

Public Comments Submitted for:

**Santa Monica City Council Meeting
Tuesday, December 19, 2023 at 5:30PM**

**Item 11A. Future of Santa Monica Airport
Sasaki Direction and Guiding Principles**

360+

**Authors and signatories respectfully
submit the following petition:**

Our Park, Our Future!
The Local Community's Statement and Requested Actions
for the Airport to Park Conversion Project
November 7, 2023

and

Additional Personal Comments

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Local Community's Position

The City of Santa Monica must “take all actions necessary and proper to ensure that SMO will cease to operate as an airport and shall be closed to all aeronautical use forever effective as of midnight on December 31, 2028.”¹

The people voted and the City must “prohibit new development on Airport land, except for parks, public open spaces and public recreational facilities, until the voters approve limits on the uses and development that may occur on the land.”² The City must not fund or start any development process that explores uses that are currently prohibited by Measure LC, nor should the City initiate a ballot measure to allow prohibited development on the land. Measure LC should not be manipulated to begin an illegal development process.³

The City should focus on scenarios and concepts that are “centered around the idea of the site hosting a Great Park”⁴ which include “parks, public open spaces, and public recreational facilities; and the maintenance and replacement of existing cultural, arts and education uses.”⁵

To do otherwise would demonstrate contempt for repeated and clear-cut election outcomes and democratic processes in the City of Santa Monica.

Requested Actions of City Council and Staff

We urge the Council and Staff to preserve and honor: (1) the original 1926 citywide vote to purchase the land for a public park, (2) the definitive 2014 Measure LC citywide vote that established Charter Amendment LC, and (3) the 2017 Consent Decree and 2017 City Council SMO Closure Resolution No. 11026 which ensures airport closure at midnight 12/31/2028.

¹ City Council SMO Closure Resolution No. 11026. See [Exhibit A](#).

² 2014 Ballot Measure LC. See [Exhibit B](#).

³ <https://itsourland.org/lc-guarantees-no-new-development>

⁴ City of Santa Monica Request for Qualifications. See [Exhibit C](#).

⁵ Charter Amendment LC. See [Exhibit D](#).

Project Scope of Work Requests

We urge the City to explicitly direct Sasaki (the firm recommended by City Staff) to:

1. Focus on executing the vision and plan for a Great Park that is consistent with Measure LC and the original 1926 citywide vote to purchase the land for a public park.
2. Isolate and disclose any prohibited uses or development that may require prerequisite voter approval, before proceeding further with any prohibited development work, so its impacts are not hidden or blended among the alternative land use scenarios that are allowed.
3. Modify their RFQ and RFP submissions to eliminate any direction that starts the development process that explores uses that are currently prohibited by Measure LC.⁶
4. Deliver at least one baseline concept for an Interim Park Plan with minimal changes, similar to Berlin's "Templehof model" as suggested in Staff Report 5503.⁷ It should align with the airport closure date of midnight 12/31/2028, and soon after allow public use of the parkland, while incremental planning continues into the future.
5. Deliver a second baseline concept for a park that is financially self-funded and self-sustaining, which may use the existing annual \$20 million non-aviation lease revenue.
6. Determine the revenue that can continue when the airport is closed, and deliver a concrete plan to immediately identify and apply for Federal, State, and Local Park Grants.
7. Identify any land adjacent to Airport land that is not protected by Measure LC.⁸

— **END** —

⁶ Sasaki RFQ Submission, March 13, 2023. See Exhibits E-1 and E-2.

⁷ Staff Report 5503 - Public Process to Determine the Future of Santa Monica Airport. See Exhibit F.

⁸ Santa Monica Business Park and SMC Bundy Campus are not Airport land and are not protected by Charter Amendment LC. Public sources have reported on potential future development. See the following links:

- <https://therealdeal.com/la/2018/07/24/boston-properties-increases-purchase-price-on-santa-monica-business-park/>
- <https://smmirror.com/2022/02/santa-monica-college-investigating-options-to-build-housing-for-poor-and-unhoused-students/>

