

FROM THE DESK OF

Robert V. Lewis

November 20, 2023

Mr. Nathan Perez
City of Perris Planning Dept.
135 North D Street
Perris, CA 92570

Dear Mr. Perez,

Re: PLN 22-05046, DPR 22-0005, CUP 23-05107

Please consider this letter when submitting your Safety and Environmental Impact study to the council.

Any waivers or changes that negatively affect the safety environment surrounding the runway 15-33, the "clean-air" parachute final descent corridors, or that further restricts the current flight safety margins at Perris Valley Airport L-65 should be rejected. The current urban growth proposal which involves the construction and placement of large vertical structures (buildings) within the current "one to seven cone of safety" should be rejected, or tabled until further studies can be completed regarding such unknowns as wind vortices and sheer events. The number of aircraft take-offs/landings can be multiplied by as many as twenty individual parachute descents, a large percentage being military and civilian students. Parachuting/skydiving is extraordinarily safe but still inherently dangerous, therefore, any changes that may potentially impart an adverse safety impact must be examined thoroughly prior to implementation.

I also ask, as a historian, Ambassador for the International Skydiving Museum and author, that you also consider the impact on the Perris cultural and business community as well as the city's international visibility should Perris Airport be forced to curtail some, or all, of its large military and/or civilian world class events.

While safety is my foremost concern in sending out this letter to you, the future of this ninety year old airport and of Perris Valley Skydiving's continuing international preeminence in military and sport parachuting is also of vital importance to many. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely yours,

Robert V. Lewis

World Parachutist Organization
<http://parachutists.org>

321 N. 700W Cedar City, UT 84721 (435) 590-5239 lewisrobertv@gmail.com