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C.R.A.A.P. REPORT

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Los Angeles City Council, District 11

CANDIDATES FORUM

Wednesday, January 26, 2005

7 PM to 9:30 PM

Concerned Residents Against Airport Pollution
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).

For further information: (310) 479-2529

Doors open at 7:00pm
Refreshments

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The AQMD study: What's in it for us?

Don't expect any miracles from this planned study, as it seems our main concerns will not be the focus of the AQMD protocol when looking at Santa Monica and Van Nuys Airports. This is the impression that I got from the first meeting of the Advisory Committee that I have been invited to participate on. It has been suggested that monies set aside for an air quality study needed to be used before the end of 2004, but that the amount would not be enough to do the kind of study that would address our concerns as to the health impacts on residential communities from idling jet emissions. I asked if they would be measuring odors, and I was told that they would not. AQMD is under contract with the EPA to link this study with the MATES 3 study on background air quality in the southland. Unless they specifically take measurements that focus on idling jet emissions, their air quality samples will NOT show how the neighborhoods, (especially Los Angeles, east of Santa Monica Airport), are affected by the ongoing emissions that we so very often smell throughout the day, day in and day out for most of the year. At the next Advisory Committee meeting in January, I will again bring up the importance of measuring odors coming from jets idling at Santa Monica Airport.

SM Task Force on the Environment:

Still being put off to a future SM City Council meeting is the item about the communication between the Task Force and the City Council.

There was discussion about adopting a Precautionary Principle for Santa Monica and the one adopted by San Francisco. [Go to "[Recent Studies](#)" and scroll halfway down the page to The Precautionary Principle.]

On presenting budget-related input from the Task Force to the SM City Council, Task Force member Sandy Grant reminded those at the meeting that all the SM City Council candidates at the C.R.A.A.P. Candidate Forum spoke in favor of having air quality studies done regarding SMO.

Task Force and SM Airport Ad Hoc Committee members Eric Neandross and Susan Mearns both expressed interest in attending future

(continued from Task Force):

meetings of the AQMD's Advisory Committee for the air quality study around SMO and Van Nuys Airports. For information about the next Task Force meeting, go to the Calendar Page at jetairpollution.com.

SM Airport Commission:

There was no scheduled SM Airport Commission meeting in December and the next meeting will be January 24th, 2005. Check the Calendar Page above for more information.

Looking back on 2004:

This past year, *Concerned Residents Against Airport Pollution*, moved forward in establishing communication and working relationships with a number of our representatives in public office. We now have Congresswoman Jane Harman's pledge to help us, and Congressman Henry Waxman has been involved for some years. Newly elected California State Assemblyman, Mike Gordon, is committed to helping us with Santa Monica Airport as well as continuing his strong efforts on LAX issues. At our SM City Council Candidates Forum, all the candidates supported having studies done to address air pollution from SMO. We also have all three candidates for Los Angeles City Council set to weigh in on Santa Monica Airport and other issues that concern District 11 residents, (Cindy Miscikowski is termed out), at our January 26, 2005 Candidates Forum. We have communicated our concerns to several candidates for LA Mayor.

Also, we have been a base of communication, with our jetairpollution.com website, for groups around the country as well as our local membership, having over 16,000 visits in the year 2004.

We are optimistic that our efforts will prove to establish ongoing and valuable relationships, putting air pollution from idling jet aircraft on the forefront of environmental issues that need addressing. **How much longer can we afford not to look at this enormous source of air pollution?**

Joan and I wish all a very healthy,
Happy New Year.