Personal Comments to City Council

Timestamp	Name	Personal Comments to City Council:
11/7/2023 10:00:19	Alice Ellis	Start planning for the park we voted for!
11/7/2023 10:00:53	Alan Levenson	We want a park with things that belong in a park, and not with things that don't.
11/7/2023 14:46:38	Igor Meglic	We all know we need this park more than anything else...please do the right thing, maybe not as much for us but for our kids and their kids too. Thank you!
11/7/2023 14:47:50	Rebecca Nelson	Greenery, a place to ride bicycles, water features, easy parking, and a street through the middle so that Walgrove/23rd st and Bunny don't get too congested (they already are).
11/7/2023 14:53:10	Jennifer Field	In 2028 the airport must become a park. The will of the majority of Santa Monica residents who voted in Measure LC needs to be respected. NO HOUSING. NO AIRPORT. We need an asset that serves the entire community, not just a few. Keep the existing structures, like Barker Hangar, let the revenue they generate pay for the park. Anything else is unacceptable.
11/7/2023 14:55:01	theo swerissen	I am fed up with the noise and pollution caused by the Santa Monica Airport (SMO). The unfair allocation of space for the airport is disrespectful. It is high time for the land occupied by SMO to be transformed into a public park. I sincerely hope that Santa Monica officials will not engage in another secretive deal behind closed doors, similar to what happened in the past. Our collective decision is to turn this space into a park, and that's what our vote stands for.
11/7/2023 14:58:24	Minda Johnstone	We want and need a park. More open space to preserve everyone's quality of life and air quality, for now and years to come. Thank you.
11/7/2023 15:02:15	Robert Brown	The 267 acres now occupied by SMO, belongs to the residents of Santa Monica. In 2014, voters OVERWHELMINGLY voted YES for Measure LC (and roundly rejected Aviation's Measure d) which changed the city charter to assure that the only Parks, Playing fields and Open Space would be permitted on the land after SMO closed unless the voters decided otherwise. The fight over the closure of SMO has been going on for DECADES. Santa Monica is desperate for more parks! Yes, it will be expensive but the city also takes in 20 million per year in non-aviation leases. Enough foot dragging and enough back room dealing. PLAN FOR THAT PARK! DESIGN THAT PARK! BUILD THAT PARK! This is a once in a century opportunity to create a space that can be enjoyed by EVERYONE... forever.
11/7/2023 15:05:04	Brian Kelly	This is our opportunity to have Santa Monica's own Central Park, something that future generations will undoubtedly be ever grateful that we did.
11/7/2023 15:09:23	William Fordes	During the proposition battle, I walked and got signatures as a volunteer. I helped with the drafting of the proposition to convert the airport to a park. I believe in it as a future that SM cannot give up at this point, and the voters had their say and they said, overwhelmingly, "we want a park." PLEASE adhere to the will of the voters.
11/7/2023 15:14:07	Justin Anderson	The voters were clear: this land should be used for a park! This is what the land was originally purchased for and what it should be returned to once the noisy, filthy airport is finally closed. Please begin planning for this wonderful future park right away.
11/7/2023 15:23:48	Dirk van de Bunt	Please turn the airport into a Great and "great" park, with playgrounds, walking trails, off leash parks, places for kids, places for bikes and skateboards, where they don't intersect with walkers, and places for older folks, too. Provide lots of nature, lots of seating, keep the cars out, make it like a mini Central Park, where there's something for everyone (museums, arts, places to play, places to connect with nature), and security! Dont forget security. Without that, it won't get used. We look forward to enjoying it in our old age.
11/7/2023 15:26:55	Gail Gordon	I am thrilled at the opportunity Santa Monica has to create a generational Park possible akin to New York or San Francisco, hopefully Mai rain the Flying museum, create other museums about this space and its relationship to the state and country. I live next door to the airport, I was honestly concerned that the city would try to move against the will of its residents/constituents as has been done in the past. I am encouraged that we are finally being listened to instead of taken advantage of. Here's to great things in our future.
11/7/2023 15:27:10	LYNN NOVATT	Yes, I would like to see a Great Park, like Central Park in NY , except with views to the ocean! Santa Monica has become TOO overdeveloped in the last 20 years! Please STOP with the over building and create some green space for the society and citizens to enjoy.
11/7/2023 15:33:39	Steve Chinn	
11/7/2023 15:33:51	Se Jong Ding	A park in place of the SM Airport would be enjoyed by all residents for gnerations to come. These spaces will have lasting legacy that are otherwise impossible to obtain.
11/7/2023 15:42:52	Ellen Mark	Dear Councilmembers, The airport space should be available for a park and only a park after the airport closing. There will be available funds to maintain it. Thank you to those who are supportive! Sincerely, Ellen Mark
11/7/2023 15:45:49	Victor Fresco	We voted for a great park. Full stop. City Council must honor the voters mandate.
11/7/2023 15:48:55	Virginia Mastroianni	Let the fat cats park their Gulfstreams in their own backyard. Airport Avenue is right behind my house. I have lived in my home for over 20 years. I resent the airport noise for my own peace of mind as well as my autistic son- now age 30. Give us the PARK only that we voted for. I voted from Santa Monica in 2014 to get rid of the airport. It's only "glamorous" for the people who fly. For the residents the noise is PURE HELL. Enough is enough.
11/7/2023 15:50:20	Joseph Lutz	We need a park--put housing some other place.

