

**Re-envisioning Whiteman Airport Community Advisory Committee Meeting:
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John

Yes I'm already on the clock and two minutes, I feel, isn't enough time to address 150 items but I'll try to hit the high points. As we know, most of the recommendations on this list are things that are already being done or taken care of and feel that if we get rid of a lot of those, it might help. The other problem I have with the CAC at the moment is that I think you're thinking small. You're thinking inside the airport. You want to help the community, let's spread out. For instance, you say you want a farmers' market. Ok fine. The Hansen Dam Park has a huge dirt area and really good parking and access to the public, great place for a farmer's market. You want an open space at the airport? There's the big truck park and gravel yard behind it. Several acres and various levels there. You could make a really beautiful park there. The other problems I've got there is the talk of the separation of aircraft and buildings and stuff and the whole big deal about this crash this has all been started by. The County sold off our overrun. We used to have an area designated by the FAA with no construction so we would have a place for planes to run out onto if something went wrong. The County sold it. There's a chicken place and a Mexican restaurant and a Subway and houses in that area now. The glide slope idea is really scary because a steeper glide slope means a higher approach speed and you've got students there already their hitting down there in the middle of the runway. Electric aircraft development? There's no safe area around Whiteman to test them and there are a few electric aircraft on the area. So that's about it. Eliminate those concerns that are already being taken care of and I think you'll get rid of 2/3rds of those.

William

My name is Bill and I'm one of the people who is doing the job creation programs. I am the founder of one of the career training and aviation programs at Whiteman. I have some of my compatriots here who have founded their own similar programs. I would like to make sure that you guys know that there is a difference between job creation and career creation. There's an enormous difference between a minimum wage job flipping burgers and a career as an airline pilot, a mechanic, a helicopter mechanic as the chief pointed out etc. #2. There's been a lot of concern about noise and public safety. I think that should be a far 3rd or 10th place concern compared to all the fireworks going off here at night that sound like a war zone. I don't see anybody or hear anybody convening meetings talking about those types of public safety. Another public safety is drug use and that's what our airport prevents. The kids that get involved in aviation, those are your kids that stay in school, those are your kids that don't wind up in drugs. So basically, what I want to tell you is, in terms of job creation, I want you to decide whether your kids are gonna to fly for a living or fry for a living because working at McDonald's ain't the same as being a professional aviator. As far as the restaurants at Whiteman, that's a great idea but immediately what you can do is you can have food trucks from the community come in on a daily basis and provide food service at the airport which we're missing and that food service can put a lot of local entrepreneurs and food vendors back in work and making profit and do a service for the community and we have 5 youth programs at Whiteman, 5

separate programs, most of them are here with us today. So, the programs are there as Penny said and we'd very much like to work with you on that.

Eduardo

Good evening, my name is Eduardo and I'm here part of the Latin community of Whiteman Airport. I was the guy that the lady said that they wanted to have a voice here at the airport. As a Latino community, we gather Latino pilots here, if you guys want to get up and say. We are family, we are Latinos, we are Americans, we are white, we are Black but we all love one thing: aviation. Our hearts and our wings are open to all the community here in Pacoima in San Fernando Valley. Thank you.

Stacie

The desire to shut down Whiteman Airport will do many great things for the community, great things such as shutting down our Young Eagles program. Young Eagles program is a program that gets kids their first taste of aviation by a career airplane ride. I'm one of the pilots and I just love doing that every month to see the smiles on the Pacoima residents faces just says it all. Aviation Explorers is for the community kids to obtain scholarships to pursue careers in aviation. Some of these kids have gone all the way to get their airline pilot's licenses and are flying for the military or air traffic control. Project Jackpot: this great airplane build, which takes place every Saturday, involves kids and their parents to build a real flyable airplane. And other things to talk about is I'm in San Fernando 99, an organization of women pilots. I'm the chairperson and the 99's, our mission is to, we are a worldwide organization providing networking, mentoring and scholarship opportunities for young women who want to become pilots. The organization offers many significant opportunities in STEM education including the Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund to help advance flight training for young women or women. The Fly Now Scholarship is a progressive milestone to help people get up to \$6,000 scholarship money. And the thing about our community, too, we also have the Civil Air Patrol and one of the things we do as a 99, I just want to talk about, is our Girl Scout Day. We introduce young girls to aviation, and they earn their badge through us. And another thing to, I'm going to close with this. You know, the community gave up San Fernando airport to the developers and, what 35 something years ago and nothing has happened. It took 30 years for them maybe to build a school there. So I think it's in our best interest to not think of closing the airport but re-envisioning and I understand that's the term, re-envision it. Add to it. Don't destroy something. Once something's destroyed, it's gone. But you can always make something bigger and better. Thank you.

