

# Concerned Residents Against Airport Pollution

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### **1. Candidates Forum on SM Airport Issues - Monday, Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>).**

Our efforts to have the local candidates discuss issues regarding Santa Monica Airport's environmental impacts on surrounding communities proved to be quite successful. For those of you who were unable to attend or for those of you who were there and want to review the forum, we have available a DVD (approximately 90 minutes) of the Forum upon request and a donation of \$10 to help defray our expenses. You can E-mail your DVD request to: [jetairpollution@earthlink.net](mailto:jetairpollution@earthlink.net).

We are receiving candidate responses to my questions that I gave to each Santa Monica City Council Candidate at the forum, and their replies will be posted at [jetairpollution.com](http://jetairpollution.com) soon. I do plan to give my opinion and evaluation of the candidate responses for your review and to possibly make endorsements for the four Santa Monica City Council seats to be decided at the November 2<sup>nd</sup> election.

We want to thank all the candidates who attended, all the volunteers who helped in putting on the Forum, the media panel for taking the time to participate, and we want to give special thanks to Bill Rosendahl who did a marvelous job of moderating in a limited 90 minute time period our full agenda which included a large panel (11 of the 14 SM City Council Candidates, including the Mayor and the three other incumbents).

### **2. SM Task Force on the Environment meeting – September 20<sup>th</sup>.**

I was unable to attend this meeting as I was at the Town Hall meeting at Venice High School doing outreach. I was, however, informed that the item of importance mentioned in the September CRAAP Report would be put on the agenda for the October 26<sup>th</sup> Santa Monica City Council meeting. You can review the September report on the [jetairpollution.com](http://jetairpollution.com) website under this report.

Next Meeting: October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2004

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### **3. SM Airport Commission Meeting – Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>.**

Newly appointed Commissioner, Susan Hartley, was sworn in. She is a Santa Monica resident who lives close to the airport and knows first hand about jet emissions and other impacts from airport operations. We welcome her and hope she will be a force in moving our concerns to the foreground.

Quite a few people attended to speak about the Santa Monica College Bundy Campus item. There were many public comments. The major issue was access to the campus and parking. The proposed satellite campus extension of Santa Monica College is located adjacent to the southeast corner of the airport, and airport staff is concerned about security and they do not want Airport Avenue used as an access road to and from the campus. Neighbors in Santa Monica and Los Angeles are highly concerned about where all the car overflow will go. As it is now, the city of Santa Monica is pressing for the use of one driveway that connects the campus to Bundy Drive between Airport Avenue and Rose Avenue. This would place the entire traffic burden on the already congested Bundy Drive in Los Angeles. There will be more discussion about this at this month's airport commission meeting. This item took so much time that some items on the agenda had to be put off until the next meeting, including airport staff's presentation on the interrelationships between the FAA and the City of Santa Monica regarding the operation of SMO and also the discussion of agenda items, topics and issues for the next six month's Airport Commission meetings.

Another interesting item covered was the status of Airport Park, the park planned by the City of Santa Monica, located off Bundy Drive and north of Airport Avenue. This proposed park will be on approximately eight acres on non-aviation land. Sports fields, a picnic area, a children's playground, an off-leash dog area, a walking and jogging path, etc., **WHAT MORE COULD ONE WANT TO HAVE** adjacent to the airport with very questionable health risks coming from idling jets on the airport's runway? Is there a health-risk assessment planned for this park? Somebody, please, is it just me, or does this park sound like it's not in the right place???

Next Meeting: October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2004

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### **4. LAX update.**

#### **1. Los Angeles Times October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2004**

##### **LOS ANGELES**

##### **Council Candidates Oppose LAX Plan**

■Contenders to succeed termed-out Cindy Miscikowski speak out against the airport modernization proposal she has championed.

By Patrick McGreevy, Times Staff Writer

All three candidates running in a City Council district that includes Los Angeles International Airport said Tuesday that they oppose the airport modernization plan backed by outgoing incumbent Cindy Miscikowski and will fight to have it scrapped.

#### **2. Los Angeles Times – October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2004**

##### **LOS ANGELES**

##### **City Panel Backs LAX Plan**

■Planning committee's endorsement of the \$9-billion airport overhaul could set the stage for a full council vote by year's end.

By Jessica Garrison, Times Staff Writer

In the first City Council action on the \$9-billion modernization plan for Los Angeles International Airport, the planning committee voted 2 to 1 Wednesday to endorse the proposal and send it on for further review.

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### 5. Coming Events.

## TOWN HALL ON LAX

**October 13**, 2004, 6:30 p.m.

### CONGRESSWOMAN'S LAX TOWN HALL

*Join U.S. Rep. Maxine Waters, D-Los Angeles, in opposing Mayor Hahn's and Councilwoman Miscikowski's expansion plans for LAX. Congresswoman Waters strenuously objects to efforts to expand airport capacity under the guise of security. The town hall meeting will take place on October 13.*

Where: La Tijera United Methodist Church, 7400 Osage Avenue,  
Westchester 90045  
Date: Wednesday, October 13, 2004.  
Time: 6:30 p.m.

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