

My name is Rich Cheatham. I am from Monterey County. I reside in Carmel Valley.

I want to tell you a little bit about how our organization Save our Skies Monterey County came into existence. Basically it is a result of the hard work that was done by Save our Skies Santa Cruz County.

We were not hit with the noise that was battering this area until shortly after Labor Day 2015. We couldn't figure out what was going on. We had moved there like so many other people to a spot that was very desirable, very quiet. Then all of a sudden we find out that we have a super highway of airplanes running over our head.

We found out from the folks here at Save our Skies Santa Cruz what was going on. We found also that our house in Carmel Valley was located right beneath the gnarly point the convergence point of all the planes coming up from the LA area and San Diego and coming southeast from as far as Houston, Phoenix, they are all coming in getting into the SERFR 1 line and then going into SFO.

We live 80 nautical miles away from that. The reason that I raise this issue is because we are not simply talking about the decision beings made here or in the future will impact not simply your areas but have a much wider impact as well. I am talking about Monterey County as well.

We have a tremendous amount of noise where we are and it's all caused by flights on SERFR 1 going into SFO. We didn't have these problems before because of course we were on the BSR 2 set up very much so.

What I am here to do is to encourage the committee to not only listen to the complaints and suggestions of these very fine and talented people who are involved in this, very committed folks involved in Save our Skies Santa Cruz, but to also listen to them in your deliberations. Use their input. Don't just take it and walk away. Get them involved.

You want to avoid the problem of group think where you are all operating off the same assumptions and none of these are challenged. You need people there who are very talented and you've already seen several of them tonight who can give you a great deal of very helpful input.

I would urge you to use that talent in making these decisions. Don't just take their suggestions and their complaints and leave it at that.

So that is what I want to leave you. I am not simply being altruistic about our friends up here in Santa Cruz. This is our rear ends involved as well so I ask you to again to include them in your decisions.

Thank you so much.