Lisa

Hey, I'm Lisa and I grew up in the Valley so I used to frequent Pacoima as a child to come over to get our fresh eggs every Saturday and I love Pacoima. I didn't become part of the airport until about 8 years ago when I trained to become a private pilot. I'm now a commercial instrument-rated pilot and I'm also the director of Aviation Explorers helping youth from 14 to 21 get into fields of aviation and including becoming a private pilot. Our founder is right here, and I'd like to introduce her. Ruth Logan founded the Aviation Explorers. Stand up if you can (oh you don't want to stand?) This is Ruth. She founded the organization 23 years ago and so we offer scholarships to the kids 14 to 21 to get into fields of aviation, up to half of their training \$6,000

right now is our cap. And so far, we have produced 37 private pilots, 21 instrument-rated pilots, 13 commercial pilots, 11 multi engine pilots, 10 airline pilots, 3 aircraft mechanics and 1 airport manager. And we have also produced in our group, total, we've had 36 kids solo in an airplane and we've had 6 certified flight instructors, 4 air traffic controllers. We have 2 glider pilots, 1 aerobatic pilot, 1 drone pilot, 4 certified flight instructor instrument which is CFII. So, we're really eager to have your kids in our program, the community of Pacoima. We love Pacoima. We want your kids in our program and if you want to fund us, we'd be happy to be funded. We're a 501(c)3 non-profit and just, I guess that's the end of my sidenote. Anyway, if you want more information, I have brochures, flyers and I can give you my phone number. Thank you.

Bruce

Hello everybody. I just want to make a note on kind of the big picture on an airport like Whiteman. America has an amazing aviation system. And its everything you could possibly talk about. LAX to small airports to big airplanes, small airplanes, the whole economy in the United States depends on aviation. And the aviation system is a hierarchy from the big to the small. And the small is where it all starts. Whiteman Airport is a small airport. Every airline pilot, every Airforce One pilot, every military pilot, started at a Whiteman Airport. And it's an essential element of the big system. And it just can't be eliminated unless you do damage to the bigger system that we depend on. And everybody depends on the aviation system even if you don't use it yourself. Your amazon package comes in an airplane. And so, we all depend on the system. And we can't pull one cog out of the system and still survive. One other thing. Everybody has been talking about the educational and other opportunities at Whiteman and, yes, a lot of it exists. Maybe somebody doesn't know about it but it's there. And don't forget Glendale Community College, it's an institution and we teach flight training and that's how pilots learn to fly.

James

Good evening everybody and thank you for being here tonight. The first thing I wanted to comment on is this exercise we just went through I think demonstrated we have a lot more ideas in common than we are opposed. And if we really get down to it and start working on it, we can do great things here with the airport that really benefit the community. A couple of comments I do want to make. One, there was a mention about sustainability of the volunteer programs. Civil Air Patrol has been a volunteer program for 80 years. It pre-dates World War II and we continue to be a volunteer organization that's going to be around as long as the airport's around. The Young Eagles, another group of volunteers that we're investing a lot of our own money in it. I personally fly Young Eagles as well as being the squadron commander at the Civil Air Patrol Squadron. I fly Young Eagle flights. I flew 11 kids this week and it was about 2 years of flying and it cost me about a hundred bucks an hour in fuel to fly my airplane. So that's a couple hundred bucks that I laid out. It came from my pocket, and it has to. That's the FAA rules for me and I enjoy doing it because my rewards are not monetary, what I look for thru CAP or through Young Eagles. But I will say that if this airport closes, Young Eagles goes away, Aviation Explorers goes away, the 99's go away, Civil Air Patrol goes away because we need an airport in order to function. And for those activities, the next closest Young Eagles flights, you can go to Compton, you can go to Lancaster, you can go to Santa Paula and maybe El Monte or Brackett and get

