

**Presentation to Scottsdale City Council Members  
Tuesday, April 5, 2015**

My name is David Szafranski. I'm representing approximately 150 concerned citizens who signed a petition (that has been provided to the council) regarding the flight traffic and subsequent noise and environmental impact of the Scottsdale Airport. I will say a few words, followed by statements from citizens, Peter Guest and John Nolan.

There is a saying, "You Can't Fight, City Hall". We are not here to fight City Hall. We are all part of this community who are concerned for the welfare of our families, impacted by the air traffic of Scottsdale Airport. So we are here today to ask for your help. Our request is a simple one. To place on the agenda a discussion on the impact Scottsdale Airport and the recent changes in flight paths by the FAA over our homes.

We encourage the Scottsdale City Council to discuss:

- Enforcing existing noise abatement procedures currently in place for flights arriving and departing from the Scottsdale Airport
- Commission a noise, health and environmental impact study of the Scottsdale Airport on residents, schools, day care center, and senior citizen centers in and within the flight paths of corporate and commercial jet aircraft of SDL This study would update a 2005 study.
- Conduct a town hall meeting with concerned citizens, Scottsdale Airport authority, FAA representative and Mayor to openly discuss issues and alternatives to mitigate noise from Scottsdale Airport.

Thank you for your time.

David Szafranski

# PETITION

## **ARIZONA CITIZENS FOR QUIET SKIES** **A Petition to the Scottsdale City Council**

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Respectfully Submitted

"We the undersigned, petition the Scottsdale City Council to direct staff to place into a City Council agenda a discussion on behalf of the residents of Scottsdale concerning noise abatement from the Scottsdale airport and the recent flight pattern changes by the FAA over Scottsdale, Arizona."

Signers of petition is attached.  
Electronic PDF of signers is available.

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#	Date Received	First Name	Last Name	City	State	Comment
1	1/19/2016	Alexandra	Duemer	Scottsdale	AZ	
2	1/19/2016	Phillip	Hubbard	Scottsdale	AZ	
3	1/19/2016	Jenifer	Tague	Scottsdale	AZ	
4	1/19/2016	Laura	Jewett	Scottsdale	AZ	
5	1/19/2016	Rich	Elliott	Scottsdale	AZ	
6	1/19/2016	Sandra	Herbert	Scottsdale	AZ	The noise has increased substantially and is unacceptable....
7	1/19/2016	Marilyn	Anderson	Scottsdale	AZ	
8	1/19/2016	Bryson	Fisher	Scottsdale	AZ	
9	1/19/2016	Diana	Krohn	Scottsdale	AZ	
10	1/19/2016	Elizabeth	Munger	Scottsdale	AZ	
11	1/19/2016	Maureen	smith	Scottsdale	AZ	
12	1/19/2016	Allison	Reis	Scottsdale	AZ	
13	1/19/2016	Kent	DeGroff	Scottsdale	AZ	Both the Scottsdale airport and Sky Harbor landing pattern traffic go directly over my house making for constant noise. Scottsdale's is very low and Sky Harbor's is higher. Scottsdale's is really loud.
14	1/19/2016	Jacqueline	Olson	Scottsdale	AZ	Flight paths could be changed to fly south/north Scottsdale Road first, then change paths as they do at LAX Airport. LAX Airport flight paths are to go over the ocean first due to noise levels, then turn once they reach a certain height.
15	1/19/2016	Cheryl	Fehlner	Scottsdale	AZ	
16	1/19/2016	Ann	Baxter	Scottsdale	AZ	
17	1/19/2016	Thomas	Fowler	Scottsdale	AZ	
18	1/19/2016	Mike	Swayda	Scottsdale	AZ	
19	1/19/2016	Dana	Keller	Scottsdale	AZ	This is my neighborhood at Scottsdale/Thunderbird. We've already lost so much of our home value, I'd hate to see the noise issues make it even worse.
20	1/19/2016	Len	Brown	Scottsdale	AZ	It appears the FAA act without any local input as I never received any notification this was happening
21	1/19/2016	Paula	Madland	Scottsdale	AZ	
22	1/19/2016	Dave	Vines	Scottsdale	AZ	Does it really take that much effort to have planes take off and land from the northeast. Please give the residents consideration when making your decisions.
23	1/19/2016	Neal	Tigges	Scottsdale	AZ	Thank You.
24	1/19/2016	Richard	Forbes	Scottsdale	AZ	I have lived here for twenty years in this house in peace and quiet now this!!
25	1/20/2016	Shelee	Swayda	Scottsdale	AZ	They never stop, every two to three minutes. They are too low and too noisy, we can hear them inside the house at night when watching TV.
26	1/20/2016	Richard	Bachman	Scottsdale	AZ	
27	1/20/2016	Jeanne	Weir	Scottsdale	AZ	The noise from Scottsdale airport has decreased our quality of life here. I do not understand how the airport can just go ahead and add flights without consulting the community. Thank you, please do something.
28	1/20/2016	Leslie	Speedie	Scottsdale	AZ	
29	1/20/2016	Wesley	Hawkins	Scottsdale	AZ	
30	1/22/2016	Henry	Kwong	Scottsdale	AZ	
31	1/22/2016	Chris	Hinson MD	Scottsdale	AZ	I work a lot of nights and the noise is especially disturbing while trying to sleep
32	1/22/2016	Lynn	Shepherd	Scottsdale	AZ	We already have the air traffic from Scottsdale Airport, we don't need air traffic from Sky Harbor.
33	1/28/2016	Marilyn	Tigges	Scottsdale	AZ	
34	1/31/2016	Gregory	Martin	Paradise Valley	AZ	The aircraft noise is definitely getting worse due to the changed arrival and departure routes. We are meeting with Guy Phillips of the Scottsdale City Council on Feb. 25 and we can do a community meeting in March if there are 50 people interested. We had one last March with Jim Waring but he did not think it was a problem..... This is election year so the time to do!
35	1/31/2016	Linda	Bliss	Scottsdale	AZ	This change has wrought havoc in my life- the noise disrupting sleep and the day time peace of my home completely shattered.
36	1/31/2016	Glenyss	Lim	Scottsdale	AZ	
37	1/31/2016	Nadine	Alauria	Scottsdale	AZ	Please keep our wonderful neighborhood quiet!-. We didn't buy this house to be in a high-traffic airport path.
38	1/31/2016	Dennis	Burch	Scottsdale	AZ	
39	1/31/2016	Michael	Scarborough	Scottsdale	AZ	

