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FYI.

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Andrew Thomas, Erin Garcia, Sheffield Hale.

I live at 111 Central Ave. in Alameda just across the street from Astra Space. Sometimes I even see their rocket from my front window! Too cool!

Astra is an excellent neighbor and I'm so thrilled to have them at Alameda Point.

I have taken their factory tour twice and I'm looking forward to seeing them grow. They do excellent work, are talented and friendly people and contrary to what some might immediately assume that a rocket company must certainly be disruptive, there is nothing further from the truth. On Central near Pacific where I live the fire truck, ambulance, vehicle traffic, and flight path from Oakland International Airport are FAR MORE DISRUPTIVE than Astra. (Don't even mention the weekend loud and obnoxious car traffic for whatever those people are doing out on The Point!)

It's great that Astra is bringing more jobs to Alameda and that they are doing much-needed cleaning up of The Point and repurposing the buildings therefore making the area safer. The Point has been vacant for far too long. Astra is doing such positive work. It's great to see The Point used in such a manner

Again, the engine testing operations are quite benign. I'm never concerned or worried about my safety or the safety of my house or the neighborhood.

Please consider my comments for this evening's public hearing.

Regards,

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