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ESHOO, FARR, SPEIER RELEASE FAA RESPONSE TO CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRIES ABOUT AIRCRAFT NOISE

PALO ALTO, Calif.—Reps. Anna G. Eshoo (CA-18), Sam Farr (CA-20) and Jackie Speier (CA-14) have received and released to the public the *FAA Initiative to Address Noise Concerns* that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has authored to address the unprecedented constituent complaints about noise from air traffic above San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Cruz and Santa Clara Counties.

Eshoo: “My colleagues and I have worked tirelessly to engage the FAA’s leadership to take concrete steps to mitigate and address the noise from aircraft in our respective congressional districts. As a result of our collaboration, FAA Administrator Michael Huerta and FAA Regional Director Glen Martin met with local elected officials, community groups and individuals from our congressional districts to discuss the impacts of the NextGen and additional issues prior to its implementation, including Surf Air at the San Carlos Airport.

“I welcome this important first step the FAA has developed. The FAA leadership will follow up with community meetings, coordinated through our offices, to explain in detail the FAA’s plan to address the noise problems being experienced in our region.”

Farr: “This Plan of Action is evidence the FAA is willing to consider the changes proposed by the community. For months, the commercial aircraft noise in Santa Cruz and the surrounding area has been terrible. From the beginning, I have told the FAA that they created this mess so it is up to them to fix it.

“This is only a first step but it is a good one. It shows everyone is committed to developing some real solutions. I hope the FAA will continue to listen to the communities it serves and work with them to solve any problems that arise from the switch to the NextGen flight plan.”

Speier: Speier: “My constituents have long been impacted by noise caused by aircraft operating at SFO and more recently at San Carlos and Half Moon Bay Airports. The FAA's Initiative to Address Noise Concerns is a compilation of the ideas that were offered by the public regarding SFO at the FAA's recent meetings in our three congressional districts, as well as requests made by the SFO Airport Community Roundtable. Some of these ideas may be deemed workable by the FAA and some may not.

“However, having previously been resistant to taking community suggestions, the FAA, for the first time in many years, has committed to studying ideas submitted by the affected communities. I am gratified that the FAA is rolling up its sleeves to come up with solutions. The health of those who live under constant bombardment of airplane noise is being seriously compromised and the FAA has a responsibility to take action to address it.”

The *FAA Initiative to Address Noise Concerns* can be viewed here [\[link to report\]](#).

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