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**Reid-Hillview Airport**

1 message

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**Rowe, Nikki** <nikki.rowe@redcross.org>  
To: "sccemaboard@gmail.com" <sccemaboard@gmail.com>

Fri, Nov 9, 2018 at 10:21 AM

Dear Supervisors,

The purpose of this email is to support Reid-Hillview airport's Disaster Response Team (DART) program which provides air transportation of people and goods to support emergency services operations.

DART's operational attributes dovetail well with those of the American Red Cross, and we hope to activate DART to enable us to be more effective during a large-scale emergency event.

While the relationship between Reid-Hillview's DART program and with the American Red Cross's Silicon Valley Chapter is as yet untested, we view DART as an asset which would enhance the ability of the American Red Cross to provide the quality of service the public deserves.

Regards,

**Nikki Rowe****Disaster Program Manager****American Red Cross**

Silicon Valley Chapter / Santa Clara County

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Red Cross**WITHOUT A, B AND O,  
WE CAN'T SAVE ANYBODY.**

Ask me how you can replace the missing blood types.

To: Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors  
From: Kathy & Matt Harris  
Subject: Reid Hillview Airport possible closure

Date: 11/7/18

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**Professors**

Guna Selvaduray, Chair

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Alessandro Bellofiore

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Matthew Leineweber

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**BS Programs**

Biomedical Engineering

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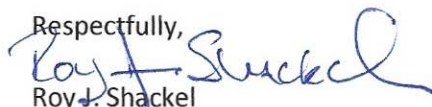
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Fire Captain/OES Coordinator (Ret.)

Gilroy Fire Department

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From: Marsha Hovey, Certified Emergency Manager  
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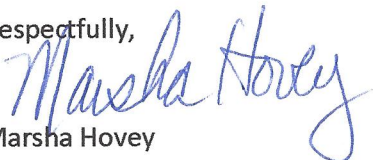
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West Valley-Mission Community College District Emergency Manager  
Los Altos Hills Emergency Manager  
Secretary Santa Clara County Emergency Managers Association

To: Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors  
From: Nick Arnett  
Subject: Reid Hillview Airport possible closure  
Date: 11/7/18

Dear Supervisors:

I am an international disaster responder, firefighter/EMT, CAL FIRE mobile command post operator, treasurer of CADRE, member of Lutheran Social Services' disaster committee, a ham radio operator active with the county's ARES/RACES team. Supervisor Cortese has called for the repurposing of the Reid Hillview airport, where I earned a pilot license, to non-aviation use. Please consider keeping Reid Hillview open as an airport because of its value during major earthquakes and other disasters when freeways and bridges may be impassible and the community needs immediate assistance.

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- Reid-Hillview is a refueling spot for CAL FIRE and other firefighting helicopters.

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Cindy Martinez <sccemaboard@gmail.com>

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## closing of Reid Hillview

1 message

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**Carl Schellenberg** <cjschellenberg@korigan.net>  
To: Santa Clara County EMA <sccemaboard@gmail.com>

Wed, Nov 7, 2018 at 4:52 PM

To whom this may concern; I have been made aware of the possibility of closing Reid Hillview Airport. As a member of Los Gatos/Monte Sereno CERT I am aware of at least two occurrences where Reid Hillview was used as a staging and operations center for wild land fire suppression. Given the global warming occurring it is only reasonable to expect the kind of weather that feeds these kinds of fires to continue and to worsen. The location of this airport is very important and strategic. San Jose Airport cannot be used because of the normal flight needs of commercial aviation. I urge you to consider carefully this idea and look for an alternative. Thank you.  
Carl Schellenberg Los Gatos/Monte Sereno CERT

## Purpura, Tina

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**From:** Jose Andres Rocha <joseandresrocha@att.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 6, 2018 8:39 AM  
**To:** Villalobos, Francisco (BOS)  
**Subject:** Re: Jose Rocha Reid Hillview Request

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Flagged

Good morning Francisco,

Below is a letter regarding the consideration of the Reid Hillview Airport Business Plan Update. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Dear Supervisors:

Reid Hillview airport serves our community in many ways. This airport was instrumental in my development of character and has shaped me into the person I am today. To whomever is reading this thank you for your limited time and I wish you take the rest of my letter with seriousness because I need to show you how Reid Hillview has impacted me, my community, and one day my nation.

My name is Jose Rocha, and I grew up near the airport, attended Carolyn Clark Elementary School, Quimby Oak Middle School, and Evergreen High School. At school I was involved in clubs, sports and volunteering, and thought I was an above average student, however I was still rejected by most of the top universities in California. Yet Reid Hillview was a key factor that made my application different from over 99% of all other high school students in the nation which lead to my appointment to the United States Air Force Academy, the same school as former mayor Chuck Reed and former vice mayor Rose Herrera.

Since I was a young child, airplanes flying around my local airport Reid Hillview caught my attention and interest. The Experimental Aviation Association has a chapter at the airport, and they have a Young Eagles program which provides free airplane rides to children between the ages 8 and 17, and those rides often include the chance to sit at the controls and fly the airplane while the pilot sits at a duplicate set of controls to ensure flight safety. On my first Young Eagles flight on September 2009 I discovered my love for flying and therefore pursued opportunities that allowed me to do the thing I loved.

Reid Hillview is home to a squadron of Civil Air Patrol which I became a part of for its aviation opportunities. CAP performs vital search and rescue functions for local law enforcement, as well as other emergency flight functions. It is also a group which helps expose young people to aviation and gives them an opportunity to fly the Civil Air Patrol airplane at greatly reduced rates. It is from this program I developed a duty to serve others with the skills I was learning.

As I grew older I took flight instruction at Trade Winds Aviation and Aerodynamic Aviation at Reid Hillview where I eventually earned my Private Pilot License. Looking back now as a more experienced pilot Reid Hillview was the best airport to learn how to fly due to the complicated air space of the bay area but also because I was getting high level training knowing I would not be delaying a commercial aircraft if I did not feel comfortable executing a landing. Flight training costs quickly get pretty expensive and would be more expensive in larger airports. It helped that I was awarded a \$1000 flight scholarship by the South County Airport Pilot Association during that last round of training before I earned my private pilot license. This airport help develop a form of professionalism that no other class in school or sport could replicate.



Getting back to my dream of being an Air Force Pilot, it wasn't so easy. At first, the Air Force Academy turned me down. But I persisted and was eventually accepted but I believe it was only due to my training at Reid Hillview. I may not have been able to attain this dream if it were not for the close proximity of Reid Hillview Airport and the help I received from local pilots along the way. Reid Hillview airport has had an enormously positive impact on my life, helping give me motivation and positive direction.

My story is just one from the 14,807 rides that EAA Chapter 62 has provided local children, and just one story from a million takeoffs and landings at Reid Hillview airport during the last 7 years. Reid Hillview has trained pilots who bring international and domestic minds into the Silicon Valley, has trained pilots who have performed in multiple war theaters all over the world, has made students interested in the STEM field and will continue to perform this mission as long as you help it keep running. Please keep Reid Hillview airport strong so that it can continue to be such a positive influence on the community for decades to come.

Thank you,

Jose Rocha

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