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Subject: Re: Scoping Meeting for parcels adjacent to Skydive Perris
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Nathan Perez
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Dear Mr. Perez,

I am a skydiver who has been jumping at Perris Valley Paracenter since shortly after it opened in the late 70's. Since then it has been my home dropzone until I semi-retired from the sport in 2021. And since I am a cameraflyer, it has been a source of income for me, as well as for many hundreds of others over the decades who have provided professional services there.

These people include a myriad of various, specialized professionals such as managers, pilots, aircraft mechanics, maintenance personnel, skydiving instructors, parachute riggers and packers, support staff, grounds people, photographer / videographers, restaurant workers, Square One employees (new equipment & rentals store), in addition to many general purpose employees. For many of these people Skydive Perris has become their primary source of income, and thus have homes in Perris and in nearby communities.

If the buildings are constructed as proposed - they will negatively impact the safety of the skydivers due to the turbulent winds conditions they're expected to produce. I'm sure you're already aware that this is a major concern. If not - it should be. And if this is the case, Skydive Perris will cease to exist and hundreds of people will not only lose their jobs, but be forced to move out of Perris and relocate to other cities to seek employment. And it doesn't just affect the people who are directly in the employ of Skydive Perris. Every year thousands of skydivers from all over the world flock to Perris for a number of high-profile skydiving events such as world and state records as well as "big-way camps" where Perris supplies the planes, facilities and the instructors to train skydivers from all over the world. For many years, Perris drop zone has been a vibrant and extremely-useful facility for our military to safely and effectively train their soldiers in aerial operations. In addition to that, over the decades Perris has been a key source for the filming / production of hundreds of television commercials and major motion pictures, utilizing numerous high profile filmmakers and production personnel.

My point is:

The impact of these examples if lost - in aggregate, including local taxes - means the loss of hundreds of thousands of dollars annually from the City of Perris. These

people support numerous local business when they visit Perris which include local restaurants, motels, shops & stores, real estate, various business services, movie theaters, to name a few. These are people who will have their lives uprooted: people whose income has been a major support of the local commerce of the City of Perris. Not to mention the increase cost deducted annually from the city's general funds when repairing and upgrading the roads that will be negatively-impacted by the considerable increase in local traffic from tractor trailers.

Is there a reasonable alternative?

I've always supported the growth of private business, since the growth and expansion of the city is dependent upon it. But doesn't the overall picture change when the cost includes the loss of revenue when another private business - a significant one that has greatly contributed for decades - is deducted from those numbers? So my ideas are concerned *not* with the opposition of the construction of the commercial buildings proposed - but *where and how* they are erected. So my question to begin with is: have you and the planning commission discussed at length - with the builders - how BOTH the proposed buildings AND Skydive Perris could co-exist by the builders considering and agreeing to relocate the structure sites - and/or altering the design of the structures - therefore minimizing the potential resultant turbulent wind impact? Was the question of jumper's safety a consideration and discussed? If so, what was the conclusion?

I thank you, sir, for your time in reading and responding to my email. I am hoping that the City of Perris looks hard at not just the acquisition of new revenue and taxes via a new private business, but also by factoring in the significant *reduction* of revenue and jobs from the loss of a major private enterprise who has supported your city so well for many decades.

Sincerely,
Randy Forbes