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**From:** [Laurie Spindler](#)  
**To:** [cacsecretary \(@caltrain.com\)](#)  
**Subject:** PLEASE READ: Excessive LATE NIGHT + EARLY MORNING Train Horn Noise – Request for Compliance Review (Potrero Hill, SF)  
**Date:** Monday, November 24, 2025 12:27:35 PM

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Hello, there,

My name is Laurie and I am 20+ year resident in Potrero Hill living near 16th & Mississippi Street in San Francisco, and I'm writing to ask for your help regarding very loud and lengthy late-night and early morning train horn noise (past midnight, another at 4:45am PT! And 5:45am PT!) in this residential area. This appears to be a new situation from months and years before. Our neighborhood is no longer just commercial - but is very residential with families - and it's impacting our ability to sleep and rest.

I fully understand and respect Caltrain's safety obligations, but I'm requesting the following:

1. A compliance review to confirm that engineers operating late-night trains in this area are adhering to the FRA horn rule, including the minimum necessary decibel level and required pattern/duration.
2. An inspection of the 16th/Mississippi crossing to ensure there are no gate or signal malfunctions that would force engineers to use their horns more aggressively.
3. A review of any operational factors (e.g., night work, special procedures, unnecessary "courtesy horns") that may be contributing to increased horn use after 10pm.
4. If possible, clarification on whether any temporary operational changes are causing the spike in nighttime horn sound levels and early mornings too (well past midnight, 4:45AM, and 5:45AM).

Please consider this a formal request to investigate and address any avoidable or non-essential horn use at this location.

Thank you very much for your attention and for any updates you can share. I'm happy to provide even more detail if that's helpful.

Sincerely,

Laurie Spindler

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