

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

Okay, thank you. My name is Clint, and I am a commissioner for the LA County five airports. The closing of Whiteman Airport would be a disaster, I think for the area. If we go back in times in the 1994 earthquake, Whiteman Airport played an important part in faring our managers, as well as other people in and out of the area because the freeways had been closed. A lot of people who have wanted to close the airport down, as I heard tonight in the first part of the speech about the accident that was last week.

They were speaking about three different accidents at the airport. There was only one on the airport during that time. The other two was off the airport. I like Ms. Fenimore's comment that when you leave home and you have an accident, they're not going to blame your house because your car was parked overnight and you went out and ran into a telephone pole on your way to work in that regard. We had something similar to this at Compton Airport back in 1964 and it started out with the developers wanted to develop the airport for a reason, other than what an airport was designed for and the community, as well as the city council and all got together and pushed for the airport and that is when the county made the purchase of it in 1966. The same thing is happening here at Whiteman Airport.

The largest accident happened in the State of California in terms of public transportation was in 2008. When we had a train crash just up north or little piece up above the airport. No one talked about closing railroad down in that respect. We had another incident in terms of a pollution at the airport. There's more pollution between 5:00 and 6:00 PM any day between the I-405 on the I-5 and Osborne, then you find in a month and a half of a pollution from aircraft taking off their landing at the Whiteman Airport. Whiteman Airport has had mercy flights where people was unable to get to a hospital or medical facilities and they were able to farm out of Whiteman for that. Our news media use the airport now. All of the TV channels, they have the helicopters out there and they use the airport in that respect.

So a lot of times when I saw the letter from Ms. Garcia pertaining to environmental justice, that tells me the developers are in there and they're saying environmental justice, because of the minorities that live around the airport. I am a minority, by the way. I'm Black and many of you who have Latino names are also classified as minorities, and they like to use things like that to get us all excited. They're able to use what they want to do develop that and once the development take place you and I will not be able to either buy or rent.

James:

There was a lot of discussion tonight about the safety of aircraft, how they're maintained, the requirements for pilots. It's obvious there's a lot of information that the CAC needs to learn about that.

To give you a quick example, I just ask all of you to do this. Any of you that owned a car for more than one year, take it to your local mechanic, ask them to do a thorough inspection of your vehicle. Tell them you want them to pull the wheels off, have the wheel bearings examined and packed. You want them to examine the car for any cracks in the frame or any other components you want them to look at all of the hoses in your car, any of them that have cracks, you want them to identify.

Once they do that, you want them to give you an estimate of the cost for replacing all those things but the understanding that you cannot drive your car again, until those things are fixed. That's what an aircraft goes through every year. The second is, I want you to go to your doctor and have a thorough physical, have your eyes examined, have your hearing checked, all of your physical components, give a urine test to check for the blood sugar levels in your urine. Also to check for drugs because those are the types of physicals that pilots have to go through.

Finally, I'd like you to go out and find a driving school that has driving instructors and ask them to conduct a thorough two-hour review of all the laws of driving and take you out in the car and evaluate your driving and see how it compares with the requirements to get a driver's license. After you've done that, you will have done what every airplane owner does for maintenance every year and for flying every two years. It's a very regimented system that's in place to ensure the safety of the people that are flying the safety of the people on the ground. Do things break still? Yes. Are there still accidents? Yes, but a lot is done.

Next is the reason the NTSB takes so long on their investigations is because they conduct a very thorough investigation. They look at not just what happened, but the other contributing factors. If something went wrong in the airplane, why did the airplane still crash? Or why didn't it land at a different location? That is examined as well as the condition of the pilot, his medical records, all of the maintenance records on the aircraft. They do a very, very good job of finding out what actually caused it and then they make some very in depth recommendations to the FAA for how to change policies, procedures to try and reduce accidents. That's why aviation is as safe as it is today because of all those activities that the NTSB and FAA have done. Thank you.

