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ESHOO, FARR, SPEIER ANNOUNCE NEW SELECT COMMITTEE ON SOUTH BAY AIRCRAFT NOISE

WASHINGTON, D.C.—U.S. Representatives Anna G. Eshoo (CA-18), Sam Farr (CA-20) and Jackie Speier (CA-14) today announced the formation of the new Select Committee on South Bay Arrivals. The Select Committee will be comprised of 12 local elected officials and will build on the previous work of local stakeholders to develop regional solutions to address aircraft noise. Together with the announcement of the new Select Committee, the Representatives are also today releasing to the public the FAA’s updated Initiative to Address Northern California Noise Concerns [[HYPERLINK](#)] which includes completed milestones.

The Select Committee on South Bay Arrivals will accept public input, review FAA proposals, and make recommendations on issues identified in the FAA’s Initiative with a focus on arrival issues that primarily impact the South Bay Region. The SFO Airport/Community Roundtable will accept public input, review FAA proposals, and make recommendations on issues identified in the FAA’s Initiative with a focus on SFO departures as well as arrivals that primarily impact the SFO Roundtable geographical area.

SFO and the FAA will offer technical assistance to both the Select Committee and the SFO Roundtable as needed and will work with both the Committee and the SFO Roundtable on the FAA’s Initiative.

Each of the three Congressional Districts has four appointees on the Committee. A full roster of the Select Committee Members and Alternates is below.

Eshoo: “Establishment of this Select Committee is a critical step to address airplane noise that is plaguing our constituents. New flight paths implemented by the FAA have generated an alarming increase in noise impacts across my entire Congressional District. Large, small, urban, and rural communities have been affected, and the majority of noise complaints in my District involve arrivals at SFO. The Select Committee on South Bay Arrivals will work with the public and the FAA to expedite solutions to this problem.

“Importantly, the Select Committee will have representation from the three Congressional Districts and the three affected counties. This is a regional problem which calls for regional solutions. Simply shifting noise from one community to another is not an option.”

Farr: “As the FAA implemented the new NextGEN flight plans, it became increasingly clear there was not enough local input into how these flight plans would affect our region. The Select Committee will finally give those impacted local communities a voice in the process as we look for ways to remove airplane noise from all of our homes and neighborhoods.”

Speier: “The recent increase in aircraft noise has created an intolerable environment for many communities. I expect the FAA to work with the appointees on both committees to mitigate the intense increase in aircraft noise that is making it unbearable for many of my constituents.”

Select Committee on South Bay Arrivals membership:

Select Committee Member	Elected body	Appointed by
Supervisor Joe Simitian	Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors	Congresswoman Eshoo
Councilmember Ann Wengert	Town of Portola Valley	Congresswoman Eshoo
Councilmember Mary-Lynn Bernald	City of Saratoga	Cities Association of Santa Clara County
Mayor Pro Tem Gary Waldeck	Town of Los Altos Hills	Cities Association of Santa Clara County
Supervisor Bruce McPherson	Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors	Congressman Farr
Supervisor John Leopold	Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors	Congressman Farr
Councilmember Don Lane	City of Santa Cruz	Congressman Farr
Mayor Ed Bottoroff	City of Capitola	Congressman Farr
Supervisor Dave Pine	San Mateo County Board of Supervisors	Congresswoman Speier
Mayor Mark Addiego	City of South San Francisco	Congresswoman Speier
Councilmember Sam Hindi	City of Foster City	Congresswoman Speier
Vice-Mayor Larry Moody	City of East Palo Alto	Congresswoman Speier

Select Committee Alternates:

Select Committee Alternate	Elected body	Appointed by
Supervisor Mike Wasserman	Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors	Congresswoman Eshoo

Mayor Elizabeth Lewis	Town of Atherton	Congresswoman Eshoo
Councilmember Jean Mordo	City of Los Altos	Cities Association of Santa Clara County
Vice Mayor Gregory Scharff	City of Palo Alto	Cities Association of Santa Clara County
Mayor Donna Lind	City of Scotts Valley	Congressman Farr
President George Purnell	Happy Valley School Board	Congressman Farr
Mayor Cynthia Matthews	City of Santa Cruz	Congressman Farr
Councilmember Dennis Norton	City of Capitola	Congressman Farr
Councilmember Jeffrey Gee	City of Redwood City	Congresswoman Speier
Councilmember Bob Grassilli	City of San Carlos	Congresswoman Speier
Councilmember Peter I. Ohtaki	City of Menlo Park	Congresswoman Speier
Mayor Donna Rutherford	City of East Palo Alto	Congresswoman Speier

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