

Midcoast Community Council
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An elected Municipal Advisory Council of the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors
Serving 12,000 Coastal Residents

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Hon. Roaslie O'Mahony
City/County Association of Governments (C/CAG)
555 County Center, 5th Floor
Redwood City, CA 94063

Dear Ms. O'Mahony,

The Midcoast Community Council is an advisory council to the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors. Our council represents the voters who live in the unincorporated coastal area of San Mateo County, between the cities of Pacifica and Half Moon Bay. At our March 22 meeting, the Council discussed the immediate and pressing need to incorporate the newest published safety criteria into our current Airport Land Use Plan. We seek to unequivocally insure the safety, health and welfare of our constituents. This is the second time this topic has come before our board. On April 23, 1998, the Council submitted comments to the C/CAG Airport Land Use Committee expressing our safety concerns.

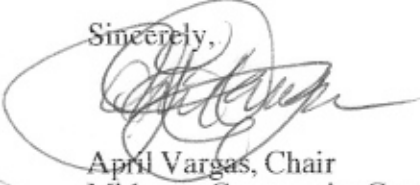
The Half Moon Bay Airport, located within our jurisdiction, is the least equipped, least controlled and most minimally staffed airport in the County. A considerable increase in use has been projected, with the airport servicing faster and heavier planes (up to 3700 business jets and twin engine flight operations per year by 2015, as compared to less than 500 light, twin engine operations per year currently).

With such potential increases at hand, safety at Half Moon Bay Airport depends on applying the appropriate safety criteria now, before future residential and commercial projects surrounding the airport are approved and built. In light of these concerns, the Midcoast Community Council voted unanimously (6/0, with 1 absent) to take the following actions:

The Midcoast Community Council requests that the C/CAG Board evaluate all projects in the HMB airport land use planning area, according to the most current safety criteria recommended in the Airport Land Use Planning Handbook (1993 Hodges and Shutt) published by Caltrans Division of Aeronautics. The Council asks that the C/CAG Board proceed with the process of amending and updating the 1996 ALUP to formally incorporate the most current safety criteria.

We appreciate your careful consideration of our requests.

Sincerely,


April Vargas, Chair
Midcoast Community Council

cc: *Supervisor Rich Gordon*
CCAG members