Dave:

I'm hearing a lot tonight about the responsibility of people within the aviation community. I'd like to add my observations to that. This is not a current figure, it's many years old, but I remember the automobile accidents involve alcohol or drugs in about 40% of their accidents. The number in aviation accidents is about 4%. I check the oil on my airplane every time I fly before I go, I haven't checked the oil in my car in years because I follow the procedures.

I know when it's time to get it changed and I don't have to check the oil but in my airplane, I do. I know who's going to die, if I'm up there in the air and something goes thoroughly wrong. I can't pull over to the side of the road and wait for rescue. I have to get it right before I even take off so the pre-flight is also pretty carefully done. I'm involved in the program where we're having

young people. People generally under age 18, actually build an airplane. They're drilling holes in the wing, they're fixing the holes they're putting in temporary fasteners and so on, and every step of the way, the big emphasis is, are you doing this correctly?

Do you have the drill bit exactly straight? Is there a gap where there shouldn't be? Every bit of the emphasis is, do it right the first time the other. So I would like to say that generally aviation people are significantly more, well in fact, let me back up. When I built my airplane, I deliberately left lights off it because I did not want to fly at night, I don't want to take those risks. I'm not trained for it, I can't fly in bad weather so I don't.

On the CAC meetings, I don't know that I've made every one of them. I don't know if you could even look it up because I only attend as a public member. I think I've made six or so of the seven, but so far, it appears to me that the people who are wanting to keep the airplane or airport open are not going to convince the people who want to close it and I don't think the people who want to close it are going to convince the people who want to keep it open either.

We're absolutely at a stalemate there so coming up with any mitigating actions is going to be very difficult to do, I don't know what you're going to mitigate. I hear a little bit of leaning towards perhaps keeping the tower open but as a taxpayer, I don't want to pay somebody to sit there all night long when there's only one or two flights the whole night. I mean, that's crazy. If there's no activity, why bother?

So coming up with those actions that this group can come to agree with. I haven't seen any attempt in these meetings that we've had so far to come up with what should be done? All we get is, "Close it, keep it open, close it, keep it open," and that isn't very productive in terms of rethinking this whole thing. So we got to come up with, with some other ways to use some of the land that might be available there rather than just yell at one another.

Matthew:

Hi. My name is Matthew and good evening, everyone. Like everyone else, I'm saddened by last week's mishap. Nobody's happy that it happened and it's sad that it happened, nobody likes that. I am disgusted though, at some of the reactions there have been to this tragedy in the hours after it and even tonight. Earlier tonight, Veronica Padilla asked about accident prevention measures at Whiteman airport. Back in November, I mentioned the 2011 airport master plan and a proposal in it called Air Site Alternative Three.

Now Air Site Alternative Three proposed runway safety zones at both ends of the runway and was regarded as the best option for safety. If green lit, work on it was expected to begin in 2019. The 2020 November mishap, on Sutter, occurred inside that proposed runway safety zone and the poll that aircraft struck was supposed to have been cut down under that proposal. The incident this January on Osborne occurred right next to the proposed safety zone. It was only about 50 or so feet outside of it. Obviously alternative three safety zones would've been valuable to have had.

The safety zones may have prevented these problems from occurring altogether. Now, Pacoima Beautiful was involved with these and alternative three in its totality, they opposed it. Although it was the best option on the table for safety, Pacoima Beautiful fought against alternative three. Veronica Padilla even spoke to the Daily News in November 20th, 2020 article about this and boasted that opposing this measure was the easiest campaign that Pacoima Beautiful had had to ever execute. Pacoima Beautiful was against safety measures before they were for them and why this is? I do not know, but now they're demanding the airport be closed in the name of safety.

Why is that? We have the documents on here, they are publicly available, and yet here we have it, but they are the number one, close your group. If you can find some consistency, go ahead and try, I cannot. Now, Mr. Arias' comments earlier tonight about the pilot who died last week, very inappropriate suggesting his age was a problem. Come on, that's not your place, it would be a medical examiner and we do not have the answers so I think it's very disrespectful for you to make those comments.

