

# City Council Comment, 02.18.26

**My name is James Funk, a longtime resident of Martinez, and I make this statement and query as a matter of public record, and will post a video of my appearance here online.**

**While this issue doesn't specifically relate to Martinez, it does generally, as it affects the air, soil, sunlight and the weather, and does so seemingly all across the world, and for many years, so I'm asking this council to make this issue its business.**

**I refer to the visible and persistent trails left behind by jets on certain and many days for at least the last 25-30 years, and which unmistakably cause what would otherwise be blue skies to gradually become silver white, as the trails spread out and join together.**

**Referred to officially as 'stratospheric aerosol injections,' a component of 'geoengineering', they are said to be made up of metallic nanoparticles able to remain airborne for a long period of time and to reflect a % of sunlight back away from the Earth's surface, so it might remain cooler, to offset climate change, a process known as 'dimming.'**

**I first noticed these trails while on a Lake Tahoe ski lift around 1998, where I watched them get left behind jets in crossing patterns over the Sierra, creating large Xs and squares, which persisted for hours and gradually joined together to create a greyish-white overcast, and this now a routine occurrence.**

**As even a casual viewing makes clear, these are not condensation trails, *contrails*, which are very tight lines of ice crystals from jet exhaust that happen in the frigid air of extreme altitude and *always dissipate completely* a few miles after a plane passes, melting in the sunlight.**

**They are also, just as obviously, not clouds, and though routinely and bizarrely denied or ignored by most; civilians, media, and public servants alike, neither are they 'conspiracy theory.'**

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**They are plainly evident over all of our heads many days a year, all over the world, with many documentaries made about, and many scientific conferences discussing them over many years.**

**Beyond their obvious existence, which significantly and now regularly ruins blue sky days, the trails are said by many sober, credentialed sources to contain various toxic substances known to cause illness, like aluminum and other metals, and to be hugely harmful to the natural world.**

**There's nothing far-fetched about this now longstanding practice other than the public never having been informed about it, and the absence of public debate or votes taken about it, and the routine dismissal of it as conspiracy theory, and the disparagement of those who mention this elephant in the skies, known informally as 'chemtrails', is likewise bizarre.**

**To conclude, I would like this council to make it its business to educate itself on this matter, and to then bring it to the attention of both the county board and the state legislature, officially, and to obtain a response about who or what authorizes this spraying; what exactly is in the trails; who is spraying them; how are they being paid for; what are their consequences to health and to nature, and;**

*how is it that this has happened, for decades, without public approval?*

**Thank you for your time, and I'd like to know officially if the board or one of its members will take this on?**