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40	1/31/2016	Corinne	Freedman	Scottsdale	AZ	The intrusion of aircraft flying over my home all day and night has disrupted my quality of life I have come to enjoy here in Scottsdale for over 40 years. The recent aircraft noise both day and night has eroded the quality of life that we previously enjoyed. We can no longer enjoy our backyard and our sleep at night due to the continuous aircraft noise.
41	1/31/2016	Mal	Freedman	Scottsdale	AZ	
42	1/31/2016	Sandra	Lum	Scottsdale	AZ	
43	1/31/2016	Mary	Hudson	Scottsdale	AZ	
44	2/1/2016	Michelle	Monthofer	Scottsdale	AZ	
45	2/1/2016	Marjio	Nolan	Scottsdale	AZ	
46	2/1/2016	Marty	Bowers	Scottsdale	AZ	
47	2/1/2016	Paula	Konieczny	Scottsdale	AZ	
48	2/1/2016	Peter	Guest	Scottsdale	AZ	
49	2/1/2016	Steve	Monthofer	Scottsdale	AZ	
50	2/1/2016	Shaun	Blacker	Scottsdale	AZ	Crazy how often planes are flying over my house. Stop it!
51	2/1/2016	De Lyle	Bloomquist	Scottsdale	AZ	The impact on the quality of life as a result of the new FAA flight paths to us residents of Scottsdale has been dramatic. Not only do we have to contend with the day in day out noise of planes arriving into and leaving PHX, but because of these new flight paths, the Scottsdale airport modified their arrival and departure paths that now allow planes to fly a couple of thousand feet lower as they approach and depart. It is now common to be buzzed by low flying planes 20 to 30 times a day - to the point we don't spend nearly as much time outside as a result. This must be corrected.
52	2/1/2016	Donald	Tyler	Scottsdale	AZ	Because of the tighter flight paths we now have jets that fly directly over our home and actually shake the walls! Flight patterns are definitely not cohesive with an upper middle class family neighborhood.
53	2/1/2016	Steve	German	Scottsdale	AZ	
54	2/1/2016	Stanley	Thomas	Scottsdale	AZ	The noise is unwelcome, annoying and I believe it creates a potential hazard by crossing descending and ascending aircraft.
55	2/1/2016	Damien	faughnan	Scottsdale	AZ	It also has an adverse impact on my property value.
56	2/1/2016	James	Seabold	Phoenix	AZ	Flights landing at Scottsdale airport are literally 100 ft over my house... It's nuts.
57	2/1/2016	Dolly	Kennedy	Phoenix	AZ	
58	2/1/2016	Jim	novosad	Scottsdale	AZ	
59	2/1/2016	John	Moore	Scottsdale	AZ	Jets departing SW should turn immediately to overfly fewer houses. Now they sometimes climb straight out up to 4 miles before turning.  FAA controls when they make their required turn to the NW. FAA needs to clear their turns immediately, and adjust their traffic patterns and practices accordingly.
60	2/2/2016	Shawn	Rost	Scottsdale	AZ	When I bought my house I was assured that the flights will not be after 10pm or before 7am, this is not the case and the fly low over my home regardless of the time and wake my family - this is ridiculous when they have open desert to fly over-the flight plans before need to be resumed-you are flying over a high density area now when there is no need -unless of course people at the FAA and Scottsdale were paid off by the airlines-I am sorry but the all mighty profit for companies should not be the deciding factors that impact a community  The noise actually frightens our horses in addition to humans being annoyed by the constant noise. I tried registering my complaints before and was told I had to send an email on each occasion with the time and direction of each plane. Well, if I didn't have a life I might enjoy sitting in my yard doing that... please stop the noise I have lived here for over 30 years and now it is ridiculous. Havw them fly South over the desert area and canal not over our houses.
61	2/2/2016	Jacqueline	Young	Scottsdale	AZ	Thank you
62	2/2/2016	John	Nolan	Scottsdale	AZ	
63	2/2/2016	Christina	Jackman	Scottsdale	AZ	
64	2/2/2016	Susan	Smyth	Scottsdale	AZ	
65	2/2/2016	Lee	Small	Scottsdale	AZ	
66	2/3/2016	Paul	Carlson	Scottsdale	AZ	Please stop the recent FAA flight path changes over Scottsdale.