The fact is that Champions in Service, I have a quote here after the Wilfredo Vida's episode that your organization is an agency that believes in second chances, sometimes third and even fourth ones. Okay, well, so why are accidents such an issue when gang violence and all that is not? Explain that to everyone, let's hear the answer to that. Have a good night, everyone.

Mark:

Thank you everybody for committing so much time to this committee. I do have a little bit of criticism. As a stakeholder, it's very confusing to listen into these meetings. When did this committee transition to a discussion of what to do with the airport land when it is closed instead of an objective discussion, including leaving it open, fixing the problems that you may perceive?

Secondly, where are the experts? Where is their involvement in these ideas about mitigation and rushing these ideas of mitigation through? I see very little of that kind of discussion happening here. All I see is us constantly coming back to re-envisioning the airport, which translates directly to closing it and doing whatever it is that people want to do with it.

I just heard today that the poll from those meetings at the Pacoima City Hall and the Whiteman Airport was shared with the public on some level. I heard there was a 70% approval of the airport remaining open. I can't confirm that but this is what I was told. If those results are in, I would've liked to have heard that in this meeting as a stakeholder. We rarely hear community input on this subject, on these issues. The only "community" input put we ever hear is from Pacoima Beautiful.

Pacoima Beautiful may represent some factions of the community, but they certainly do not represent the community as a whole. The community for a county airport includes all of our communities, not just because it's based on a county island that happens to set in Pacoima. Can we please get back to the possibility mentioned by anybody on this committee of keeping the

airport open and fixing the problems that you perceive that it may have and leaving that up to the experts, to weigh in on how to do that and what problems to address. Thank you very much.

Phone call X1264:

Hi, this is James. I wanted to address, there's an ordinance that was adopted by the city in 2013. It talks about the legacy of incompatible land use patterns to certain neighborhoods within the city and one of them is Pacoima. It addresses the cumulative environmental impacts resulting from concentrated industrial land use on road vehicle travel and heavy freight dominated transportation corridors in close proximity to homes, schools, other sensitive uses is a pervasive problem in these areas.

For the most part in your area there, the air quality is not bad at all. The AQI is 36 for Santa Monica and Burbank Airport's was 36, Van Nuys is 32. I didn't have one for Whiteman Airport, but the only reason it would be up would be because of those heavy freight concentrated areas that have a lot of industrial factories and stuff like that. I think we should address the accidents and definitely ask questions about why it happened and see what safety measures we can come up with to mitigate that and as far as the air quality, the freeways are the problem and the heavy duty truck travels that they have on the roads are the real problem. So that's pretty much all I just wanted to say, thank you.

David:

Awesome. I just want to support the things that were talked about in today's CAC meeting regarding looking forward to what the re-envisioning process would look like. I feel as if these past couple... Really the whole session of the CAC meetings were really to get community input on what they could re-envision the airport into, in response to the airplane crashes that have been happening in our community. Right. The reality is that we live in the Northeast San Fernando Valley, and there is a lot of environmental polluters, but we're here to talk about the Whiteman Airport because of the trauma it brings to our communities.

I really want to just emphasize that and center us back on that conversation. I feel as if, even working in the campaigns, sitting in those meetings with all the advisory people, they would point at other sources of pollution, like the freeways, the trucks, the traffic. It's a tactic used by big polluters to distract us from the real issue, right?

We're here to talk about the airport. We're here to talk about the re-envisioning process and the trauma that it brings to our communities. There is a lot of environmental polluters in our community, but we're here to talk about Whiteman Airport because of the toxic metals that they use in their... in their airplane fuel, like lead, right? These things are unknown and that comment that was said about the AQI in our communities, that's not on an... that's not an accident, right?

