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Re: San Carlos Airport – Surf Air Noise

As you know, during the last 5 years, the Town and its residents have been seeking remedies to the unbearable noise created by Surf Air over homes in Atherton. In 2017, we urged you to take immediate action to mitigate that continued and unbearable noise impact. In July 2017 the County filed a legal challenge to Surf Air's attempts to expand its operations with Encompass Aviation LLC for interstate operations into KSQL. The County withdrew that legal challenge due to litigation between Surf Air and its partner, Encompass Aviation LLC, that halted its DOT application for interstate operations.

Nevertheless, the County's efforts had an impact. In June 2018, Surf Air reduced service and then stopped service into KSQL entirely. While that may have been due to financial and legal issues, the skies over Atherton have been quiet as a result. This has reminded our residents of what we once had before Surf Air inundated those skies. Unfortunately, Surf Air now has a new partner, Advanced Air, and is preparing to resume operations into KSQL – the intolerable noise conditions will return.

We ask that you file a challenge to the return of Surf Air/Advanced Air to KSQL. All of the objections from the County's July 2017 legal challenge still exist, including that there does not appear to be any appropriate authority issued by the DOT or FAA for their intended operations out of KSQL. The window of opportunity for legal challenge is short as Surf Air's new partner is moving quickly to file with the DOT.

On behalf of the Atherton City Council and all of our affected residents, we strongly urge you to take whatever action necessary to mitigate the return of the unbearable noise conditions created by the Surf Air flights into KSQL.

Sincerely yours,

Town of Atherton

Cary Wiest
Mayor

Cc: City Council