them. You're not going to drive that far. We have a hard time just getting kids from the neighborhood to come here. They're not going to be travelling that far for those opportunities that are provided to them free of charge. The last thing I wanted to comment on is we've been here for about 2, almost 2 ½ hours. We were not once disrupted by an airplane flying overhead. The traffic out there disrupted us but not the airplanes. Thank you.

Crystal

How do you know you're getting lead poison? Lead exposure can cause high blood pressure, brain, kidney and respiratory health issues in adults. Symptoms include headaches, stomach cramps, constipation, muscle joint pain, trouble sleeping, fatigue, irritability, loss of sex drive. Most adults don't know that they have lead poisoning. And they don't look or feel sick. If we can't identify it in ourselves, how can we identify it in our children? In children, lead poisoning can damage the nerve system resulting in learning disabilities, stunt growth, hearing loss and can cause anemia. Findings indicate that children repeatedly exposed, exhibit violent behavior in later life. It affects kids' cognitive ability. Researchers have also found that only a slight increase in kids' blood levels mean that they're more like to have ADHD. Pacoima residents have been poisoned for too long. We have been stereotyped as ghetto, violent, lazy. The truth is very clear to me. My parents didn't know. The research is only starting to become available. They couldn't advocate for me. I will advocate for my kids. You guys are here telling us that we should re-envision something that has been poisoning us as we grew up. And now we have kids who are now continuing to be poisoned. Even after our development, their development is being stunt by this. Why should we envision that? Why should we re-envision that? Why should we allow you guys to continue in our community? Isn't it enough? Aren't these, these airplanes falling out of the sky because of your lack of maintenance in us? Isn't our health valuable to you guys? And a lot of you guys are going to laugh, a lot of you guys are going to, you guys can do and say as you please but the research is coming out and people are starting to listen. Thank you.

Estavan

So I want to start just talking about my story. I came from a 3rd world country in South America, Bolivia. The main reason I came here was aviation. I left kind of an upper middle-class life there and came with \$400 in my pocket pursuing aviation because the United States is the Mecca of aviation. So, that was the main reason I came here and it's hard to me to be here discussing the closure of an airport. It's like there's so much positive about having aviation as an important part of a society. My kids are always in the airport. I know I'm probably the worst parent to let my kids being poisoned by lead. We'll decide that later. So, I just want to tell the community that we're all just, my group of Hispanic pilots, we're all just common folk. We're not wealthy, we're not elite. I'm a contractor, I'm an electrician. I have cabinet guys there. I have flooring contractors, general contractors. One of the biggest aircraft shops at the airport is owned by a Hispanic. It's hard, excellent jobs. It's really hard as someone coming from a different country to see these things and try to make sense of it. One would think that a community like Pacoima that looks like where I come from would appreciate an opportunity that an airport could give. So, it's kind of hard.

Matthew

Good evening everyone, I'm Matthew, a pilot who's long familiar with Whiteman Airport. And I wanted to say thank you to all of you who made the events in the last 6 weeks or so the successes that they were. It was great. It showed the community what support it's had amongst the community for the airport. It is overwhelming. The opposition to the airport - very small minority. Now despite the importance of the and the community support for Whiteman, there are still some of those who wish to steal this asset from the community. Pacoima Beautiful is the most vocal of this bunch and for the sake of brevity, here is their record without hysterics. In 2011, you'd be surprised to learn Pacoima Beautiful fought against airport runway safety improvements. They opposed the safety improvements that would have, perhaps, helped us in the past here. They never have told us why. Since then, Pacoima Beautiful has chosen to mislead the public about the airport's emergency services, history, safety record, operations, revenue, access, its people (terribly enough) and the effects the shutdown would have. Now Pacoima Beautiful and their allies such as financier Roberto Barragan, have adamantly denied real estate interests drive their anti-airport politics. At one point, Barragan even told us that, told the community in public comment, such divisions were moronic. Well, here is a press release from November 2020 where Pacoima Beautiful called for more than 1,000 homes and an industrial complex to be developed. That plan came from a company owned by Roberto Barragan. Real estate is what motivates the anti-airport politics, not public safety.