If you look at the CalEnviroScreen, published by OEHHA which is an environmental group focused on addressing the impact communities face, we see that the Northeast Valley is actually at one of the highest ranked places to be environmentally polluted. Right? I think it's important

to address that we do live in the Northeast San Fernando Valley, and we're here to talk about the Whiteman Airport because of the impact it has, not only environmentally, but to families and trauma. Right. We shouldn't have to look up and be worried about a plane falling in our neighborhoods.

With all of that being said, I'm really glad that we're starting to talk about the re-envisioning process and have more meaningful engagement with our community members as we start to think about what this space could really look like and how we can implement mitigation efforts in responses to the multiple plane crashes that have occurred. Yeah. Thank you.

Teodora:

Hi everyone. I just want to bring back to attention the struggle that our community members and Northeast San Fernando Valley members face, to even attend meetings like these, like the CAC. We are a hard-working class community, and often meetings like these have a digital divide. When there's comments like, "Why isn't there community voice in these meetings? Why is there a lack of community presence?" You may be able to question that these meetings aren't always designed for community members to be present. And although this is a Community Advisory Committee aimed to bring an advocate for community members, it's important to recognize that many of our community members are working. They deserve to rest as well. Making sure that we make the space for them to attend, like the upcoming Town Hall in person meeting, can create the space for that, which we continue to advocate for our members to be included in these spaces.

Aside from that, I would like to continue advocating for the shutdown of this airport and also start implementing a noise-canceling curfew, which is putting a stop on these flight... nonstop flight operations. It was mentioned today, there is a tower here who... who's supervising these flights until 9:00 PM until 7:00 AM. But what about these other flights that may not be monitored, but continue to bring a risk to our community members and having to... having to deal with the noise pollution, having to deal with the air pollution, although that it was brought up with the AQ.

It's very true that these community members that are living directly next to the Whiteman Airport have to face this every day. It goes farther than just the physical trauma. There's mental health issues related to the Whiteman Airport that root back to the past of just these present accidents that happened within the past three years.

There's lack of accountability to recording these accidents. Like we saw today, there hasn't been a report back from the last accident in November, of 2020. We should make sure that these other accidents that have occurred in the past in Whiteman Airport have their report backs in a timely manner.

I do agree that we should definitely continue to see how we can re-envision this space and also provide the community members the opportunity to attend these meetings in person. I agree that these meetings should be in person. Thank you for your time.

Roberto:

Good evening. I am the program director for Icon Community Development Corporation. ICON CDC, 20 year organization, whose mission is to promote economic development and job creation for Northeast San Fernando Valley residents. Over the last 11 years, ICON CDC has served over 2000 businesses to create over 3000 jobs, retain another 5,000 jobs in businesses throughout the east... Eastern San Fernando Valley. We currently have two offices of employment at Van Nuys, focused on promoting community economic and those communities, including the development and promotion of strategies for community based economic development and job creation.

ICON CDC, joints Pacoima Beautiful and numerous community organizations and thousands of residents in calling for the closure of Whiteman Airport. ICON CDC applauds the determination and resiliency of Pacoima Beautiful as they have suffered a constant and continuous barrage of racist, misogynistic attacks. ICON CDC calls upon self-serving majority non-minority, non-resident population of personal aircraft owners to stop these attacks and cooperatively participate in an actual revisioning of this massive community asset.

By all accounts, 187 acres of land in the middle of our community can be a place to renew our community. As some of you don't know, Pacoima has an unemployment rate twice to the city, has a high school dropout rate twice as other communities. It has a low-income poverty rate higher than the city. This community needs jobs. This community needs support. This community needs what those of you who live in Encino, and Woodland Hills, and Chatsworth, and Sherman Oaks, and Studio City have. We need open space and parks. We need retail and commercial serving retail. We need jobs.

The Whiteman Airport can be a location for that and to hold on to it for 600 planes makes no economic sense. To suggest that this is a developer's strategy is just simply moronic. I would hope that people can speak honestly and not try to paint something that doesn't exist. Thank you very much.

Eli:

First of all, I want to comment regarding the CAC members and CAC committee, I see a few of them are at least trying to be fair and objective and taking their commission responsibilities seriously. I should hope that their CAC members would not be influenced by political officials, but be the advocates for the whole community.

