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Alameda City Hall
City Council Members
2263 Santa Clara Avenue
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RE: ASTRA SPACE, INC. PROPERTY NEGOTIATIONS

Dear City of Alameda Council Members:

Please discontinue any lease contract the City of Alameda has with Astra Space, Inc. and do not sell them property. They are a terrible neighbor. They act like there is no residential neighborhood near their facility. They are a noise-, air- and light-polluter. I am confident their business practices would not be tolerated in an Alameda neighborhood other than the historically underserved West End.

I have made three complaints to the Alameda Police Department regarding Astra's excessive construction and operations noise levels occurring into the late evening hours. On three occasions within the last month alone, they have been conducting noisy tests or operations at 9:35 pm, 9:45 pm and even 11:00pm.

There are large plumes of smoke or vapors that are released from Astra's facility when they perform their tests. This has previously been reported to City of Alameda by one of my former neighbors who copied me on the email thread. The city employee who received his email replied by basically telling him not to believe his lying eyes – that what he was observing was probably coming from one of the ships in the bay or estuary. I have seen the plumes of whatever it is being released from Astra's facility and I want to know if there has been any testing of what is being released into the air we breathe and if that information will be shared with the public. Or are we going to allow them to just continue releasing whatever it is with no checks in place?

The amount of light they emit from their facility at night requires that I use black out blinds and is likely disruptive to wildlife migratory patterns. They should install window blinds to prevent the light from pouring out of their windows at nighttime and they should point the bright floodlights by their entryway down at the ground instead of pointing them into the windows of the residential neighborhood near their facility.

The rumbling of the ground that happens during their testing feels like earthquakes and is very worrisome. Flocks of birds are disturbed and fly off when the testing begins. Also, I have deep concerns about the potential for negative impacts to the foundational structures and water supply systems for our homes and for the stability of our soil/bay fill that Alameda Point is built on. Has anyone studied what the flooding implications of these deep vibrations coupled with sea level rise could mean for our neighborhood's future?

On a personal level, my quality of life and the enjoyment of my property has diminished since Astra began occupying the property near my home. My neighbors complain about these problems as well and my house guests have commented that it is surprising that the city would permit Astra to operate their loud, disruptive tests so close to a residential neighborhood. And on a larger scale, I believe that the City of Alameda, by continuing to lease or by selling property to Astra, would be acting hypocritically considering the broad themes of the city's General Plan. Allowing Astra to remain at their current location would contradict three of the four themes of the General Plan: Equity (the West End being treated with lower

regard than other more affluent Alameda neighborhoods), Environment (their operations are potentially having significant negative environmental impacts) and Character (instead of preserving our character, we would be selling our soul for a few extra bucks).

I feel it is inappropriate for Astra to operate adjacent to a residential neighborhood. A full environmental impact report should be conducted prior to lease renewal or allowing them to purchase property because they have not given any indication that they will take it upon themselves to act in our community's best interest. What a tragedy it would be for my neighbors or me to suffer loss to property value or, more importantly, experience any poor health or quality of life outcomes due to Astra conducting business practices that don't appear to respect people or the environment.

Sincerely,

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Other neighbors who agree with the content of this letter:

Name	Address (number & street only)	Signature
Christina Liadis	1726 Main St.	<i>Christina Liadis</i>
Rowan Brooks	147 Cypress St.	<i>Rowan Brooks</i>
Shanti Narruhn	1782 MAIN ST.	<i>Shanti Narruhn</i>
Aaron Lynn	1728 Main St	<i>Aaron Lynn</i>
<i>Ellen Bradley</i>	1712 2nd St	<i>Ellen Bradley</i>
<i>Michael Killian</i>	1800 Main St.	<i>Michael Killian</i>
Susanne Renner RICHARD RENNER	115 Cypress St. 115 CYPRESS ST	<i>Susanne Renner</i> <i>Richard Renner</i>
Julie Hoffman	104 Cypress St	<i>Julie Hoffman</i>