

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND CONGRATULATING THE MANAGEMENT OF  
SAN FRANCISCO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT FOR OVER 20 YEARS OF  
COOPERATIVE AND AGGRESSIVE AIRCRAFT NOISE ABATEMENT EFFORTS**

**RESOLVED**, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, that

**WHEREAS**, San Francisco International Airport (SFO) is owned and operated by the City and County of San Francisco and is located entirely within San Mateo County; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1972, the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors declared SFO to be a noise problem airport, pursuant to the State Airport Noise Standards (California Code of Regulations, Title 21, Chapter 2.5, Subchapter 6) (the "Noise Standards"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Noise Standards direct that an airport shall not operate with a noise impact area (summation of all incompatible land uses within the 65 dB CNEL (Community Noise Equivalent Level) aircraft noise contour) of greater than zero, unless the proprietor has obtained a variance from the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans); and

**WHEREAS**, SFO currently operates under a variance issued on September 20, 1998, which remains in effect until Caltrans determines whether another variance is needed; and

**WHEREAS**, over the past 20 years, SFO has worked to reduce its noise impact area by a number of methods, the most aggressive being to provide over \$131 million to assist several local jurisdictions (Daly City, Millbrae, Pacifica, San Bruno, South San Francisco, and the

County of San Mateo) in insulating nearly 13,000 dwelling units and several schools and churches to reduce aircraft noise impacts in eligible communities and neighborhoods; and

**WHEREAS**, SFO has also implemented several additional aircraft noise abatement efforts over the past 20 years to achieve noise reduction in affected communities, including (1) implementation of noise abatement flight procedures, (2) staff and funding support of the Airport/Community Roundtable, and (3) implementation of a comprehensive Fly Quiet Program, in cooperation with the Roundtable, to evaluate the performance of individual airlines against specific noise abatement criteria and to publish the results for public review; and

**WHEREAS**, SFO has submitted to the County a quarterly noise report for the fourth quarter of 2001, as well as a substantial amount of supporting documentation, to substantiate its claim that, pursuant to the Noise Standards, it no longer requires a Caltrans variance in order to operate; and

**WHEREAS**, the County has audited the data submitted by SFO for the fourth quarter of 2001 and, based on that data, determined that SFO has converted all incompatible land uses in the noise impact area to compatible land uses, within the meaning of the Noise Standards and that, therefore, SFIA no longer requires a Caltrans variance;

**NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED** that the County of San Mateo hereby recognizes and congratulates SFO for its historic achievement in eliminating incompatible land uses as defined by the Noise Standards, based on the data reported for the fourth quarter of 2001, and that the Board sincerely thanks the San Francisco Airport Commission and the management of SFO for their

longstanding commitment to mitigating noise from aircraft operations at SFO to help  
improve the quality of life for the residents of San Mateo County.

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