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Subject: Council Item 6.1 County of Santa Clara Report on Potential Closure of Reid Hillview Airport (Aug 20, 2019)

Good morning,

On behalf of California LULAC, please find attached a Resolution Urging Closure of Reid-Hillview Airport, adopted by the LULAC State Assembly at our Annual Convention in Anaheim, California on May 19, 2019. We respectfully request this communication and attached resolution be entered into the public record for Council Item 6.1 being heard tomorrow, August 20, 2019.

We wish to express appreciation to San Jose City Manager Dave Sykes and County Roads and Airports Director Harry Freitas for working together in assuring City Council is informed on this historic and vital project.

We agree with the memo submitted on August 16, 2019 that closure of Reid-Hillview is at least a "dual opportunity" to improve safety, quality of life, housing and economic development in East San Jose. Latino families have been fighting to realize these opportunities for decades and strongly urge the City of San Jose to work ardently with the County of Santa Clara to close Reid-Hillview and include directly impacted community members, including LULAC Council #3262 Meadowfair, in a collaborative process to bring about the best outcomes in partnership.

LULAC will continue to fight for closure of Reid-Hillview and is committed to partnering with all agencies advancing this cause.

Respectfully,

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California League of United Latin American Citizens

RESOLUTION URGING THE SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO ADOPT A NEW BUSINESS PLAN FOR COUNTY AIRPORTS THAT INCLUDES CLOSURE OF REID-HILLVIEW AIRPORT

WHEREAS, LULAC District 14, including Meadowfair Council #3262, represents families directly impacted by the lead and noise pollution caused by aircraft using leaded Avgas at Reid-Hillview Airport;

WHEREAS, any purported public benefit of Reid-Hillview Airport is born through costs to the health of Latino families residing in the heavily populated, very-low to extremely-low income neighborhoods beneath the flight zone of the Reid-Hillview Airport;

WHEREAS, historically, Latino families have significantly contributed to the economic development within Santa Clara Valley since the founding of the Pueblo de San Jose in 1777 and have suffered environmental racism and injustices as, e.g., Cinnabar/Mercury miners, farm workers, and domestic workers;

WHEREAS, Latino families and individuals account for the majority of Santa Clara County's unhoused population and the nearly 200 acres of land occupied by Reid-Hillview Airport can be transitioned to a use that meets the dire and basic needs of these Latino families and others;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that enough is enough and California LULAC urges the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors to craft and initiate implementation of a County Airports Business Plan that directs use of the land occupied by Reid-Hillview Airport to the benefit of the health and economic development needs of Latino families residing in East San Jose.

SUBMITTED by LULAC District 14, Founded by Rev. Deacon Sal Alvarez, M.S.W.
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