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67	2/3/2016	Jan	Voelkel	Scottsdale	AZ	Please return to prior Flight Path ....Stop Flights Over Scottsdale Az
68	2/3/2016	Connie	Moore	Scottsdale	AZ	
69	2/3/2016	frank	Fiaschetti	scottsdale	AZ	Board and ride my horses on Rio Verde. The planes overhead in the Preserve are a distraction and potentially dangerous.
70	2/3/2016	Laree	Perez	Scottsdale	AZ	
71	2/3/2016	ken	lamneck	Scottsdale	AZ	Please return the flight pattern to the way it was. It has greatly affected our quality of life.
72	2/3/2016	Marianne	Lamneck	Scottsdale	AZ	
73	2/4/2016	Jon	simanson	Scottsdale	AZ	the planes are very loud. please consider returning to the previous flight routes. thank you
74	2/4/2016	linda	simanson	Scottsdale	AZ	
75	2/4/2016	Susanne	Beechler	Scottsdale	AZ	Please return the flight patterns to their previous patterns. The airplane noise is very disturbing to my family and the wild life in the area.
76	2/4/2016	Teresa	Allen	Scottsdale	AZ	
77	2/4/2016	Cash	Beechler	Scottsdale	AZ	
78	2/4/2016	Tony	T	Scottsdale	AZ	Why did the FAA change the flight paths to disrupt a large group of homeowners in Scottsdale? I'm pretty sure that the airport is in the same location and prevailing winds are the same. So what is the reason? There was no prior warning or communication of the change. The impact to homeowners under the new flight path is significant, disruptive, and potentially damaging to home values. One of the reasons for buying where we did was for the peace and quiet..... The FAA needs to revert to the old flight path .... NOW.
79	2/4/2016	Choi	Lee	Scottsdale	AZ	
80	2/4/2016	Kevin	McCarthy	Scottsdale	AZ	
81	2/4/2016	Christa	Thompson	Scottsdale	AZ	
82	2/4/2016	Allison	McKinnon	Scottsdale	AZ	
83	2/4/2016	Daniel	McAuliffe	Scottsdale	AZ	Please revert back to old paths. I have not slept a full night through since october 2014. The low roar of these jets is having a negative impact on our community.
84	2/4/2016	Laura	Cook	Scottsdale	AZ	
85	2/4/2016	Georgla	Bliller	Scottsdale	AZ	
86	2/4/2016	Petey	Adams	Scottsdale	AZ	
87	2/4/2016	Dawne	Dolney	Scottsdale	AZ	Not only do we get the air traffic from Sky Harbor but also extreme air traffic from Scottsdale airport (which was not the case pre 2015) We have aircraft flying directly over our house every two to five minutes all day, into the late evening. That equates to a couple hundred per day! There are multiple aircraft flying over at any given time, in opposite directions and at very close proximity to each other. Not only is it dangerous living under this air craft freeway, it is polluting the air all around my neighborhood. I've been woken by aircraft's, including helicopters, at all hours of the night. My health has certainly been affected since I suffer from a traumatic brain injury and this constant jet noise and inability to rest has compounded my condition. Completely unacceptable!
88	2/5/2016	Susan	Kauffman	Scottsdale	AZ	
89	2/5/2016	David	Szafranski	Scottsdale	AZ	The changes made for flights heading inbound to Sky Harbor Airport were not necessary. The change was not communicated to the residents. The impact of these changes has only been negative to the residents/home owners that are in the flight path. Being in the flight path of Scottsdale Airport is bad enough due to the pollution we experience from those flights. But to add the pollution from the flights to Sky Harbor, that just adds insult to injury. Please put the Sky Harbor flights back where they belong....over unpopulated areas.
90	2/5/2016	Ray	Medhus	Scottsdale	AZ	
91	2/5/2016	Elaine	Swanson	Scottsdale	AZ	
92	2/6/2016	Stefan	thompson	Phoenix	AZ	
93	2/10/2016	George	Mikeesh	Scottsdale	AZ	Too much noise. Used to be ALOT quieter. Please reroute around the city, not over it.
94	2/10/2016	Theresa	Hochndael	Phoenix	AZ	
95	2/11/2016	James	alauria	Scottsdale	AZ	After a long work week, I sit outside in my backyard on Saturdays and Sundays. Airplanes fly overhead every 10-15 minutes. This is intolerable.
96	2/24/2016	Steven	Perlmutter	Scottsdale	AZ	

