

## Concerned Residents Against Airport Pollution

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#### 1. **SM Task Force on the Environment Meeting.**

November 15<sup>th</sup> meeting: once again the item regarding the communication between the Environmental Task Force and the Santa Monica City Council was put off to a future City Council meeting date. It was not made clear when the exact meeting date would be. The December 14<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting was mentioned as likely, but apparently this item is not scheduled on the City Council agenda for the upcoming meeting. I'll keep you posted when I learn more.

**Next meeting: Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2004**

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### 2. **SM Airport Commission Meeting.**

Because of technical difficulties setting up for a Power Point presentation, Item 2: Presentation by the Santa Monica Police Department Regarding Law Enforcement Helicopter Support & Operations was postponed till the next meeting which will be January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2005.

I would like to note that at this meeting and the October meeting, the microphone that the public uses for comment did not seem to be working properly, if at all, and audience members had difficulty hearing all who spoke from there. I do not know if the audio tapes of the meetings are picking up the sound from the public microphone.

Taking up most of the meeting time was the item under Old Business: Presentation of the Site Access and Circulation Plan for the new Santa Monica College Bundy Campus. After reports by Airport Staff and Santa Monica College were given, public comment was taken. The next set of minutes should describe this item and the vote by the Commission in more detail. I think that we will be hearing much more about this in the coming months. Stay tuned.

**Next meeting: Monday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2005.**

### 3. **LAX Update.**

The Los Angeles City Council voted 12-3 to move ahead with the LAX Expansion Plans. Opposing the plan were Councilmen Antonio Villaraigosa and Bernard Parks, who are both running for mayor, and Councilman Jack Weiss, who said it would make passengers vulnerable to terrorism by concentrating them in one facility.

A few hours before, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved a measure to sue over concerns about the plan's security measures and future growth in cargo and passengers.

A number of other lawsuits are also being considered.

Also passed was a Community Benefits Agreement in which Los Angeles has agreed to pay nearly \$500 million to ease noise, traffic and pollution problems in cities near Los Angeles International Airport in exchange for an agreement from a coalition of community groups not to try to block the proposed \$11-billion airport expansion plan. The agreement must still get approval from the Federal Aviation Administration. It calls for spending \$499.5 million over the next 11 to 16 years on such projects as soundproofing schools and homes and setting up job-training programs.

The money would come from the sale of bonds, increased airport landing fees, terminal rents and passenger charges, as well as from airport reserve funds.

One of the commitments, regarding air pollution, in the program is the following: Conduct and share air toxic emission inventory; In addition to LAX, several air pollution sources are in the area, including two freeways, two oil refineries and a wastewater treatment plant. With Coalition support, LAWA is committed to conducting a comprehensive air toxic inventory to more accurately determine specific sources of air pollution. Once the study is complete, LAWA will share that information with the coalition and the public.

***I hope to write a little something about this Community Benefits Agreement soon, and submit it to a local newspaper.***

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### 4. **SCAQMD Planning Airport Air Quality Study.**

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) is planning to conduct a special air quality monitoring study in communities adjacent to the Santa Monica and Van Nuys airports. I want to extend my appreciation to California Assemblymember Mike Gordon's office for recommending that I be invited to participate on the advisory committee for this study. I was asked by AQMD to invite some community representatives to the first meeting. Among several others, I asked Ping Ho, Coordinator of Educational Outreach, UCLA Pediatric Pain Program, if she could attend. Her thorough notes of the first meeting have been very helpful.

According to my invitation, the goal of the study is to characterize potential air toxics levels adjacent to the two airports. Ping Ho writes in her notes:

This is intended to be a limited EPA study of community air quality monitoring in general aviation airports in lieu of inclusion in the MATES III study. The objectives of the study are tailored to criteria established by the grant. This is a concentration study, not a source apportionment study, although the information generated may assist in defining apportionment. They will not be doing continuous monitoring. They will be looking at lead, hexavalent chromium, VOCs, carbonyls (e.g., formaldehyde), PM10 mass and carbon. There are not enough funds for a long-term study. AQMD sees this as a good start, nonetheless.

Michael Geller, research associate for Dr. Sioutas's lab at USC's Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering advised about a problem with taking all-day measurements, when aircraft curfew is from 11pm -7am because levels will be underestimated. He suggests sampling during aircraft operations. 16 hours would yield enough mass @ 1 cubic meter/hour. One week's worth of 16-hour samples may be advisable. It was suggested that if equipment from USC could be provided, the AQMD would be happy to do a value-added study.

Ping Ho added that ultrafine particles should be looked at because mechanisms of health effects have been identified. Coordination should take place between studies being proposed by the CARB and UCLA, even in regard to months of the year, so as to strengthen the various findings.

Dr. Paul Roberts from Sonoma Technology, Inc., a committee member, suggested addressing differences in air pollution at different times of the day, when sources are different. Martin Rubin agreed and showed the graphs he compiled showing the peaks, during the afternoon hours in West LA, when idling jets are most active. This would require a test sample in the range of three or four hours.

There will be more advisory committee meetings to establish the testing protocol and testing periods. Feel free to [E-mail me](#) with questions or suggestions.

### 5. **WNA Mayoral CANDIDATE'S FORUM.**

Westchester Neighbors Association held a Mayoral Candidates Forum at their December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2004 Neighborhood Meeting at the La Tijera Methodist Church.

Attending were Candidates for Mayor:

LA City Councilman and former Chief of Police, Bernard Parks

CA State Senator and former LA City Councilman, Richard Alercon

Representatives for LA City Councilman Antonio Villaragosa

There were questions from the public, and I presented each candidate a copy of the letter that I submitted to the local newspaper The Argonaut (published in the Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> weekly edition).

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### 6. Santa Monica College – Bundy Campus - Update

On December 8<sup>th</sup>, the Mar Vista Community Council (MVCC) held a public meeting in the Walgrove Avenue School Auditorium to address concerns about the Bundy Campus development.

The meeting chair, George Chung, feels it is very important that you learn about and support the efforts to keep a lid on the traffic and pollution in our neighborhoods. Please telephone, email and inform your friends and neighbors so we can make a strong statement that we do not want our neighborhood to turn into a Pearl Street East.

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### 7. CRAAP to host LA City Council – District 11 – CANDIDATES FORUM.

On March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2005, we will be voting for a new Los Angeles City Council representative for District 11. Cindy Miscikowski is now our District 11 Councilwoman, but she is termed out and can not run again. What are we looking for in our new representative? Come to our January 26<sup>th</sup> Candidates Forum to meet and ask questions of our three candidates, one of which will be our new representative on the Los Angeles City Council.

**Wednesday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2005**

**7:00pm to 9:30pm**

### **Los Angeles City Council, District 11 - CANDIDATES FORUM**

For our, Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2005, Los Angeles elections.

**C**oncerned **R**esidents **A**gainst **A**irport **P**ollution

is proud to sponsor this

Free Public Forum focusing on the issues concerning  
West Los Angeles/Mar Vista area residents.

Candidates attending:

**Flora Gil Krisiloff**

**Angela Reddock**

**Bill Rosendahl**

Among our concerns, that our District 11 candidates  
will be giving us their views and visions on, will be  
Santa Monica Airport issues, traffic congestion,  
LAX Expansion plans, Neighborhood Councils, over-development,  
Westside Light Rail and other Westside issues of concern.

The forum will be held at:

Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church

11555 National Blvd. (just east of Barrington Ave.)

Los Angeles, CA 90064

Parking is available in Church's parking lot (entrance on Federal Ave).

**Doors open at 7:00pm**

**Refreshments**

Starting time for the Forum is 7:30pm