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Your Community Impact Statement Submittal - Council File Number: 21-0002-S13

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A Neighborhood Council Community Impact Statement (CIS) has been successfully submitted to your Commission or City Council. We provided information below about CISs and attached a copy of the CIS.

We encourage you to reach out to the Community Impact Statement Filer to acknowledge receipt and if this Community Impact Statement will be scheduled at a future meeting. Neighborhood Council board members are volunteers and it would be helpful if they received confirmation that you received their CIS.

The CIS process was enabled by the Los Angeles Administrative Code §Section 22.819. It provides that, "a Neighborhood Council may take a formal position on a matter by way of a Community Impact Statement (CIS) or written resolution." NCs representatives also testify before City Boards and Commissions on the item related to their CIS. If the Neighborhood Council chooses to do so, the Neighborhood Council representative must provide the Commission with a copy of the CIS or resolution sufficiently in advance for review, possible inclusion on the agenda, and posting on the Commission's website. Any information you can provide related to your agenda setting schedule is helpful to share with the NC.

If the CIS or resolution pertains to a matter *listed on the Commission's agenda*, during the time the matter is heard, the designated Neighborhood Council representative should be given an opportunity to present the Neighborhood Council's formal position. We encourage becoming familiar with the City Council's rules on the subject. At the Chair's discretion, the Neighborhood Council representative may be asked to have a seat at the table (or equivalent for a virtual meeting) typically reserved for City staff and may provide the Neighborhood Council representative more time than allotted to members of the general public. They are also permitted up to five (5) minutes of time to address the legislative body. If the CIS or resolution pertains to a matter *not listed on the agenda*, the designated Neighborhood Council representative may speak during General Public Comments.

We share this information to assist you with the docketing neighborhood council items before your board/commission. If you have questions and/or concerns, please contact the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment at empowerla@lacity.org.

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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(10) Nay(0) Abstain(1) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

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Summary: Dear Los Angeles City Council: We are residents and stakeholders of the Arleta Neighborhood Council in the San Fernando Valley; a broad-spectrum of representatives from our area of Arleta, which is the next door neighbor to Pacoima. We are just one mile west of Whiteman Airport. We have each long considered Whiteman Airport a valuable asset to our community in the San Fernando Valley. We do not wish to see it closed down or the property converted to some other kind of use. This airport is now, and also will be in the future, an asset that should remain intact and growing for aeronautical use in our part of the City and for the greater-good of the County of Los Angeles

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CALIFORNIA**ARLETA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

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ARLETA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
Community Impact Statement

January 21, 2025

RE: Council File 21-0002-S13 and 20-1538

Dear Los Angeles City Council:

We are residents and stakeholders of the Arleta Neighborhood Council in the San Fernando Valley; a broad-spectrum of representatives from our area of Arleta, which is the next door neighbor to Pacoima. We are just one mile west of Whiteman Airport. We have each long considered Whiteman Airport a valuable asset to our community in the San Fernando Valley. We do not wish to see it closed down or the property converted to some other kind of use. This airport IS now, and also will be in the future, an asset that should remain intact and growing for aeronautical use in our part of the City and for the greater-good of the County of Los Angeles.

Yes, the current runway still needs to be improved, but this will better serve not only for the use of current, small aircraft, but also will continue to serve for the purpose of this space being able to accommodate any kind of emergency cargo vehicles that FEMA or any other help-agency needs for assisting during area emergencies, for bringing in and distributing emergency supplies to our area of the City and County. For years this regional airport has served as a staging area, available to accommodate emergency vehicles and emergency services for both the County of Los Angeles and for this region of the City of Los Angeles. Let us keep this asset functional for such services.

Also, the future is at our doorstep with the current development of "air-taxi services" for quickly transporting commuters and business people across the City to all different distribution points of business and commerce. The new technology in development uses electric, vertical take-off and landing vehicles that contribute little or no pollution to the air quality nor do they pose an excessive sound issue. This airport space is a prime commodity in this region for promoting a hub for air-taxi service development in this area of our Valley. This would make this location a cherished center of commerce - centered-around its already air-traffic themed use. This is the exact kind of space that will be required to help see the air-taxi industry move into full swing within our city. There are not many spaces as prime as this location is for aeronautical development. The site will promote many opportunities of employment in the local community, as well as attracting higher-end businesses that would gladly build their better services into what is now just surrounding industrial parcels. Maintaining airport services here in this area makes good business-sense and good sense for future-looking development of commerce surrounding this facility in our part of the Valley.

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Also, there are many programs of community outreach and programs that serve in ways that encourage young people to get trained for employment in the many aspects of a skilled aerospace workforce; employment skills that are required to develop and keep the aerospace industry running at an efficient level. A thriving airport here will provide good-paying job opportunities, not only for young people, but available for everyone in our surrounding community.

The majority of people who gave input and spoke-out during the open-to-the-public CAC meetings for Re-envisioning Whiteman Airport, spoke toward the **benefits** that Whiteman Airport brings - and spoke to encourage **keeping the airport functioning** and to improve it and the surrounding property with additional developments as a functioning airport facility.

Those who spoke against the airport at these meetings, repeated the very same phrases and rhetoric that the paid "lobbyist group", Pacoima Beautiful has been pushing all during this evaluation process. We heard all kinds of derogatory remarks about the people who use this airport. We also repeatedly heard the phrase being used that the airport itself was "racist", because of the airport carrying the name of the original Valley owner of the property. Mr. "Whiteman" built the first airfield on-site with long-term vision, to encourage development within the County to expand into the near-by San Fernando Valley. The dissenting group who spoke at these meetings continuously addressed issues that CAN be fixed and about issues that are ALREADY in the process of being remedied. They spoke as if nothing good can ever come out of continuing to improve this long-standing airport asset within our community. We believe that their views are "short-sighted" regarding the long-term goals of seeing better things develop in this region of Los Angeles County.

We believe in a long-term goal of continuing to improve the resources of Whiteman Airport. Please make plans to bring-in the developing, new aerospace commerce (among them, air-taxi services) that are now "in the works"; that is the right move forward. We, as a Neighborhood Council are not at-all "short-term thinkers", but rather, we are vested in seeing long-term improvement in our community. LONG-TERM -- It will be a smart choice to keep Whiteman Airport functioning and to make any needed improvements there as a vital part of the best plan for helping our Los Angeles County to prosper and grow.

Respectfully Submitted by community citizens,
and the Arleta Neighborhood Council

(cc: Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors)

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