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RESOLUTION NO 66406

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF SAN JOSE DECLARING CITY
POLICY PERTAINING TO THE CONTINUED
AVAILABILITY OF REID HILLVIEW AIRPORT
FOR GENERAL AVIATION OPERATIONS**

WHEREAS, Reid Hillview Airport has been operated as a general aviation facility in the County of Santa Clara since 1939; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 16115, adopted on February 2, 1959, and by Resolution No. 38741, adopted December 14, 1970, the City Council for the City of San Jose adopted a policy supporting the continued existence and operation of an Airport at the present site and location of Reid Hillview Airport; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 62136, adopted May 8th, 1990, the Council of the City of San Jose rescinded the two prior resolutions and declared that the prior City policy regarding the continued existence and operation of Reid Hillview should be rescinded; and

WHEREAS, since Council reviewed the matter of Reid Hillview in 1990, several additional studies have been made of the airport, including the Final Technical Report on Aviation and Transportation Data for the County's Reid Hillview Airport Closure Evaluation Project (1993, Aries Consultants LTD.), Risk Assessment of the Reid Hillview Airport Closure Evaluation Project (1993, SRI International), and the Santa Clara County General Aviation Reliever Airport Site Selection Study (Phase II, 1992, Aries Consultants LTD.), and the General Aviation Task Force Final Summary Report (1991); and

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WHEREAS, the additional studies underscore that Reid Hillview is important to the air transportation community, that there is no feasible replacement site, that Reid Hillview Airport is a regional asset for which there is a demand, and that the safety record of the Airport is noteworthy when compared to other possible uses for the site; and

WHEREAS, the Airport Commission of the City of San Jose, at a public meeting conducted on February 12, 1996, unanimously recommended to the City Council that the Council support the continued operation of Reid Hillview by the County of Santa Clara; and

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of San Jose that:

- A. The City of San Jose unequivocally supports the continued operation of Reid Hillview Airport based upon the findings of the SRI International Risk Assessment Report.
- B. That Reid Hillview Airport is an irreplaceable asset for public transportation and general aviation operations in the County of Santa Clara which should be kept and maintained for General Aviation operations occurring within the County, the City of San Jose, and the surrounding region.
- C. The Council urges the County Board of Supervisors to cease all efforts to close Reid Hillview, and to take affirmative steps to properly maintain and operate the Airport.

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D. Resolution No. 62136, adopted May 8th, 1990, is hereby rescinded.

ADOPTED this 20th day of February, 1996, by the following vote:

AYES: DANDO, DIQUISTO, FERNANDES, FISCALINI, JOHNSON,
PANDORI, POWERS, SHIRAKAWA, WOODY; HAMMER

NOES: DIAZ

ABSENT: NONE



SUSAN HAMMER, Mayor

ATTEST:



PATRICIA L. O'HEARN, City Clerk