

## **NEIGHBORS WILL STILL RALLY IN PROTEST OF THE DISREGARD FOR THEIR HEALTH AND SAFETY**

Santa Monica, CA - Concerned Residents Against Airport Pollution (CRAAP) director Martin Rubin does not see this as a win for the community that the City of Santa Monica claims it to be. The City Council voted four to three to approve this settlement agreement; a split Council vote. Council members Sue Himmelrich, Tony Vazquez and Kevin McKeown voted against it.

Rubin says, "To begin with, the community had zero public input with this agreement that directly affects their health and safety. We will be looking closely at the full document when it is released. After all, the devil is in the details." He believes that large numbers of residents will not be silenced and they will voice their concerns. "The community has been the monkey in the middle for three decades. They were victimized by an agreement that lasted from 1984 until July 2015. That agreement was supposed to mitigate community noise concerns. The flood gates opened to private jets at SMO (1,800% increase). Over the years, the jets account for more than 90% of the noise violations. The 1984 agreement was cruel to the community. Now the community is faced with another twelve questionable years. Hasn't the community suffered enough?"

There seems to be a lot of backslapping by politicians at this moment about how great this agreement is for the community--Several community activists say, let's review this agreement carefully before giving our complete approval. The cities of Santa Monica and Los Angeles have different impacts from this airport. What appears to be good for one area with this agreement might not necessarily be good for another area. For example, will the distance between the east end of the runway and Los Angeles homes be increased enough to significantly decrease toxic air pollution from jet blast.

The planned demonstration rally will proceed as scheduled, Saturday, February 4, 11:00 AM, to protest decades of disregard of the extreme negative health and safety impacts to Santa Monica Airport's neighbors . Protesters will gather together in the large parking lot within the Santa Monica Business Park, just north of and across the street (Donald Douglas Loop North) from Atlantic Aviation. Please note that entrances to the Santa Monica Business Park are from either Ocean Park Blvd. between 28th and 31st (near Wells Fargo) or from 31st Street (just south of Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf). The parking gates will be up and all may park for free in any of the many unreserved parking spaces (see maps below). The flyer and map are available here.

Speakers at the demonstration will include Congressman Ted Lieu, Los Angeles City Councilmember Mike Bonin, Santa Monica Mayor Ted Winterer, and other political representatives, as well as community activists from Santa Monica, Ocean Park, Venice, West Los Angeles and Mar Vista.

Director of CRAAP, Martin Rubin, called for and organized the event which is supported by: Friends of Sunset Park, North Westdale Neighborhood Association, Ocean Park Association, Venice Residents Against SMO, West of Westwood Homeowners Association, South Mar Vista Neighborhood Association, Airport 2 Park, CASMAT, No Jets, SMO Future.

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