

From: [Kate Cooper-Jensen](#)
To: [Nathan Perez](#)
Cc: [Melanie Conatser](#)
Subject: Perris Airport Logistics center
Date: Friday, October 27, 2023 12:53:30 PM

Dear Mr. Perez,

My name is Kathryn Cooper-Jensen. I grew up in Virginia and graduated from The college of William and Mary in 1982 with a degree in geology. I am an inducted member of the international Skydiving Hall of Fame and co-owner of P3 Skydiving LLC. P3 (Perris Performance Plus) organizes many large skydiving events every year. I have also owned and operated Square One Parachute Sales and Service which employed many members of the community while providing top level access to the best and safest skydiving equipment worldwide.

I first visited Skydive Perris in 1982 after working my way cross country looking for the best skydiving location in the USA to put down my roots. The Conatser family welcomed me warmly.

Even back then skydivers from all over Southern California, the US and across the globe came to Perris to enjoy the beautiful skies, amazing facilities, the best fleet of skydiving aircraft in the world and the wide open, undisturbed landing area. The few other skydiving operations who offer this level of service to their clients are very remote and far away from other necessary facilities like hotels, restaurants, etc. Perris airport is unique in this way. Over the last 40 years Skydive Perris has continued to grow and now regularly welcomes military units from the UK, Germany, Canada and the US as well as hosts many of the largest sport skydiving events in the world. Skydive Perris brings thousands of visitors who spend weeks in Perris and the local area every year.

I met my fiance (now husband of 17 years) while skydiving and he emigrated from Denmark so we could build a life near Perris. We own property and a house near to the airport and enjoy hosting friends from all over the world who come to Perris specifically to enjoy the world class facilities.

Over the years my colleagues and I have organized many skydiving records, including multiple world records with participants from 25 + countries. They travel to Perris and spend thousands per person on food, accomodations, fuel and shopping for loved ones back home.

As i understand it the developments proposed in the Perris Airport Logistics Center will, without question, frequently cause dangerous mechanical turbulence on the Perris Airport runway and parachute landing area. The National Weather Service defines mechanical turbulence as:

"Friction between the air and the ground, especially irregular terrain and

man-made obstacles, causes eddies and therefore turbulence in the lower levels. The intensity of this eddy motion depends on the strength of the surface wind, the nature of the surface and the stability of the air."

It is physically impossible not to have mechanical turbulence on the downwind side of obstacles. The severity of the turbulence is determined by the speed of the wind, the height of the obstacles and the distance from the obstacles. The buildings as proposed, with any significant wind, will create mechanical turbulence on both the Perris Airport runway and in the skydiver landing areas. The buildings are so large and close to the airport that depending on the wind direction this mechanical turbulence will be felt on the entire northern half of the runway and across the parachute landing area. The winds at the Perris Airport are frequently out of the west and depending on the speed of those winds will make the runway and landing area unsafe. These unsafe conditions will unquestionably have a very negative effect on skydiving and aviation activities at the Perris Airport.

The special forces military units who train at Skydive Perris perform dangerous, national security missions. They need the safest location possible to train. They come to Perris because it a complete facility which offers that degree of safety to them. If the new developments go up as proposed Perris airport will no longer be the safest location and they will have to look elsewhere to conduct this critical training. The same will be true of the sport skydiving activities. Skydive Perris specializes in hosting large formation skydiving events. At these events there are in excess of 200 skydivers jumping at once. They use all available landing area to safely do this. If the proposed developments are constructed as proposed it will no longer be safe for this level of activity.

If the proposed developments are constructed as planned the nearly 50 year legacy the Conatser family has built in Perris could come to an end. Skydive Perris, known around the world by both military and sport skydivers, will no longer be able to operate to this level. The thousands of visitors who come to Perris and the surrounding area will find another location most likely in another state.

I ask you to strongly consider the facts and the negative impacts the development as proposed will cause. The City of Perris, the surrounding communities, the one hundred people who work on the airport and US and allied military units who protect our freedoms and way of life implore you.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Cooper-Jensen

Sent from my iPad