Mark

Hi. Thank you everybody for coming here and I mean everybody. I know you guys are very passionate about your side of this issue and I appreciate you guys making all that effort. So I would just like to read somethings from a couple of documents. This one is from LAcounty.gov. This was the motion on December 8, 2020 from Sheila Kuehl. This was the original intent of the CAC committee. "Pacoima Beautiful, a grassroots environmental justice organization since 1996, identified safely and potential environmental impacts." Potential. If some of what you guys are worried about are true, of course, I'm worried about it. This is the re-envisioning process. I'm trying to compare the original CAC intention to what it is become. May I speak? OK, so in this document it mentions three times the preservation and improvement of operations at Whiteman airport. That is re-envisioning. I can accept that. This issue has become bipartisan. Ok? I have a second document here. Let me just finish reading this one. "To engage location stakeholders including, but not limited to, Councilman Monica Rodriguez's office, community-based organizations such as Pacoima Beautiful, residents, businesses, and other government partners to undertake a community-driven master plan for Whiteman Airport that maintains the property's primary function as an airport." Now it is a very emotional thing to imagine people getting lead poisoning, but it is also irresponsible to repeat this over and over again before any study has been done. So please, let's talk, stop yelling and let's just talk. Ok? Thank you.

Sioka

How are you guys doing? Thank you, guys for doing this. My name's Sioka, and I'm actually running for District Assembly 43 here and also first generation American. My family's from Liberia, Africa and this is actually one of the, I've been to multiple city council meetings like this

and this is one of the most respectful ones I've been to 'cause people get really passionate about it. So, the way that I see this now, and especially with the board you guys made here and your document that you have, like was said earlier, so many more, I think we're connecting so many more ideas than were far apart. Now I know some people brought up issues of lead poisoning and a lot of other health issues that can come up. I think that we, instead of sitting on our side and getting a lot of that information from an angry place, it'd be interesting to cross pollinate so we can find solutions that work and benefit everybody. But, when you take away something like an airport is a very special skill for a community. An airport is a very special skill for a community. And it goes into what was said earlier: you don't find jobs, you start careers, careers that last and those careers build generational wealth. Generational wealth is what this country is about, not just, oh well, let's have another park. We have a lot of parks here in California and that are beautiful. But there are areas, you can build a special skill that becomes recession-proof. Because, despite what's being said right now, we're in a recession and a lot of people feel like it's a depression. And so the skill sets that can be offered for free, which is wild to me, the ability that human beings aren't naturally born with, to fly, we're going to offer that to Latino communities, to black communities, to underserved communities. Now they're there will skill sets that change the trajectory of the path of their heritage and where they came from. Like I said before, I'm first generation American. My mom came here. Liberia had been in a 20 year civil war and there is no opportunity to learn anything else for service except for flipping burgers, if you will. To see, to hear this is even a possibility to shut it down is pretty wild while we're in a recession and everyone just to do service jobs. We want people to create their own power and create their own legacy. So, let's keep Whiteman open and let's talk to each other. We can get there together. Thank you.

James

Definitely want to keep the airport open. Aviation is very, very important to this community. It's got a long history and I see the pilots as angels. I mean they fly over. We're in a high fire area so if they see anything wrong in the area, they are able to notify them and get somebody out there to take care of it. Actually, I heard the leak they had, the gas leak that they had over in Porter Ranch was spotted by a pilot and he informed them that there was a problem there. And that's the way they were able to take care of it really soon. So we need to keep the airport open, we need to continue this long history of aviation and move forward. Thank you.