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11/7/2023 15:54:26	Lisa Detamore	This area has been my home for over 20 years and I am so excited that it will finally be a park. I would love for the park to continue the theme of the airport without planes taking off. I would also love to see a live music area and a walking path.
11/7/2023 15:55:48	Sean Meehan	
11/7/2023 16:09:19	Stephen Manes	Please don't alter the wishes of the voters. The airport land should become a park as planned and voted on and not new housing!!
11/7/2023 16:15:51	Phyllis Chavez	The big park is what should be there. Let's get started. Thank you.
11/7/2023 16:17:58	David Konell	The voters have spoken. SMO will be a park in 2028. Nothing else!
11/7/2023 16:23:47	Angelica Benavides	Please honor the 2014 vote, which did not come easily passed... we want only a great big park as planned for decades... thank you.
11/7/2023 16:25:33	Chutney Li	
11/7/2023 16:26:11	Karen Comegys-Wortz	We voted for a park! It's your job to give it to us!!!
11/7/2023 16:37:27	Emi Onishi	Hi, thanks for the great job you're doing. I've been looking forward to this park since the idea was first voted into place. With only 5 more years to go, I'm very excited as to what it could bring to the community. I hope you will continue to vote for things that support this amazing place-to-be.
11/7/2023 16:39:00	Patrick Davenport	Dear Sir or Madam. We voted for a Great Park to replace Santa Monica Airport so please follow through with this plan. The westside has very little public park space and the Great Park would be a much better use of the space than additional housing. It's time. Yours faithfully, Patrick Davenport
11/7/2023 16:40:20	Stephen Mark	I think once the airport land is remediated for toxins, it should be turned into a low maintenance, low cost woods, perhaps with walking and biking paths, whose main purpose would be carbon capture, but which would also act as a place for people to walk around as well as create a mini-wildlife habitat that might keep the Airport coyotes closer to their dens rather than hunting in the surrounding neighborhoods. Other uses would be possible as long as they were compatible with that central theme. Cars should be prohibited. I am, by the way, a supporter of adding housing to Santa Monica as long as it's done as part of a comprehensive plan to reduce, if not eliminate, auto traffic from the City. We have to house people. We have to clean the atmosphere. We can't allow those goals to compete.
11/7/2023 17:00:42	Sarah Lewis	Respect what the voters voted for - a green space and park!
11/7/2023 17:20:28	Fabrizio Giorgi	I want a park. We have plenty of houses and traffic. Let make it like the High line in NY. We can do this and we deserve this.
11/7/2023 17:30:08	Elin Katz	Please do not advance the idea of housing on the future Great Park land! The park needs to be a large natural common space everyone can enjoy, with soccer fields, a community garden and recreational areas for kids and adults. We have waited too long for the dream to come true. Don't compromise it with housing no one asked for. High rise apartments are being built all over the city. Leave our park alone.
11/7/2023 17:31:48	Suanne Ware-Diaz	
11/7/2023 17:33:13	Roberto Schaefer	make it a [park, shut down the airport completely
11/7/2023 17:40:37	Joseph Hardin	First of all thanks for your hard work. You should all know the History and Facts about the SMO property. Even though the plan for the Great Santa Monica Park has been delayed by The Great Depression and WWII, the Korean War, the War in Vietnam, Corporate Greed, etc...We now have the opportunity to fulfill a goal that was set almost one hundred years ago and reaffirmed in 2014 and 2017. We need the City Council to have the courage and wisdom to hire a design company that will follow the mandate of Measure LC. There is plenty of other property in Santa Monica well suited for housing and commerce. A Great Park is good for our physical environment and good for people's mental health. We should set a goal to break ground for the new park on January 1st, 2029. The Empire State Building only took one year and eight months to complete including planning. We can plan and permit a Great Park in five years and one month. We could also get a head start on some of the environmental clean up by immediately ending the sale and storage of leaded fuel at SMO. That is a win-win for a "Green City". The question is: Will you, the City Council, do the will of the majority of citizens of Santa Monica and move forward on The Great Park as soon as possible? Thanks for your time, Joe
11/7/2023 18:05:37	Eddy Winston	We the people of Santa Monica want the Great Park! Please make it happen without delay!
11/7/2023 18:35:04	DOUGLAS JOHNSTONE	Follow the vote.
11/7/2023 18:45:26	John Ventura	I would like to voice my support for turning the SMO land to a park and nothing else. Maintenance paid for \$20M per year from leasing Ex-airport land. Thank you
11/7/2023 20:04:03	justine lowe	As 15 year residents of navy street, We strongly oppose any opposition by the city of santa monica to build anything other than a park at the Santa Monica airport.
11/7/2023 20:09:09	justine lowe	As a 15 year residents of navy street, We strongly oppose any opposition by the city of Santa monica to build anything other than a park at the Santa Monica airport.

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11/7/2023 20:23:48	Richard Eagan	Prioritize the health and well being of your fellow Santa Monica residents over short-sighted corporate greed. Continue to be bold and think progressively for the future. Build the park with no housing.
11/7/2023 20:23:51	David Abramis	We want a PARK -- ONLY a park -- not housing, and not for ANY reason. This is what we voted for and this is what the land should be. Parkland, and ONLY parkland.
11/7/2023 20:40:15	Dika Chartoff	This park should feel like a great nature oasis, similar to Central Park in NYC. I would also love to see a museum for innovation for children and adults, dedicated to education about climate change and how we can prevent it. Artists from all over the world would exhibit their nature-inspired installations inside the great big park.
11/7/2023 21:59:06	Jan Simonovic	Make a park with lots of trees and views to the Pacific
11/7/2023 22:11:14	Grace Gabe	please build a beautiful park to replace the old airport.
11/7/2023 22:11:46	Aaron Levine	
11/7/2023 22:13:18	Mark Abdou	Please keep the airport land development to a park in accordance with the citizens' vote.
11/7/2023 22:46:28	Charles Blum	Never again will we ever have a chance to have a park for all future generations. This open land can be developed with the consideration of improving our carbon footprint, returning land for many people to use in to multiple ways, and have Santa Monica stand out in an environmentally powerful way.
11/8/2023 4:01:54	David Goddard	Please stop fuel sales. Begin the process to close the airport. This was previously call the starvation strategy. Please make it clear to the tenants that the airport will be closing in 2028.
11/8/2023 5:16:18	Elaine Miller	It is time for the people to have a safe and healthy environment free from the devastating impact of aviation noise and air pollution. Stand up for the rights of the people!!!!
11/8/2023 6:01:21	Steven Brady	
11/8/2023 6:39:59	Simona Garon	In 2014 we won a democratic vote on wanting a park when SM airport will close. I voted for that and I still want the same a park. No more housing!! Thanks!!
11/8/2023 7:47:12	Sandra Casillas	I do not live in Santa Monica, I live two blocks east of Santa Monica Airport. I have been affected by the airport ever since I purchased my home in 1994. I can't tell you how happy I am that the airport is going to be turned into a great park. I look forward to walking along in the green loveliness of it. Thank you for doing with the citizens of Santa Monica voted for, and I hardly approve of, a great park.
11/8/2023 8:25:27	Lara Osment	Please convert the airport into a park with a skate park, pump track (like they did in Inglewood recently) Inglewood. Cafes, Theatres - a place for community and clear air. - DO NOT build more housing. We dont need housing. We didnt vote for housing. The city generates 20m a year from rental income, you have enough to build and manage the park.
11/8/2023 8:34:21	Laura Park	PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE STOP OVER DEVELOPING SANTA MONICA. Ocean Avenue is already ruined!!!! Please do what the voters of Santa Monica voted to do in 2014 and make the airport land a park, NOT HOUSING. Be heroes to the people of Santa Monica instead of greedy, money grabbing (from developers)non-caring drones. You were elected to make Santa Monica a better place, not the overcrowded urban nightmare it has become. Thank you, Laura Park
11/8/2023 8:48:18	Will Guston	In 2014, The vast majority of Santa Monica voters approved a ballot measure to close the Santa Monica Airport and restore the land to create a park. Honor the Will of the people, become visionary and create a great park that will provide a much needed haven for the people. The rental revenue from former airport buildings adjacent to the park will provide adequate funding to maintain the park. Stop wasting time scheming with developers to turn the land into a housing development. Get busy planning how to create a great park for the people. We the citizens, will be watching you. Will Guston
11/8/2023 8:53:02	Sam McGarry	please rewild the space.... we need more greenspace.
11/8/2023 8:57:47	Theresa Zupi Forster	Make the park as promised. We don't need any more buildings. Santa Monica is turning into The Projects
11/8/2023 9:12:25	Emily Dawe	The airport land should be a park. That's all. That is what the original idea nearly 100 years ago was. That is what the voters of Santa Monica expressed in 2014. That is what makes the most sense to keep our community as wonderful a place to live as it is.
11/8/2023 9:14:44	Darlene vogel	Dear city council , as you know , we need more parks and field space for our growing sports . Soccer , pickleball , skatepark , anything else than housing . Traffic is unbearable , esp on Walgrove to Airport. We have enough housing .
11/8/2023 9:21:38	Christopher Park	Please do not let the airport turn into more housing. This area is already so congested with traffic that it is getting difficult to cross the street. I don't bother even trying to drive after 3:00 in the afternoon. The downtown area has also become difficult to get around due to the development. I ride my bike everywhere and am happy to do so, but not everyone is as active as I am. The people of Santa Monica voted for a Park in 2014. We did not vote for the over development currently taking place due to the oversight and non functioning of previous councils. I have proudly lived here for 40 years because the city always seems to do what is right. Building more housing in an already super congested corridor with no natural outlets is irresponsible and does nothing but degrade the quality of living for all Santa Monica. The people wanted a Park!
11/8/2023 9:44:22	Pam Goodman	Santa Monica voted for a park in 2014. We should not let developers overturn what the city wants.

