



Memorandum

To: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

From: Mayor Sam Liccardo
Vice Mayor Magdalena Carrasco
Councilmember Chappie Jones
Councilmember Johnny Khamis

Subject: AIRPORT AD HOC ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON SOUTH FLOW

Date: January 19, 2018

Approved:

RECOMMENDATION

1. Approve the Committee's request that no recommendation can be adopted that impacts a city *not invited* to participate.
2. Approve staff recommendation to deny the Committee's request to invite the cities of East Palo Alto, Newark, and Fremont to participate on the Committee *as voting members*.
 - a. Invite these cities to attend and also receive updates from staff about the process
3. Approve staff recommendation to inform the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee of the current City of San Jose's Council policy directive to oppose changes in "*legislation, policies, regulations, guidelines or procedures that would result in an increase in aircraft noise impacts on San Jose residents without an increased benefit to the community.*"

BACKGROUND

During the organizational meeting of the new Ad Hoc Advisory Committee on South Flow, the committee made two recommendations to the City Council for changes to the proposed rules and structure of the committee. We are proposing to approve the recommendation on changing the language so that the committee can make a recommendation that impacts a city that was *invited* but chooses not to participate, i.e., a city could not hold a veto over the whole committee by simply choosing not to participate. However, we are recommending denying the request to invite the additional cities outside of Santa Clara County to participate as voting members. As further detailed in the staff report, there is a very small amount of south flow overflights of these cities, and only eight noise complaints were received in the previous two fiscal years. All eight of those complaints came from a single household and were unrelated to south flow. We support keeping them informed of this process and inviting them to attend future meetings. This committee is already quite large given the number of jurisdictions participating, and adding further members might also make deliberation cumbersome. Lastly, we agree with the staff recommendation to remind the committee that the City has an existing policy regarding noise, and potential recommendations that would merely move noise to other areas without any other benefits would be opposed by the City of San Jose.