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97	2/24/2016	Melissa	Lison	Scottsdale	AZ	
98	2/24/2016	Nicole	Casey	Scottsdale	AZ	
99	2/24/2016	Nika	Dibb	Scottsdale	AZ	
100	2/25/2016	Anthony	Fuller	Scottsdale	AZ	The trainer planes are especially irritating because of their low altitude and slower speed and constant circling over the neighborhood.
101	2/25/2016	Melissa	Mullen	Scottsdale	AZ	
102	2/25/2016	Timothy	Smith	Scottsdale	AZ	This is absolute political BS. My guess is that the folks that passed this now live in multi-million dollar homes not anywhere near my house, where I've lived for 15 years, but only in the past couple years I frequently can't even hear myself think. BS, BS, BS.
103	2/25/2016	Molly	Wight-Rossi	Scottsdale	AZ	
104	2/25/2016	Jeanette	kahwaji	Scottsdale	AZ	
105	2/25/2016	Rachel	Green	Scottsdale	AZ	
106	2/25/2016	Charlene	Abeyta	Scottsdale	AZ	
107	2/25/2016	Diane	Devlin	scottsdale	AZ	
108	2/25/2016	Linda	Edwards	Scottsdale	AZ	the noise is already unbearable, especially on weekends and events. I would be happy to record the sound in my back yard if anyone is interested.
109	2/25/2016	Susan	Sherwin	Scottsdale	AZ	
110	2/25/2016	David	Verona Sr	Scottsdale	AZ	To have both the Sky Harbor as well as the Scottsdale air traffic flying over the same homes seems like undeserved punishment. What did we do to earn this?? Please at least return the flight paths to the way they were before!
111	2/25/2016	Charlene	Choc	Scottsdale	AZ	
112	2/26/2016	Jill	Burns	Scottsdale	AZ	
113	2/26/2016	Lauren	Barth	Scottsdale	AZ	
114	2/26/2016	Morgan	Matthews	Scottsdale	AZ	
115	2/26/2016	Howard	Baer	Scpttsdale	AZ	Those flights are very disturbing.
116	2/26/2016	Sarah	Perlin	Scottsdale	AZ	
117	2/26/2016	Jessica	Wegener	Phoenix	AZ	
118	2/27/2016	Judy	Borgeson	Scottsdale	AZ	We bought our home here, knowing the airport was here. It was not a problem at all until recently that they are letting the big jets fly out of here. I feel like we are next to Sky Harbor.
119	2/28/2016	Lisa	Shay	Scottsdale	AZ	
120	2/29/2016	Emily	Bergquist	Phoenix	AZ	
121	2/29/2016	karin	purcell	Scottsdale	AZ	
122	3/2/2016	THOMAS	ROBINSON	Scottsdale	AZ	
123	3/3/2016	Beth	Payson	Scottsdale	AZ	
124	3/7/2016	Kris	Gessner	Scottsdale	AZ	
125	3/14/2016	Elizabeth	Szafranski	Scottsdale	AZ	I can no longer sit in my back yard and enjoy the outdoors as I used to because of the planes flying overhead; it's even difficult to hear my television and/or music playing on the radio. Why are the planes now flying over my home so frequently? This did not use to happen so often! Why have you let them change their take-off and landing pattern? This must stop. The noise level is truly bad and at times so loud I find myself ducking waiting for the crash. I'm sure that won't happen but it is really disturbing and way too often. We have only lived here 6 years but the increase is significant of planes overhead. Please listen to our complaints and take appropriate action. Thank you.
126	3/19/2016	Susan	Robinson	Scottadale	AZ	
127	3/19/2016	Daniel	Lee	Scottsdale	AZ	
128	3/19/2016	Julie	Van Lieshout	Phooenix	AZ	
129	3/21/2016	lauren	wiener	Paradise Valley	AZ	
130	3/24/2016	Margaret	Kichler	scottsdale	AZ	
131	3/25/2016	Jerry	Byrd	Scottsdale	AZ	
132	3/28/2016	Matthew	Welch	Scottsdale	AZ	Please do not allow the financial motivations of some ruin the enjoyment of the community and homeowners who chose to live in Scottsdale because of the beauty it has to offer within such a metropolitan environment.
133	3/28/2016	Gerald	Berg	Scottsdale	AZ	
134	3/29/2016	Kirk	Jenkins	Scottsdale	AZ	I have witnessed increased noise Scottsdale Airport and increased traffic with the new fly path changes at Sky Harbor