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11/8/2023 9:52:31	Barry Friesen	NO HOUSING or more business park buildings. surrounding streets can not handle existing traffic and definitely would not support more traffic. Park or open space as voted on by residents.
11/8/2023 10:17:57	Will von Bernuth	Keep the airport land for a public park as the voters voted for in 2014's measure LC.
11/8/2023 10:24:13	Will von Bernuth	Keep the airport for a public park as the voters voted for in 2014's Measure LC. Not for housing.
11/8/2023 10:46:16	Laurel Gallucci	We would like more transparency concerning the future of the Santa Monica Airport. The voters vote for parkland in 2014. Is that what's still happening?
11/8/2023 10:47:12	Ashley Wrobel	Please protect what the voters chose in 2014 .. create a park and open space for Santa Monica. And it is alot of acreage ... maybe a few houses or one condo project..
11/8/2023 10:48:09	Ashley Wrobel	BUT don't change the current agreed upon plan of the voters without VOTER approval. Let us keep at least Santa Monica a democracy
11/8/2023 10:59:25	Lisa Sandbank	I voted for a park when I voted for measure LC because we need the recreational space and cool zones that a park provides. The city purchased this property on a park bond and when the airport ceases, the land needs to be reverted back to its rightful purpose.
11/8/2023 11:04:45	Karla Klarin	Please stay with the planned use by turning the airport into a big, wonderful, beautiful park for all of us to enjoy! Let housing be built in the urban zones, we need this park!
11/8/2023 11:06:07	Traci Wallace	Dear Members of the Council: It has been quite disappointing to see that voters' preferences regarding the airport land are being in any way dismissed or ignored by some on the council. I urge you ALL to please respect the wishes of your constituents and move forward with the park plans for the airport land, as approved many years ago. Thank you!
11/8/2023 11:18:43	Denise Bachman	We want a great park - there is no excuse for a city that claims to be forward thinking in environmental concerns to delay a park. Trees, green space, playgrounds, easy access from the north side as well as the east and west. A Central Park, with lakes and museums and galleries and public spaces would be nice, but in my opinion the most important thing to do is create a forest of trees to clean our polluted air! We voted on this, the opinion of the people is clear, please stop listening to those groups that want to continue using it as a source of air pollutants in the form of internal combustion airplanes taking off and landing, instead of a remedy for them! Kindly act in the interests of the people you were elected to serve, not only the businesses with the biggest bank accounts who want to keep business as usual!
11/8/2023 12:04:22	Jennifer Harris	My family and friends (we live adjacent to the West side of the airport) implore the City Council to abide by the SM voters' overwhelming wishes of converting the Airport land to Park space back in 2014. We did not vote to convert the 200 + acres to housing. We have very little communal park area vs. housing in this small city. The lottery is unnecessary - the voters have already spoken. Fields, trees, hiking trails, basketball, tennis, and pickleball courts (while ensuring they are ADA accessible) would benefit all of us who live in Santa Monica. Thank you
11/8/2023 12:34:56	Dave Rigs	Please do what the voters like me voted for. Park only, recreation, or open space.
11/8/2023 12:57:25	Kenny Fields	We voted for a park. It is you duty as elected officials to execute the will of the people. A great park will enhance the lives of all of those who live in Santa Monica and West LA. We see what is happening with the eruption of high density housing happening in DTSM and along corridors like Lincoln Bl and Santa Monica Bl. All of these new residents need open space. A great park is the answer on many levels
11/8/2023 13:00:30	Donna Jensen	Please build a park as promised. This is what we voted for in 2014. We don't need more housing in this area. We need more parks more green space. This is what the people voted for. Please honor their vote.
11/8/2023 14:07:32	Angela Rediger	a park is what we negotiated and voted for, NOT development and houses. Santa Monica is WAY too densely packed already, and we NEED open spaces (as NYC has Central Park). Green, open areas, for public use, are ESSENTIAL for present, and future, generations. Stick with what the voters ACTUALLY voted for.
11/8/2023 14:10:20	Diane Maeder	I urge the Council and Staff to preserve and honor of the original 1926 citywide vote to purchase the land for a public park, and the definitive 2014 Measure LC citywide vote that established Charter Amendment LC. Santa Monica needs a beautiful park not more unwanted housing!
11/8/2023 14:54:11	Katherine Reuter	The airport land needs to be made into a park as we voted for in 2014! Locations for additional housing should come from the city areas that are zoned for housing already.
11/8/2023 15:28:17	Alexis Koren	
11/8/2023 16:46:34	cheryl armon	Park space contributes to everyone's health.
11/8/2023 17:00:42	Marisa Cox	More green spaces for our children, for our community and for our earth!
11/8/2023 17:25:12	Wil Fluckey	NO MORE DEVELOPMENT...this is our land and we WANT A PARK!
11/8/2023 17:57:17	Nancy Tyre	We voted for a park when the airport closes. We need green.
11/8/2023 19:14:38	Susie Siverts	We need more parks, not homes!
11/8/2023 20:31:10	Zachary Studin	Please keep the promise of converting the land to park. Housing would upend the community and create a traffic nightmare.
11/8/2023 20:48:46	david galloway	PARK
11/8/2023 22:54:38	Laurie Irwin	This was voted to be a park not housing.
11/8/2023 23:28:47	Una Fox	Please retain the promise to local residents to turn the Santa Monica airport in 2028 to a park are for all residents to enjoy. Not only is this beneficial to the community in terms of reducing more congestion in the area it will create a green area on the Westside of our city where we have almost zero green areas.
11/8/2023 23:29:17	Francesca Bress	Santa Monica Airport must only become a park. No building of apartments or houses or such nonsense on it.

