June 4, 2015

Michael Huerta, Administrator
Federal Aviation Administration
800 Independence Ave, SW
Washington, DC 20591

RE: REVISED NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AIR TRAFFIC ROUTES

Dear Mr. Huerta:

As you are aware, in March of this year the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) implemented revised air traffic routes and procedures in the Northern California region that directly impact the City of Capitola. The changes to flight paths mean that City of Capitola residents now experience significantly increased exposure to noise from aircraft.

As Mayor of Capitola I am requesting the FAA complete a comprehensive analysis of the noise impacts of the new flight paths on our community, and identify mechanisms to mitigate those impacts such as: increasing the required elevations of planes; modify the waypoints to reduce air braking over our community; or distribute planes over various flight paths to avoid concentrating impacts on any one area.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our City Manager Jamie Goldstein at (831) 475-7300.

Sincerely,

Dennis Norton, Mayor
City of Capitola

cc: Capitola City Council Members
    Honorable Congressman Sam Farr
    Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors
    George Dondero, Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission Executive Director
    Glen Martin, FAA Western-Pacific Region Regional Administrator