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Dear Mr. Perez, I understand that you're one of the planners for the city who's involved with the fate of Skydive Perris as far as the commercial construction around the drop zone is concerned.

I know the business is business and commerce is commerce and everyone wants the City of Perris to grow and prosper. And I believe that people who own land privately should be able to develop their land as they see fit. That's what private ownership is about.

Unfortunately in this particular case the warehouse development will have a negative impact upon other private owners - and will in this case cause the downfall and destruction of a well-known, well-operated and very well-loved local business.

Skydive Perris is a privately owned business that will no longer be able to operate if the upcoming warehouse construction goes forward as planned. You're probably aware by now of the problems with the runways and the interference with the commercial warehouses.

A long-owned family business that affects many citizen (and taxpayers) in Perris will have to close. It's not just losing a property tax payer as far as the city is concerned, it's also losing an entity which creates tourism, jobs and special events such as fundraisers for handicapped people that will be lost to the city forever. It's also a drop zone that's been home to national championship events and world records in the sport of skydiving. Skydivers are from all walks of life and all professions. Most of us are responsible adults who are educated, employed and care about our communities and their cultures.

I hope someone will tell you about the "Becca Boogie" that was just held recently. It was a fundraiser for a young woman who is a quadriplegic. There is a young man, a wheelchair athlete, who lives around the corner from the drop zone who has had his life changed by becoming a part of this skydiving community. Closing this drop zone would be devastating for him.

I hope that you will search your heart... And not just look at the profit and loss, "who can generate the most tax revenue" as you consider this case. Like you, I do believe the private owners have the right to develop their own land. But perhaps not at the expense of putting another private owner permanently out of business.

I'm not sure what can be done in behalf of Skydive Perris in this case, Mr. Perez. But hundreds of people who are freefall skydivers like myself have been so impacted by the people and the culture of this business... and it is my hope and prayer that something good can come out of it where this drop zone can stay open and continue to function for us from many years.

Thank you for taking the time to read my email and consider my thoughts.

Very sincerely yours,
Katie McVey