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11/9/2023 6:00:37	Lia Manzella	I support keeping a park. Turn it into a beautiful botanical garden with a vegetable gardens that the community maintains with volunteers. Have you seen Arlington Garden Park? It's a park botanical garden of volunteers with a place to sit and be at peace with nature. Check it out how there are volunteers always maintaining, because we have passion in our communities. Have you seen Huntington Park? You can always make monies if residents live outside a certain area like Huntington park or we all pay like parking passes in Santa Monica. There are plenty of ways to make monies, but no homes. Absolutely no homes!!! Keep a park for our future kids to have and save the planet with a botanical gardens and vegetables gardens. Santa Monica will be beautiful again. Charging to get into the park will keep it clean from homelessness. You will not regret turning the land into a park. Check out all the botanical gardens. And check out UCLA's botanical gardens. How unique birds come every season during the Spring. There are many beautiful stories with gardens that bring life to the communities. Many cannot afford to travel like myself to be with nature. Save our park! Thank you kindly. For the future generations... children of our future. It's greed if you take away the park. There are plenty of other areas for housing. Santa Monica will be a tourist spot again if you save the park! Thank you again for your full support!
11/9/2023 6:12:28	Janet G Heinle	MAKE IT A PARK, you don't get to decide we do!
11/9/2023 7:36:49	Samantha McQuaid	This land should only be used for Park and noting else.
11/9/2023 7:37:55	ann knight-schwartzman	Our city needs more green spaces!!
11/9/2023 7:41:21	John Schwartzman	Keep the airport as green space, no housing.
11/9/2023 7:56:31	Donna Speckman	It is sad that the airport will be closed down, but voters chose to do that based on the promise that it would be replaced with a park ONLY. Anything less would be a criminal to do. No to developers and no to housing in that space. If promises regarding the airport space cannot be kept, then the residents have been lied to and the airport should be left alone until a new plan is decided by the voters!! I live nearby and will be impacted by all of this.
11/9/2023 7:59:22	Maia Sarmanian	A park was approved in 2014 and is still approved in 2023 and 2028. We, the voters, have not changed our minds.
11/9/2023 8:07:17	Mary Sanders	PLEASE no more construction!!!! The land itself is not safe for building anything. I'm sure the soil is highly toxic and polluted. I wish it could remain an airport. I think removing the airport is a fatal mistake.
11/9/2023 8:17:54	BECKY J HENRICKSEN	We voted in 2014 , why overturn for greedy developers?
11/9/2023 8:18:11	Charles Hoo	Santa Monica Airport should be developed into the park it was meant to be, not more housing and traffic.
11/9/2023 8:47:27	Luna Gooding	NO housing on Santa Monica Airport land!! PLEASE - create a PARK!!
11/9/2023 8:48:44	Talia Brienza	Build the park and stop prioritizing private interests / profit over people.
11/9/2023 8:52:30	Linda Linham	
11/9/2023 9:46:54	Judie Wolf	stop overbuilding! Fuel and noise pollution from the airport is ever present. This city needs more open space.
11/9/2023 9:59:56	Linda Smith	Please ensure the park will be built when Santa Monica Airport closes. We do not need/want more commercial buildings, apartments nor traffic congestion.
11/9/2023 10:10:43	Tia Triplett	Please build a park and not housing
11/9/2023 10:12:53	Gerardo Rodriguez	The Santa Monica airport should be intended to be used as a park the way voters voted in 2014. 20 million dollars city gets every year from the airport is enough to fund and maintain the park.
11/9/2023 10:15:08	elaine	As a Santa Monica resident , I do not want this Airport land going to any development other than a public park space residents can all enjoy!
11/9/2023 10:27:54	Gary Wolf	
11/9/2023 10:56:08	Brian Juarez	It amazes me how the city council continues to disregards the actual residents of Santa Monica and panders to developers. As a resident for over fifty years, I see the same shenanigans still happening, developers, train, open spaces...Chuck Allard is rolling in his grave.
11/9/2023 10:58:11	Scott	This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to create something wonderful for kids and families today and long into the future. Let's make it happen!
11/9/2023 11:05:15	Carl Fritjofsson	Make this into a park. We need more green space, and trees. Not more housing. The whole city will salute you for generations for this.
11/9/2023 11:12:33	Elizabeth Oakes	This issue was voted on by citizens of Santa Monica already, and the outcome supported by those in L.A. who live adjacent and are also impacted. Green, environmental, water-absorbing spaces are needed more than ever, and that is what voters want.
11/9/2023 11:22:42	Chris Leverich	I want the Park to be created on the SM Airport land instead of new homes. I also hope the Museum of Flying can be preserved there.
11/9/2023 11:53:18	Mark Galanty	Open space and trees are a far greater need with global warming, then structures. You can be a leader who created a great park, or you can be another greedy landlord. Central Park, Golden State Park, Yosemite, all are remembered for those who left us this asset. You can repurpose the public airport for a few lucky individuals, or the world. I say build for the world to use, and follow the 1928 plan, and what the voters asked to be placed there. As a UC Berkeley Economics major, you will never build housing to make a dent, but you can build one great park, and make Santa Monica a leader of Parks, Recreation, and Economic strength. But build for a few, and only those few benefit. Do the right thing for the city future, not the topic of the day.
11/9/2023 12:01:17	Cat Buccellato	We voted for a park = give us the park.
11/9/2023 12:06:27	Mary Becker	Please support keeping the Santa Monica Airport conversion to only park. No housing.
11/9/2023 12:21:17	Daniel Seeff	

