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Local Community Survey Finds Strong Support for Reid Hillview Airport

San Jose, CA – A San Jose community group recently asked residents whether they supported or opposed the closing of San Jose's Reid Hillview Airport (RHV). The results of their survey show strong support for keeping the airport open with almost two thirds of respondents opposed to its closing.

Full survey results can be found here:

https://district5united.org/san-jose-2021-community-survey/sj-community-survey-final-results/

Local residents have seen the value of having a community airport available to serve as a fire base (most recently during the devastating SCU complex fires) and to quickly getting personal protective gear to local health care workers as Covid 19 was spreading. Reid Hillview is routinely used by charitable groups to provide no cost private transportation to very ill patients needing specialized medical care and to vulnerable animals seeking new homes.

Many Santa Clara County residents have also learned that Reid Hillview is an indispensable partner with San Jose State University. This is California's only state university providing a four year degree in Aviation Technology, Airport Operations, or a professional flight career. The aviation program would likely have to close if the airport ceased operations.

More information on the effort to keep Reid Hillview Airport open can be found at <u>savereidhillview.org</u>