

Mr. Perez, Commissioners and Staff- Regarding Perris Airport Logistics Center PLN 22-05046, DPR 22-00005, CUP 23-05107

My name is Melanie Conatser, I am the co-owner and manager of the Perris Valley Public Airport (L-65) and I am opposed the project as proposed and here are a few examples of EIR concerns.

The name of the project is a misnomer and misleading. It has nothing to do with the Airport owned by my family and we take objection to how this project is being presented to the public in that regard.

We have reviewed the Initial Study and are prepared to provide comments to the Summary of Findings. Highlighting our specific concerns and requests for an in-depth analysis in the EIR for continued safe airport and parachuting operations.

6.9.e Hazards– We agree with this finding of “potentially significant impact”. The proposed structures and overall proposed development will generate new and significant safety hazards. Including thermal heating from the abundance of pavement, wind turbulence across the runway and parachute landing areas. We fear the effect on aircraft operations and even to a greater degree to the safety of parachute landings. This will be detrimental to the safety of our customers, the future of Skydive Perris and the airports livelihood.

- We engaged with a world renown specialist in fluid dynamics to analysis the impacts from wind & turbulence specific to the size and scope of this project.
- We have a team of industry experts to provide additional experience and findings.
- We ask that our wind analysis study and our expert opinions be included in the EIR.

6.11.b Land Use Planning – We agree with this finding of “potentially significant impact”. The Airport is recognized as a vital component of the City's comprehensive land use plans. The Airport, of 90 years, and the types of aviation activity that occur here represent a land use that has been accepted by the community, and from which the community has benefited.

- Thru contributions from employment to airport patrons bringing revenue to the local and surrounding communities.
- Also, alternative land uses for the land proposed for this development that are compatible with existing surrounding land uses --should all be important when looking at the Land Use Planning in the EIR.

6.15.e Public Services – We do not agree with the finding of “less than significant impact”. We consider this to be a “potentially significant impact” .

The Airport is open to the public and is not solely used by us as owners. We are defined by the FAA as a “Public Use Airport” and serving the Public in every way. From the thousands of people who come to skydive from around the world, general aviation, ultralight aircraft and balloons. The airport is often a location used by the City, Chamber, Rotary and for fundraising events.

6.16.b Recreation -- We agree that this finding is of “potentially significant impact”, but in the Initial Study it discounts the effect of the project on the airport as a neighboring recreational facility.

Skydive Perris is, without question, a recreational facility. The Airport provides a place of recreational activity for pilots, skydivers, ultralight pilots, and aviation enthusiasts in general. Our indoor skydiving facility is licensed as a “Permanent Amusement Ride” by Cal OSHA.

6.21. and 6.21.c Mandatory Findings of Significance – We agree with these findings of “potentially significant impact.”

Economic impacts, apparently is not included as a specific category for analysis in the EIR, we believe it *should not be avoided* in the analysis because they are important considerations.

- The adverse impacts on the Airport generated by the proposed development will diminish revenue to local businesses, in the City of Perris, our surrounding communities, detrimental to the airport businesses and its 160 seasonal annual employees due to decreased aviation activity.
- Skydive Perris is an approved and authorized DOD provider, we have earned the opportunity to provide military training and services to our own US military as well as many allied nations. To be a part of military preparedness, defending our county and our freedoms is a responsibility we are proud of and take very serious.

Above all, the safety-related aspects that we have mentioned previously can and will have substantial adverse impacts on human lives. While the sport of Skydiving has inherent, but manageable risks associated with it, the addition of unpredictable wind vectors caused by the proposed project adds another level of risk that could result in injury or death. These **invisible** safety issues that are being solely introduced through the implementation of the proposed development must be addressed in the EIR.

Thank you for this opportunity to offer these comments as part of the scoping process for the draft EIR. We will be submitting written comments with more detail on or before November 20<sup>th</sup>, for the EIR scope of work.

The proposed development genuinely adversely affects the continued viability of our family's Airport and business, which has been a staple in this community for the last 90 years. We are determined to be here for the next 90 years and longer.

Respectfully,

Melanie Conatser