The other thing I would like to say is let's not try to rush the process without considering all the facts and hearing from all the stakeholders. Also, there's been a talk as I listen on the out... outside, looking in, it appears as if the decision has already been made to close the airport. Is it re-visioning to improve the airport and correct the problems, or is it the re-visioning to close the airport down? I continue to hear comments about, how to take 10 to 15 years to close it down. Is it a predetermined idea mindset or, is it just being fair?

I also would like to say, why should there be a cap on the meetings and the time if we're trying to get all the facts before making a good decision? I just should hope that all of the community is being heard and that we don't lose this gem, which is our... airport, because of all of the important things that the... that they do, especially emergency and all of that. I'm sure we heard a lot of that. It's a gem and closing it down is permanent.

Lastly, I would just like to ask a question. I have been asking questions for... about dollars and that type of thing. I heard one gentleman, I think his name was Mr. Stone. He had mentioned something regarding the airport master plan. I had a chance to go back and look at the air... airport master plan. I understand there were millions of dollars that have been appropriated and allocated going back from 2019. It was allocated to be... to year 2030.

Millions of dollars had already been spent from 2019 to date. I'm just curious how many dollars... have millions of dollars have been spent? Is that also being taken into consideration with the idea of possibly closing it down? I should hope that the whole discussion is being fair and reasonable. Again, I would like to thank the CAC members. I'm encouraged because I am seeing at least some of the members that they're trying to be objective about it. I hope that all of the members take it seriously without having a predetermined decision beforehand. That's pretty much what I wanted to say.

Margarita:

Hi, good afternoon. My name is Margarita, and I'm a community organizer and resident of the San Fernando Valley for over 35 years. I am here to speak to you about the recent recreational airplane crash that ended the life of a pilot and create a great trauma in my community. That day, my husband... I arrived home for lunch, with the horrible news of the airplane crash. That night I suffer anxiety and couldn't sleep with the thought that if the airplane would've crashed just feet to the left, my husband could've been hurt or even died. I shouldn't have to comfort my five year old after seeing a plane crash on the side of the freeway. That day, my daughter asked me, "Why are airplanes still flying today, if a pilot just died?" She pointed to the sky in fear and asked me, "Is that little airplane going to crash too?" As she hold tight to me.

Whiteman Airport is a hazard and danger to my community. I strongly feel that if pilots wish to fly their recreational planes, they should do so, but in their own communities. Let them deal with the noise pollution and the negative health effects of lead emission. Let them lose sleep and their peace. Let them have to comfort their children after seeing an airplane crash.

I am here to demand the shutdown of Whiteman Airport. Though, I understand that the shutdown will take a long time, it is time to start the process to make things right, and provide community and Pacoima where remediations such as noise-canceling windows and flight curfew. I ask you to please show some respect to San Fernando Valley. Show some respect to the families that have to deal with this on a daily basis and shut it down.

Thomas:

Thank you for this opportunity to speak to the CAC, again. My message is similar to what I said

before in that these meetings, we spend a lot of time on what I'll call aviation airports and airplanes 1-0-1, general introduction to what goes on with airports and pilots and airplanes. The vast majority, in fact, only two that I'm aware of the CAC members have ever accepted an invitation or come on their own just actually see what happens at the airport. Once again, I would like to extend an invitation to any of the CAC members, or for that matter any of the Pacoima Beautiful members to come to one of our Young Eagles flights. We can arrange a flights for adult... adults, in addition to the children. Also, they can come and visit the actual building of the airplane, in our hangar, on Saturday afternoons and get some idea of the people that are there. There are people from the community. I think the people who are involved in that have a much greater chance of going on to a good professional careers.