Victoria

Thank you. First I want to say I just really like Charles Nelson. He always gives good points and I think he really has his pulse on the community and I would love for him to be the chair. I don't even know him. I don't even know him. Second, I feel like it's super defensive, I know we have a city council member here and a very connected non-profit here that want to close it. And then we have pilots or people who have their livelihood who want to keep it open. I do feel like most people are in the middle. What can we do to make is better? And I do want to address the lead issue because that is scary if it was poisoning us. I've heard that multiple times and it's important to know. We should know. Is it poisoning us? Because there's going to be a study but if it can't control for San Fernando Road or other pollution then it's irrelevant. And if we're going to go to unleaded anyway, then it's not going to be poisoning us. And I'm also concerned

because we cannot go around saying that studies were done that shown it if they weren't. And if you went to homes in the 90's and found that there were high levels of lead, you know why the federal government was giving grants? Because paint in your home was laced with lead and it was poisoning people in their homes. And so we need to know. Were you being poisoned from your home? Because a lot of people were. Really quick: the other thing I want to say is a lot of people have said 'oh they do this, they have this.' Also, clear we need to do better. How do we get that information out? How do we build on it? We can't just stand in our corners and say 'well we do this. Well you need to close.' How do we get funding? Let's not shut down ideas, let's get funding, let's find ways to compensate people. I want, what my goal is for Whiteman Airport, if you grew up in Pacoima, people say 'oh, you're from Pacoima? Oh he's probably an aircraft mechanic. Oh she's probably an engineer. Oh she's probably a pilot.'" Because this airport reaches out to our community and our children. It recruits them, it mentors them, they have opportunities, they have access, they can run LAX. And that's what I want from Whiteman.

Elisa

Thank you. I want to start off by we all live in the same community. Let's get along and let's work together. Now, Tony Cardenas, our congressman, gave \$7,000 to Van Nuys airport. But he wants to close this one. That makes no sense to me. Now, the airport has been doing outreach because ever since these meetings started and thank you to Pacoima Beautiful for bringing that up because of them, we're all here and the airport is making improvements. But they are doing outreach. The police community officers that are in the Angel Gardens, they're starting to have the wrestling classes at Whiteman Airport because they couldn't do it at David Gonzalez anymore because of the basketball that started at basketball time. Now, we talk about pollution. I don't know if anybody remembers but there was Price Pfister and they did a lot of pollution and it took them years to building Costco and everything. Now, I'm going to sound like a broken record but what about the air freshener company that's right across the street from Whiteman Airport. Sometimes it smells like cherries in the morning and in the afternoon, strawberries. Now if we're going to go against Whiteman Airport, let's go around all of them, all those companies that are surrounding. Not only that though, I volunteered at Whiteman Airport with the giving out food. So, they are trying but we need to work together. That's the only way that we're going to come together and make a difference in our community. I live here, I was born and raised here. I'm raising my kids here. Right now, there is a recession. People are having a hard time making a living. If your child was a pilot, you wouldn't have to worry about that or a mechanic. Let's just get along guys.

Felipe

Hey, Felipe, Pacoima Beautiful. I'm here because Pacoima, there's a history of redlining, a history that went through injustices. The reason we have so many talking sources here is because it was done on purpose. If we go to the communities, Northridge, they have nice parks, nice schools. If feels safe. Here it doesn't always feel safe. We have unhealthy sites and One of the most unhealthy sites in the area is the airport. Right? The noise pollution, lead pollution, it doesn't feel safe. If you live there, you know it's hard to concentrate. I've talked to mothers. During the shutdown in 2020, it was hard for kids to concentrate, to go to school, to do their homework because the noise is 24/7. So that's one reason that makes the airport one of the

most unhealthy places in Pacoima. But we have an opportunity to make it right for the community, to build a place that's healthy for everybody with trees, with parks where mothers feel safe to go. We don't have that right now. But we do have an opportunity to make something for the community so let's do it. Thank you.

