



Memorandum

**To: RULES AND OPEN
GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE**

From: Councilmember Chappie Jones

Subject: SEE BELOW

Date: July 18, 2018

Approved:

**SUBJECT: CITIES ASSOCIATION OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY – SANTA CLARA /
SANTA CRUZ AIRPORT ROUNDTABLE**

RECOMMENDATION

Schedule a Council discussion, with possible action, on the recommendations from the Santa Clara County Cities Association to form a Santa Clara / Santa Cruz Airport Roundtable.

BACKGROUND

At its June 2018 meeting, the Board of Directors of the Cities Association of Santa Clara County (CASCC) recommended the formation of a Santa Clara / Santa Cruz Airport Roundtable. The mission of this roundtable would be to address community noise concerns and make recommendations to the regional airports and FAA on noise related issues. In 2017, CASCC received a Congressional request from Representatives Eshoo, Khanna, and Panetta to form a regional aircraft noise roundtable. Following this request, an ad hoc committee was setup by CASCC to build a framework for forming the roundtable.

The roundtable outlined in the CASCC recommendations would include participation by the 21 local jurisdictions in Santa Clara and Santa Cruz Counties and would address noise issues from both SFO and SJC. Included in the CASCC recommendations is a draft MOU, draft resolution, and bylaws. There are several key points to highlight from recommendations for the Council consideration:

- Each jurisdiction receives one vote regardless of population
- Self-funded by member jurisdictions with contributions based on population (*San Jose contribution set at \$37,504, the largest contribution of all jurisdictions*)
- Participation by SJC Airport Staff, SFO staff, FAA as non-voting members
- Simple majority (50% +1) vote to take action or amend bylaws

These recommendations come shortly after the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee on South Flow Arrivals concluded and forwarded its report and recommendations to the FAA for its review on May 18, 2018. This committee was established in October 2017 by the City Council to specifically address issues surrounding south flow arrivals. The list of recommendations from this ad hoc

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committee was extensive and it is unknown how long it will take for the FAA to review and respond to the report.

I was the lone dissenting vote representing San Jose at the Board of Directors meeting. I had concerns with the governance model created, i.e., one vote per jurisdiction, the added staff time from our airport staff that would be required, the attempt by some jurisdictions during the Ad Hoc Committee process to move noise to an Eastern Approach over communities in East San Jose, and the associated financial contribution from the City. However, I believe this item and recommendation should be discussed by the City Council.