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11/9/2023 12:33:23	Jason Schutzbank	We need a nice public park for our children and open space that's so rare in the city on this once in a lifetime opportunity with government land.
11/9/2023 12:33:57	Roberto V Vivo	We deserve a PARK and nothing else! Please give our children a green space to thrive. This will have a tremendously positive impact today and for generations to come! We want a PARK.
11/9/2023 12:40:17	Joshua Strauss	Please do everything possible to make this into a great park, like NYC's Central Park. It'll make a profound difference in the quality of life in Santa Monica for generations to come. Thank you
11/9/2023 12:49:24	Victoria Jensen	The Santa Monica Airport land should be used exclusively for a great outdoor open area and park for the City and it's residents, not for the development of additional housing, including expensive single family residences. Thank you!
11/9/2023 12:55:06	Susie Lee	Santa Monica is a beautiful city and we don't need more traffic but we do need a place to run and play. Maybe we can even get an archery range
11/9/2023 13:08:32	Susan Raudry	Please use the SMC airport land for it's voted and intended use in 2028: a park - thank you!
11/9/2023 13:23:17	Barry Day	I want the park.
11/9/2023 13:23:42	Julie Schaeffer	We need more green belts and less pollution.
11/9/2023 13:25:09	Nick Mehra	We'd like to see the city of SM prohibit new development on Airport land, except for parks, public open spaces and public recreational facilities that are focused on scenarios and concepts that are centered around the idea of the site hosting a Great Park which include parks, public open spaces, and public recreational facilities; and the maintenance and replacement of existing cultural, arts and education uses.
11/9/2023 13:33:09	Claire Kislinger	Please turn SM Airport into a park like we voted for. No housing!!!
11/9/2023 13:39:58	Jeffrey Newell	
11/9/2023 13:50:09	Scott Parkin	This community has suffered with noise and pollution from the airport for decades . We deserve a small amount of open space for people . Thank you
11/9/2023 14:16:23	Craig Galloway	Have some balls and give us a park!!
11/9/2023 14:26:14	Suellen Mayfield	Stop the bamboozle! As a sometimes-under-the-flight-path airport-adjacent citizen, I embraced the concept of a green space and community gathering area nearby and was delighted to learn that it democratically won approval from SantaMonicans. Don't let builders and contractors derail a hard-fought-for project of benefit to all. Increased housing density is both a reasonable and important goal to relieve the housing shortage and lack of affordability in our area. But, as urban density increases due to considerable easing of building restrictions, what parkland infrastructure can residents depend on when all the land is gobbled up by real estate?
11/9/2023 14:51:18	Katrina Wassenaar	While I am against shutting down the airport at all, the closure is now a reality. Therefore, it should 100% become a park (as the voters voted for) and not become a run on development. That would be a travesty. No to development of housing, retail, corporate... anything. Just a park. Period.
11/9/2023 15:05:55	James Plowden	Close the airport and convert to a public park as originally purposed for 2028.
11/9/2023 15:22:49	taina franke	The city already has too many people, let's give nature the space it deserves. Thank you
11/9/2023 15:58:21	Gail Kelch	PLEASE do not build housing and retail after the airport closes, we want a park as was originally promised. Actually I would prefer the Santa Monica Airport remain an airport but without the larger planes that currently take off!
11/9/2023 16:00:15	Jim Kelch	Do NOT use the closing of the airport for housing and retail, please give us the park that was originally promised for the future of our families! If at all possible, please keep the airport but for small planes only, I would prefer this!
11/9/2023 16:01:07	Kyle Miller	I want the park.
11/9/2023 16:09:11	Jane Dempsey	
11/9/2023 17:00:52	Krystina trzaskowski	Please save our city
11/9/2023 17:27:50	Margaret Cheske	I live just east of the airport and fully support it being a park and not more development. We need green space in this area- we have so little!
11/9/2023 18:22:10	Liz Fujimori	Walgrove /23rd and Centinela are already jam packed with traffic. We don't have the infrastructure for a bunch of condos or apartments. We were promised a park!
11/9/2023 18:26:16	Kylie Kamal	We need parks not more houses and roads!
11/9/2023 18:30:04	Bernard Alfs	
11/9/2023 18:45:50	Christina Brawner	I would like to see the airport become a park perhaps a larger library, may be a health or youth center. Please not more housing and the traffic is already horrific. We need more open land. We don't need more traffic.
11/9/2023 18:45:59	Karen Jones	I am not a resident of Santa Monica, but was grateful to obtain a yearly tag to take my dog to the airport dog park. We both loved it. Many, many nights we would walk around the recreational area and loved the peace and quiet. While housing is needed, we can't build on every open square foot. It won't solve the problem. Our mental and spiritual health is as important as four walls and a roof. We must preserve open space, for all our sake. Keep the airport as a park, for all to enjoy.
11/9/2023 18:56:39	William Greene	Please make sure the airport is turned into a park- that is what we all voted for! Please do not vote for any property development, especially not CCSM, they were once my landlord and were terrible. The worst landlord ever. I moved near the airport in 2012 and have been looking forward to a park for a long time. Santa Monica does parks very well, lean into that!
11/9/2023 19:34:21	Nataliya Efremova	The new park - is a healthy future for our kids!!!
11/9/2023 20:15:32	Andrew	
11/9/2023 20:16:11	Zoe Temple	Park equity is crucially important in Los Angeles. Green spaces are beneficial for climate mitigation, mental health, physical health, and community cohesion. Make this land a park to protect our communities!