With that said, once again, please come to the airport, please meet us, come see what actually goes on. Another point that keeps coming up is, I don't know if you listen to the minutes or the L.A. County Aviation Commission meeting that occurred yesterday evening. There're in contact with the main manufacturer of unleaded aviation fuel. They're making plans to bring unleaded fuel to the airport. By the time the airport could possibly be closed, even under some fast track idea, the leaded fuel is going to be gone. That's really a moot point.

With that said, please come to the airport. See what's going on. You can then get a better idea of the community outreach efforts that the... are available to youth at Whiteman Airport, in addition to the jobs and other economic benefits. If we want Pacoima to stand above other underserved neighborhoods, you should keep the gem of an airport, which makes you guys something special. Thank you very much.

Seydi:

Hi, thank you so much. I want to just thank the committee members and the community that is here today. I look forward to the in-person Town Hall meeting. I do want to echo the need for the additional information before this committee does make a final recommendation and provides more information to the community with what the re-envisioning process is. Some of the reports and dating back from the initial crash that I think was back in 2020, which we don't have, are incredibly important for not only the committee, but also the community to have the information available, to see what, if any changes maybe need to be made. Or, any additional information that would be helpful to the re-envisioning process.

There is a preliminary report, and I am sure that the committee does have access to that. I know that airplane safety and checkups has also been something that has been at the forefront of this committee and the community. Just reading that preliminary report from the NTSB indicates that some of the air traffic controlled tower audio that was reviewed on that day indicated that the pilot had reported a loss of engine power.

Having that information, obviously there is no final report. I think that will be very, incredibly important to this committee and to the community to ensure that you have all the necessary information to be able to re-envision, to make the final report and to make the decision of... and

the community, of what is going to be best for the community as a whole, since they are the ones that are experiencing all of these issues that are going on and trauma that does happen and come with this type of situation that's going on. Thank you so very much. I do look forward to attending the in-person meeting at the end of May.

Mindy:

Hi. Right. I think the community deployment is more concerned of the cleaning to have the community clean, maybe removing like asbestos from the homes, because those are... it's something that causes a lot of cancer... Or it has caused a lot of cancers and within the community and then hurting the community. Also, on San Fernando and Osborne, my family lives in those two blocks and they need help cleaning up the community. I mean, the Whiteman Airport's not even bothering them. It's more of the... There's so much trash going on there, the homeless... They need help with that. A lot of help. They're not even concerned about the airplanes. They didn't even think about what's falling over them.

I actually went over with my aunt in those two blocks, within Osborne in San Fernando down, then the neighbors are just concerned about the cleaning. They like, "The airport doesn't even bother us. It's not even an issue." I don't know what else to say. I mean, they said that nobody has come over their house to walk to them, to let them know what's going on with the airport. They didn't even know about this meeting. I'm the one informing them and letting them know. Thank you.

Juan:

Hello everyone. Thank you for your time. My name is Juan, and I am a proud supporter of the shutdown of Whiteman Airport. Pacoima has historically been impacted by environmentally unjust policies and Whiteman Airport continues to be a burden that puts the health and peace and wellbeing of Pacoima residents at risk. Whiteman Airport is a great danger to the community and it is an insult to Pacoima residents to claim this airport is beneficial. How many more accidents need to happen? How many more lives needs to be put at risk? It is time to acknowledge the community's lived experiences with this toxic airport and it is time to shut it down. [Mr. Cabrera repeated his message in Spanish.] Thank you for your time.

Vianey:

Hi everyone. My name is Vianey, and I was raised in Pacoima and now I live in Sylmar. I'm just here to talk about going back to the trauma of the residents that have to experience airplanes having to be so close to them, falling. To be in Pacoima and be raised there, I was never welcome to the airport or to elementary, middle school, high school there. I did not have no one from the airport come speak to me about any programs, any scholarships, and yet there's still no data talking about where these scholarships are going to and how that's somehow going back to a youth of Pacoima, because I definitely do not see that.