Tom

Thank you everybody on both the committee and the audience. I'm a private pilot. I earned my private license here at Whiteman Airport in a 1946 airplane that I rebuilt in a garage in Redondo Beach. That's a touch of the background. I'm currently a member of Experimental Aircraft Association (yeah!) and one of the people working on the Young Eagles program. In the last 2 periods, the Open House and last week, we flew over 230 youth ages 8 through 17. Of those, approximately 130 have addresses in Pacoima. You talk about transparency, I can provide to the committee and will do so, statistics by age, sex. One-third of the people are girls so I'll give all the background information that you want. All of the youth organizations have spoken tonight. I'll leave behind a brochure that gives information on all of them. But the important thing I really want to say, having all this as background, is that Whiteman Airport is a real jewel and a unique benefit to Pacoima. It's the only airport in San Fernando Valley. Van Nuys, Burbank, neither one is friendly to general aviation, youth involvements. We have all these educational programs here benefitting the community at large and a little further out, we certainly admit that. So the main thing is Whiteman makes Pacoima a unique area of San Fernando Valley because we offer the most educational, career building opportunities for our kids of any area within the valley. The airport is important, there's some rough edges. A lot of these things I hear about here, we definitely want to do it, the unleaded fuel is coming, and respect of Pacoima Beautiful, your group is very much the same as my homeowners' group. You want clean streets, low crime, etc. We're so much alike, it's only the airport...

Walter

Good evening. My name is Walter and I have a feeling I'm going to be a crowd favorite so bear with me here. I want to first begin by acknowledging the attendance of this meeting and the fact that the lack of childcare provided, in my opinion, is very much a factor for why it is that more people from this community aren't here. As we have acknowledged already, it's my opinion that this group here does not reflect the true community and that is my opinion, so, like I said, bear with me here. And if you want to get truly conspiratorial, the fact that there are no airplanes flying overhead, there might be something to it having folks here from the airport. On a more serious note, I'm the son of Mexican immigrants. I went to Brown University. I just graduated from the Northwestern Pritzker School of Law and I want to make sure folks know that the options in this community are not to fly or fry. There are clearly options beyond that. You can go to law school as well. You can do other things. And I want to make sure we acknowledge as well the environmental impact of this airport. The fact is that if you are looking for studies, there's the 2007 EPA report which you can Google. Somebody already mentioned Google here. You can Google and that said that of all the forces in this community, of all the pollutants in this community, quote "Whiteman Airport is the largest identified toxic source emitter in Pacoima." I grew up here. I'm 30 years old. I literally went because of this meeting, for the first time to Whiteman Airport at 30 years old. Never once before this meeting, this

collective set of meetings, had I felt welcomed, had they come to my high school, San Fernando High School. So I want to make sure that we acknowledge that, right? There are tremendous environmental impacts here. An invisible sort of enemy here that we're dealing with. And I also want to make sure that we know, with my 13 seconds left, that there are approximately, and this is on the Whiteman Airport, 318 flights that come in and out every single day. 318 flights. Remember that when you hear about unleaded fuel, about accidents and what have you. Thank you.

Cristina

Los impactos sobre la salud de nuestros niños en Pacoima, eso es muy importante, más el ruido que se genera en la madrugada y nosotros vivimos muy cerca. La comunicación a los residentes que viven cerca, la contaminación que todos los días respiramos, las personas que vivimos aquí. Si es muy fuerte el ruido para nosotras que vivimos en Telfair Ave. y Pierce. Necesitamos algo más rápido, no esperar 5 años por un estudio para nuestros niños que están pequeños, que tengan una vida más saludable teniendo un buen descanso y no contaminación por el plomo del combustible. Lo más importante para mí que vivo tan cerca es la salud de mis hijos.

The impacts on the health of our children in Pacoima, that is very important to me, moreover, the noise late at night. We live very close from the airport, the communication among neighbors living near by, the everyday air pollution we breath. Noise is quite loud for us who live in Telfair Ave. and Pierce. We need something faster than 5 years of an impact study on our children. They need rest and not pollution by leaded fuel. The health of my children is most important to me.

