### Analysis of Menlo Waypoint

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# Airplane Noise Complaints from SFO Director's Report for April 2016 Unique Individuals Filing Reports Filed



48% of unique individuals are from mid-peninsula

51% of reports are from mid-peninsula

# Map of Location for Window over Menlo Waypoint





Average altitude in corridor (grey rectangle) = 5,019 feet Analysis for month of September.



Average altitude in corridor (grey rectangle) = 4,798 feet Analysis for month of September.



Average altitude in corridor (grey rectangle) = 4,452 feet Analysis for month of September.

### Trends over Menlo Waypoint

#### **Total Planes in Window**

West Leg (over peninsula) vs. East Leg (over S.F. bay)



Steady increase in number of airplanes near Menlo waypoint over time.
 Increase comes from air traffic flying over peninsula instead of S.F. Bay

### Trends in Bigsur/Serfr Corridor



General decrease in altitude in the corridor over Menlo waypoint.

> Large increase in concentration in airplanes over Menlo waypoint in 2015.

### Proposed Solutions That Need More Attention

- Route night flights away from populated areas
  - Over the full length of the bay or ocean (northern and southern arrivals)
  - Using higher altitudes
- Move northern arrivals back to east leg of BDEGA route
  Over the bay instead of over land
- Use the southern over the bay flight path (FAITH IAF)
- Distribute solutions over large area
  - Herring bone or trident dispersion
  - Use multiple routes to enter bay area,
    - The BDEGA route consists of two routes and Serfr has only one.
  - Do not disperse by using delayed vectoring

### Summary

• There has been a steady increase in the number of airplanes flying in the area of the Menlo waypoint.

> Move northern arrivals back to over S.F. bay (east leg of Bodega route)

• The average altitude of airplanes in the corridor over the Menlo waypoint have been gradually dropping.

The majority of altitude reduction over Menlo waypoint was in 2015.
 Raise the altitude of airplanes during clear days with visual approach.

• The number of airplanes concentrated into the corridor significantly increased in 2015.

> Introduce additional routes/dispersion (full-length of bay, herring bone)



Average altitude in corridor (grey rectangle) = 4,928 feet Analysis for month of September.

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Average altitude in corridor (grey rectangle) = 4,923 feet Analysis for month of September.



Average altitude in corridor (grey rectangle) = 4,730 feet Analysis for month of September.

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