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11/9/2023 20:16:37	Penny McNeil	Please don't compromise the Santa Monica park, it should remain entirely park land.
11/9/2023 20:23:40	Debra Gavlak	I believe it is essential to keep the integrity of a community. More development is not the answer to maintaining an integrity of community. Parks are integral for a healthy community.
11/9/2023 20:32:21	Jilla Sardashti	Hear us loud and clear one more time! This property must be dedicated to the deserving residents as a great park for all sorts of outdoor activities. Enough of exposing us to the poisonous jet fume for decades. Enough of catering to wealthy Westside residents who travel on private jets while the rest of us in the airport surrounding neighborhoods are subject to awful daily jet noise flying overhead. Be on the right side of the history or resign if you can't support your real constituents.
11/9/2023 20:37:43	G Parcels	Keep the Park as the people voted, or be voted out of office!
11/9/2023 20:41:06	Sandy Tucker Otero	We have become a city that is overcrowded with new apartments and businesses. Traffic is blocks long and it takes a toll on those who live here. Personally, my family avoids going anywhere between 5 and 7:00 PM because of the blocks and blocks and blocks of stand still traffic. We don't want or need anymore apartments, our city wasn't planned for the tremendous amount of traffic it creates. We could learn a thing or two from Orange County. They have a Great Park in Huntington Beach, where people and their pets can gather, play sports, picnic, ride bikes, hike on trails, or listen to a musical group. Cafes would be nice, but NO homes or apartments. Orange County did an incredible job. Let's follow their lead and create a beautiful area for our community.
11/9/2023 21:00:00	Maureen McGee	I oppose the Great Park land for housing. The voters have spoken.
11/9/2023 21:00:45	Michael Stanley	Please don't put housing on the Santa Monica airport when it closes. Make it a big park. It could be the Central Park of the west coast.
11/9/2023 21:06:54	Peter Chao	Please make the future SM Airport space a park. That's what the original intention was and should be for this neighborhood.
11/9/2023 21:09:06	Kari Hanson	Please make SM Airport into a grand park like the voters wanted in 2014, no housing! We need more park space for our future generations. Thank you!
11/9/2023 21:36:44	Barbara Manzi	We voted for it. We deserve it!
11/9/2023 21:42:10	marilyn lipton	Build a park No housing or commercial.
11/9/2023 22:02:39	Gary W. Murphy	Santa Monica Airport should remain an airport with planned use of extraneous land. Smart multipurpose buildings should be part of that plan. I would question if a massive green park, while lovely in concept, is the correct choice for this space. I think it is not.
11/9/2023 22:24:11	Thea Piegdon	Please turn this property into a park once the airport closes. No to housing! Thank you!
11/9/2023 22:40:36	Judy Ogren	A great Park!!
11/9/2023 22:40:47	Lamont DuBose	The Great Park should be at such an elevation to provide an ocean view..
11/9/2023 22:50:04	Susan Alinsangan	Can you imagine what New York City would be like if they didn't set aside land and build Central Park 165 years ago in 1858? That was the legacy New York citizens left for the future. Now imagine Santa Monica 165 years from now with our Great Park and what influence that will have in our society? We will NEVER have this chance at a park of this magnitude again. We should all take great care of how the future views our choices. Just like we should look back 97 years to 1926 when this exact parcel of land was purchased with a Parks Bond. One could argue that the original intent for this land was a park. In 1926 residents voted to purchase this land under a Parks Bond, it passed and the land was bought. In 2014 your constituents voted for Measure LC and it passed. Why isn't the voice of the voters being heard? Why are we fighting to have our vote executed? Why is our vote valueless? Why are we a city of 91,000 who just do performative voting? Make this Great Park a reality. Now, and 165 years from now so our descendents will know how we voted and fought for them.
11/9/2023 23:08:14	Alex Popper	PLEASE don't build more housing. Build a park! That's what we want and need.
11/10/2023 6:48:34	Cynthia Greif-Neill	We need greenery to absorb carbon & add to quality of life in urban settings.
11/10/2023 7:09:20	Gabrielle Carr	Park, no houses
11/10/2023 7:11:17	Isabelle Abbott	Please use this land for a park. Or even a state park so that it can be gated and managed and not turned into a homeless encampment.
11/10/2023 7:59:25	julie peppard	We NEED more park space. My understanding was that it was a given. If so, please don't behave like so many with power nowadays (governments, corporations) and instead follow through on what you promised.
11/10/2023 8:43:57	Jode Lebeda	We have an opportunity to gift beautiful open space back to this city and its people to enjoy for, perhaps, centuries to come... Imagine the people enjoying the space, even when we're all long gone (and I'm only 38)! How incredible it must be to be in a position to make that kind of impact. Thank you!
11/10/2023 9:28:06	Quinn Spencer	
11/10/2023 9:51:36	Melissa Labnow	Please make that land a Great Park! It is important to have that kind of space in a community and something that everyone can benefit from as parks are free to anyone
11/10/2023 9:59:43	Ninel Dubrovich	I think a park is the best idea because we don't have parks in the area. Parks bring people together, like in a normal city