Now that I live in Sylmar, the airplane accident that just happened was not even more than 10 minutes away from me. For me to be able to not be in Pacoima anymore and be raised in Sylmar

now, and live here, but still have this airport still follow me from my childhood and now where I'm at today, says more about where the priorities or the airport really is and how they're really focused on the stories of those that have been impacted. The families, the children who have to... they have this reality. I was one of them.

It really saddens me that we're not really focusing on the youth and the young kids that are having to live under this airport. No one is really here saying what about them? There's this whole conversation about Pacoima Beautiful, being seen as somehow the only ones that are here because they're the ones that have always been in the community. They were there when I was a teenager, they needed someone to be there for me and guide me where I'm at today.

For those that are talking about trash in the community, we just had our Earth Day clean up with over a hundred community members that came out. Right. We clean the corner edges of our... of our city. I was there with the youth that I work with and I'm mentoring them now to love their community in the same way that the Pacoima Beautiful taught me to love my community. I don't know... We were there sweating, getting all those weeds out. I just really hope that we can refocus the center on the voices and those residents that live in Pacoima and for those that aren't here this evening. Thank you so much for your time and have a good rest of your night.

Norma:

Hi, thank you. Yes, my name is Norma. I'm from the area of Sun Valley. I belong to a neighborhood council, the Sun Valley Neighborhood Council, but right now I'm speaking on my behalf. I just want to share with you that during the time that there was a gas leak at the LADWP Sun Valley Generating Station here, in Sun Valley, Pacoima Beautiful came and rallied in front of their gates, and protested and asked them to shut down the station. They never reached out to the community. They didn't ask us for our feedback. How we felt about it? What we wanted done? They call the media and they show themselves everywhere asking for the shutdown of this station.

Then they come to a meeting in one of those neighborhood council meetings and they demand respect from our community when we were discussing a letter of support for the Whiteman. That to me, is very uncomfortable because all these people that keep saying, "Show respect, show respect," I feel they're not showing respect for other communities or other people who are in favor of keeping the Whiteman. I think we should just respect each other. Maybe we shouldn't even use that word because we should just let people express themselves, regardless of whether we agree with them or not. I just want respect for everybody so we can say what we want, how we feel.

I strongly support the Whiteman. My children do not like aviation, but that doesn't mean we should shut it down because none of them are going to do a career out of it. As a parent, I have to explain to my child every day, why people die. Why there's a car accident? Why the train had

an accident? There are many reasons why people die and yes, there is trauma, but there is trauma on all those things also. I have to explain it to my child as a parent. That's my job.

If you never got any information from the airport about their programs at your school, I think that should have been the job of your parents. Your parents should have... If you wanted to do something in aviation, then where were your parents? They should have done something about it to show you where you could go. That's all I have to share. Thank you.

Crystal:

Hi, my name is Crystal. With the Whiteman Airport being a part of our community, I recently connected with Dona Eva who experienced firsthand in November 2020, an airplane crashing in front of her home. She told me her experience firsthand, how she was sitting on her chair, on her porch and how this airplane came down. She thought she was going to lose her life. Her family members heard through the news outlets and social media. They didn't know if she was alive or not, if their family members were okay or not.

As well as growing up here, I was never informed about any services that were for our community or for us children in Pacoima. I never knew of any services. As to respond to that last comment from the person who spoke before me, a lot of our parents were... they were... they're undocumented, Norma. They themselves need help with resources. It's organizations like Pacoima Beautiful that have provided these types of resources for our parents, for community members that are still going through situations here in the community.

I just really ask for... yes, respect and to understand that this airport being here is not for us, for the community. It is for specific people and we need to shut it down. We need to be able to live in an area without this noise from the airplanes. We need them to have a curfew. We need noise-canceling windows. Our kids have gone through trauma. Firsthand, I have two kids who saw two... both of the recent aircraft's that fell. They have had questions. Yes, I've had to answer those questions for them as well.

The airplane that crashed in January, then the one that crashed in April. They were in school, but they heard about it even while they were in school. There's definitely trauma in the community. Please respect our community. Please give us what we deserve. Shut down the Whiteman Airport. Thank you.