Teodora

Hi everyone. My name is Teodora. I am a community organizer at Pacoima Beautiful but I am also a San Fernando resident. I grew up in Pacoima a couple blocks away from Whiteman Airport. And I'm truly not here to convince anyone. I'm here to speak on the truth of my upbringing in Pacoima as well as Just bring voice to the fact that there has been studies that have taken places over aviation and the leaded uses that are within the single engine airplanes that are used here at Whiteman Airport, not specifically at Whiteman but at Reid Hillview Airport. For those who say that there hasn't been any studies, I'd encourage you to look at Reid Hillview Airport which is a highly dense, residential community at San Jose at Reid Hill. And there has been studies shown that their community is very similar to ours. Latino, Black, Japanese have faced that their kids are being poisoned. They grew up with leaded fuel in their air, the dust from this fuel. And it's honestly really hard to be here as a community member alongside folks who may have grown up in Pacoima who may disagree that Whiteman Airport shouldn't be shut down. But I also want to encourage you to think about the perspective of the youth who are also facing the struggle of living next to an airport that divides us. And my division, we have to walk around the airport to get from one point to another. And we have to hear the constant noises of these airplanes flying above us. There's no peace.

Eduardo

Good evening to everyone. My name is Eduardo and I'm originally from Mexico and I'm a

resident of Pacoima as living but I feel part of the community. I am a resident of the airport. I love the airport. I am a pilot. I really pleased with the list of suggestions that tells me there's a big will to work things out. There is a lot of things working to make things better. I understand about all the pollutants and, of course, I'm sorry about that. I'm one of those causing it but, as somebody said, there's a lot of other sources. We've got pollutants all over the place. So, we can't really blame one specific against the others. I'm a pilot. I never thought in my lifetime I would be able to become a pilot. I love it. I wish my daughter would become a pilot and my grandkids will become pilots if possible. Safety. I like the list. The list is like a wishlist. Some things are a must. We must do better. On the outreach, on the safety, on the pollutants. You know the pollutants thing is widely under scrutiny and I'm pretty sure with the time goes by, there is better solutions.

Michelle

Hello my name is Michelle, I would like to start off by saying I am disgusted by the tokenization of youth that this airport displays. I have been hearing nonstop the argument that this airport brings plenty of opportunities to cover up the fact that you are a danger to the community. And to the man that said "would you rather kids fly high or fry," shame on you. Shame on you for reinstating the stereotype that kids of low-income communities are just a statistic of addiction. I am a proud product of Pacoima that has succeeded without the help of an airport. Lastly, I would like to add that these recommendations do not coincide with what the community has been advocating for. And that is to close the airport. Thank you.

Bandelina

Yo creo que se debe de cerrar por que se sufre mucho asma y otras enfermidades provocadas por el plomo. Las compañías se deben mover a otro lugar como tambien las academias, por que esta primero la vida. Mi deseo es que se cierre el aeropuerto y en su lugar se puedan desarrollar otras actividades.

I believe that this airport has to be closed because many suffer from asthma and other diseases caused by lead. Companies should move out including the academies, because lives come first. My desire is for it to get shut down no matter what. Many activities could be conducted on this site instead.

Melanie

Hello I'm Melanie, community organizer with Pacoima Beautiful. I do want to start off by saying that this meeting is here to include us all. Yet we sit and we hear our comments being ridiculed by the people from the airport. So if we want to combine and share collective ideas to re-envision, why are we being laughed at? Why are we being gas lit? It wasn't until Mr. Nelson pointed out: does the community know what's going on right now? That was important because I bet a lot of folks didn't really realize what was going on. There's a clear division that's going on right now as well. Yes, we can talk about re-envisioning the land but community still doesn't feel heard. The community still doesn't feel like we're being taken serious. This doesn't feel genuine. This just feels like, "They made a lot of noise. What can we do to make ourselves look better?" Thank you.