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135	3/29/2016	Kathy	DeAngelis	Scottsdale	AZ	We bought our house because it is quiet. Please help us keep Scottsdale quiet and desirable. Thank you. The constant air traffic from Scottsdale & Sky Harbor airports is disruptive and diminishes the property values of our homes. If Scottsdale is supposed to be one of the "most livable cities", then keep the airplanes out. I am tired of seeing the landing gear on private jets, and the constant commercial airline traffic over my house.
136	3/29/2016	Katie	Welch	Scottsdale	AZ	
137	3/29/2016	Marilyn	Budolfson	Scottsdale	AZ	
138	3/29/2016	Brian	Tully	Scottsdale	AZ	
139	3/30/2016	Rick	German	Scottsdale	AZ	
140	4/1/2016	Dennis	Downing	Scottsdale	AZ	
141	4/1/2016	Karen	Weimer	Scottsdale	AZ	
142	4/1/2016	Herb	Genung	Scottsdale	AZ	The major increase in air traffic noise on our property is not tolerable. NexGen's changes have the commercial jets to Sky Harbor crisscrossing over our residence which sounds like an "18 wheeler, engine braking" every 3-5 minutes. This new plan also has the smaller jets from Scottsdale Airport taking a much lower ceiling when taking off which adds additional much louder noise. Just because the noise decibel level of 85 is not considered harmful to our hearing, it is harmful to our well being and outdoor life style. We purposely purchased and lived in our house (over 25 years), to enjoyed the residential peace and solitude which has now be assaulted from the air, without input or recourse. Herb and Ava Genung
143	4/1/2016	Todd	DeAngelis	Scottsdale	AZ	When we bought our house, we had quiet skies. Now there an airplane highway right over our house and it's loud. First jet flies over just after six am and it goes on all day and into the night. We want our quiet skies back.
144	4/2/2016	Clinton	Beasley	Scottsdale	AZ	
145	4/2/2016	Natalie	LaP7	Scottsdale	AZ	
146	4/4/2016	Kristin	Ryan	Scottsdale	AZ	Scottsdale Airpark was a small airport for private planes when I bought my house 21 years ago. It is becoming a second Sky Harbor and is shattering the solitude in our neighborhood. Please block the FAA changes to the commercial flight paths.

