housing. Refusing the FAA money would be a step toward closing the airport. The 12 years remaining on FAA restrictions would allow significant time for planning for the future use. A top priority should be the construction of affordable housing.

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December 3, 2018

Supervisor Mike Wasserman
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Supervisor Dave Cortese
Supervisor Ken Yeager
Supervisor Joe Simitian
Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors
via e-mail

Dear Supervisors:

I write on behalf of the Behavioral Health Contractors' Association (BHCA) regarding the December 4, 2018 agenda item 19 – Airport Business Plan.

BHCA is a County-wide network of community-based, non-profit organizations providing mental health and substance use prevention, treatment, recovery, and supportive transitional housing services to children, adolescents and adults, under contract with Santa Clara County's Behavioral Health Department.

Given the critical importance of housing and the crisis currently faced by many of the vulnerable Santa Clara County residents we serve, BHCA requests the BOS vote to refrain from accepting Federal Grants to allow for a thorough assessment of the best use of this County resource, including consideration of housing development.

Sincerely,



Elisa Koff-Ginsborg
Executive Director

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December 3, 2018

Dear President Simitian and Members of the Board,

Santa Clara County is in a both a housing crisis and a shelter crisis with over 7400 people without any legal place to live, the vast majority of whom are living outdoors or in vehicles. As both the Board and City Council have acknowledged in their respective Housing and Shelter Crisis Declarations, extraordinary efforts are needed to respond to this crisis.

Recently, the County Board of Supervisors unanimously declared just such a shelter crisis and directed staff to initiate both emergency shelter planning process and search for appropriate county sites to establish additional housing immediately, under the provisions of AB 932. The Reid Hillview site should be included as part of the inventory of real property owned by the county to be considered for both emergency sheltering and long term affordable housing.

We are submitting this letter after extensive research on the housing needs and potential solutions, several of our members attended and commented on the airport business plan and respectfully request that the Board of Supervisors refrain from receiving further Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) funding for Reid-Hillview Airport. Also, the Board must provide staff direction to initiate study and planning for use of the roughly 180 acres consistent with the County core mission to promote the health and wellness of all residents, including its unhoused.

We are a network of faith communities committed to providing shelter and services to and advocating for the unhoused population in Santa Clara County. Many of us were present at the meetings held regarding development of an updated Reid-Hillview Airport Business Plan. It seemed clear many neighbors, as well as other San Jose residents who spoke, were in favor of asking the Board to strongly consider use of the property for future community development.

We urge that you include in your plan a provision to wind down the use of the airport, resolve any financial encumbrances and to find ways to end the relationship with the FAA, all within the short-term business plan that you are preparing.

It is our view that the short-term plan should include capital improvements limited only to those urgent needs to maintain safety and comfort for businesses and users of the airport. A long-term plan should include the re-purposing of the Reid-Hillview 180-acre property for housing, parks, schools and community uses for longtime residents and families who are facing displacement in San Jose, as well as the unhoused. Because of the jobs- housing imbalance many families are being forced out of the area due to high rents and shortage of housing for all income levels.

Our group of communities works collectively, based on the commitment to house our neighbors who live outside, to advocate for better overall housing solutions. We have experienced an increase in the numbers who have shown up at our doors seeking housing help over the last 3 years, many of them working individuals with families. Because of this, we recognize that the housing crisis is real and creates great harm not only the health and welfare of unhoused people but also to the whole community. Medical studies have shown that living outdoors has shortened the average life span by 25 years - a number that currently stands at 54 years old.

Beyond this, the housing shortage in our County restricts local economic development, job opportunities and business growth. Many families are leaving our valley for more affordable areas, resulting in splitting up families generationally, breaking down family stability and with this, community stability and cohesiveness. This is not to mention the loss of a trained and valuable labor force needed to maintain economic health and vitality.

We urge the County to prepare plans for Reid-Hillview Airport to wind down the use of these 180 acres as an airport and convert it to provide adequate affordable housing for current residents of this neighborhood and the entire east/south regions of San Jose.

We appreciate your swift action on this matter and are committed to working with staff to accomplish these goals.

Sincerely,

Phil Mastrocola
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December 3, 2018

Members of the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors
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Dear Supervisors:

We, as PACT: People Acting in Community Together, strongly urge you not to apply for Airport Improvement Program grants and instead, commence the consolidation of Reid Hillview Airport with San Martin Airport and develop a plan to consider alternate, non-aviation uses for the land currently being used for the Reid Hillview Airport, including, but not limited to, affordable housing. Should consolidation be pursued, we urge you to implement a fully transparent, community engagement process in the development of alternative uses for the Reid Hillview Airport site, which includes community organizations that represent people living in the immediate vicinity.

Reid Hillview Airport was originally built in 1939 in a rural area. It is now surrounded by residential neighborhoods that are detrimentally affected by the Airport. Most of these neighborhoods are low-income, people of color communities. The small privately-owned planes served by Reid Hillview are primarily used for recreational purposes and student flights, which continually circle over local homes. Planes are constantly buzzing overhead; families bear health risks from soil and air pollution from the leaded fuel used by the planes over decades; and people live in real fear that another plane will crash into their homes, as has occurred numerous times. Private plane owners and flight students could use the nearby San Martin Airport to park and fly their planes without great inconvenience.

As PACT, we have worked extensively with community members living in the Eastside for many years on matters of public safety, immigration, and equity. Over the past several months, volunteer PACT leaders have partnered with other community groups to speak with our neighbors, many of whom for decades have sought to see an alternative vision for the RHV Airport site, one which can truly serve the needs of the community. This decision you have in front of you on December 4 presents an opportunity to better serve this community by reducing risks that currently threaten families living in the area and by using public land for public good. We thank you for taking time to read our letter, and we look forward to further conversation with each of you as we envision and build a community where families can live without fear and truly thrive.

Sincerely,

PACT: People Acting in Community Together

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Subject: Option to decline FAA funds for Reid-Hillview Airport

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,

RE: Option to Decline FAA funds for Reid-Hillview Airport

As a provider of social services and housing to the most vulnerable county residents, Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County is concerned about the dearth of public properties that have the potential for development that includes affordable workforce housing as well as housing for our most vulnerable residents.

It is our understanding that if the County chooses not to accept FAA grants for the Reid-Hillview Airport, that could open the possibility of further transit-centered in-fill development which could include such housing as part of the mix. Rather than closing off that option by accepting the FAA funds, we believe that it would be more prudent to keeping the option open by not accepting the FAA funds.

As the main public entity responsible for the care of the most vulnerable residents, the County has a duty to care first for those most in need. Therefore it is practical to develop long term resources that can assist this mission.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Re: Item #19 – Receive report from the Roads and Airports Department relating to the Airports Business Plan Update

Dear President Simitian and Members of the Board:

On behalf of the Law Foundation of Silicon Valley, I write to express our position that the Board of Supervisors cease accepting federal grant funding to support Reid-Hillview Airport and committing the County to operating the airport through 2031. Instead, we strongly urge the Board to consider alternative uses to the property that are consistent with the critical needs of our community, especially affordable housing for low-income residents.

The Law Foundation advances the rights of under-represented individuals and families in our diverse community through legal services, strategic advocacy, and educational outreach. We work to protect the housing rights of people who are being displaced by the high cost of housing, who are the victims of housing discrimination, who are living in substandard housing conditions, or who are at risk of becoming homeless due to an unfair eviction.

Through our work, we have seen first-hand the consequences our community members have faced because our region has not been able to keep building safe, accessible, affordable homes at the pace needed to address our exploding housing crisis. As a result, bold visioning and improved planning are required to meet the needs of the lowest-income renters going forward.

The Board should take this important opportunity to decline any future Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) funding. Instead, the Board should move forward with intentional planning of alternative uses for this public land that better meet the needs of this community and strongly prioritize the building of stable, affordable housing for struggling families and other low-income residents in our community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Alison Brunner, Esq.
CEO



Evergreen School District

From strong roots grow bright futures

December 4, 2018

Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors
70 West Hedding Street
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Dear Members of the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to help bring to your attention the need for affordable housing in the Evergreen community. I have worked in the Evergreen community for over thirty years and believe I have a good understanding of the needs of our families.

Our district is experiencing significant declining enrollment, as are most districts in Santa Clara County. In the 2018-2019 school year, Evergreen School District is serving approximately 10,800 students, down from 13,375 in 2012-2013. Over the past six years we have lost 2,575 students and when we look at the root causes for this enrollment drop, a significant contributing factor is the cost of living, specifically the cost of housing. Our families cannot afford to live here and are choosing to move to more affordable places in California or in other states.

Low-income families who are not able to move from the area are left with few choices for housing. Many of them move frequently, living temporarily with friends or family, living in garages of homes, or living in their cars. This year Evergreen has 25 un-housed families (37 students) who have formally documented their housing situation with the District. I know that my colleagues in surrounding Districts (Franklin-McKinley, Alum Rock, Oak Grove) would tell you the same story.

I am writing to encourage the County to address this issue by supporting affordable housing options in the eastern section of Santa Clara County.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent

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