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11/10/2023 10:21:34	Chloe Scott	
11/10/2023 10:21:55	Morgan Harrington	This is such a special place for families to go. Its the calm in the middle of the storm. This land is so special and needs to be protected from becoming just another place for housing. Do not build on it!
11/10/2023 10:32:02	alan russo	voters voted to close the airport for a great park nothing. but a great park!
11/10/2023 10:49:59	Marysuniga	
11/10/2023 12:46:50	Tim Hanson	i spent a good part of my youth in St. Louis, MO, which is home to some of the best urban parks in the U.S. -- Forest Park, Tower Grove Park, Carondelet Park, to name a few. Those parks are vital to the health and quality of life there, as The Great Park will be to Santa Monica and adjacent parts of LA. Please convert the SM Airport into a park for all to enjoy.
11/10/2023 12:55:16	daniel funk	please respect the rights of the voters and make the sm airport into a park. do not build residential housing there.
11/10/2023 13:07:39	Elliott Derzaph	I have lived in Santa Monica and now 3 blocks out of Santa Monica since 1974. My family does 95% of its activities and business in Santa Monica. The park would be the highest aspiration of its citizenry and improving the quality of life for all around. Thanks for listening.
11/10/2023 13:29:15	D. Gelfand	
11/10/2023 13:43:06	Carol Royce-Wilder	We need a big park - like NYC Central Park[heart and soul of the city!!!!
11/10/2023 16:15:20	Sandra Fong	I fully support turning Santa Monica Airport into a park! I have clocked the airplane decibels near the santa monica airport at 77 decibels for twenty minute intervals several times. I was unable to reach santa monica airport the several many times I've called and filed complaints. We deserve something beautiful for our community, for all to enjoy!
11/10/2023 16:58:28	Matthew Hausle	Please do the responsible thing and protect residents desire for a Great Park and not permit developers to exploit the opportunity for profit.
11/10/2023 17:04:37	Mike Sage	Please ensure this transforms into public parkland.
11/10/2023 17:06:46	Renee Gordon	Let the whole area where the SM airport is be a park.
11/10/2023 19:09:18	Jordan Holler, MD	As a dedicated home-owning family in Santa Monica and a surgeon deeply committed to serving our community, I implore you to uphold the voters' will regarding the transformation of the former airport. The potential conversion of this space into a public park is not merely a matter of preference but a vital investment in the well-being of our residents. A public park offers a myriad of benefits, fostering a healthier and more vibrant community. Increased access to green spaces promotes physical activity, mental well-being, and a sense of community cohesion. As a healthcare professional, I have witnessed firsthand the positive impact such environments have on overall health. By honoring the democratic process and respecting the desires of the community, we not only enhance our quality of life but also demonstrate a commitment to collaborative decision-making. I urge the City Board to prioritize the long-term health and happiness of Santa Monica residents by preserving the envisioned transformation of the former airport into a public park.
11/11/2023 6:27:38	Christine Thomas	The city needs more Oakland!
11/11/2023 7:43:46	Erin Ferro	
11/11/2023 10:30:12	Karen HEARD	My opinion has not changed since 2014 when we voted to close the airport and plan a park, playing fields and open spaces. Please don't let developers thwart the will of the people. It is your job to represent us, not them.
11/11/2023 12:16:49	Peter Spelman	The voters decided in 2014 to make it a park. You have NO RIGHT -- NONE -- to override that decision and construct housing. While I agree we need housing, that particular space is for one thing and one thing only: A PARK. How much plainer can this be? Follow the law, follow the voters, and stop messing this up. We're watching, and elections come again soon.
11/11/2023 13:39:21	stefanie fletcher	Please keep the plans for a park and more nature within this concrete jungle we live in.
11/11/2023 13:39:46	Andrea Ware	This is a once in a lifetime chance for generations to come. Please be courageous and farsighted and do the right thing. The people deserve a grand and beautiful park!
11/11/2023 13:42:57	Antoaneta Angelova	Please follow the plan that voters had chosen and build a park with trees and more space for walks and relaxation.
11/11/2023 14:01:35	Stacey Abrams-Sheri k	LC is settled - a park is what the residents want!!
11/11/2023 15:18:00	Stephanie Tainsky	We already fought this battle and expect the council to do what was decided - create a park!!
11/11/2023 15:30:39	George Ferrell	I want the airport converted to park space--always have, always will. Santa Monica does not have enough park space. Compared to similar cities in California, Santa Monica is in the lowest quartile of park space per capita and per square mile. Developers are watering at the mouth to make a fortune from the airport land, and their servile SMRR stooges on the Council are slavishly ready to serve them.
11/11/2023 15:32:05	Ellen Levy	Please honor our vote and complete The Great Park for Santa Monica!
11/11/2023 15:37:52	Arlene Vaillancourt	taxpayers need a park where we feel safe to enjoy it with our families, no homeless encampments, no trash. A place where our children can explore safely.
11/11/2023 16:00:58	Georgea Muschel	Yes please make the dream of SM Airport becoming a park once the airport is closed in 2028! We need more green space with all the pollution around us Thank you
11/11/2023 17:00:32	Catherine Butterfield	
11/12/2023 6:46:53	Elin Katz	Please continue unwavering support for the Great Park to replace SM Airport! NO housing. Just open space, soccer fields, recreation areas, community gardens- an enjoyable respite from city life, and an enlightened experience.

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11/12/2023 8:34:27	Nancy GOODSTEIN	We are already a city that is about traffic. We need community and quality of life!
11/12/2023 13:05:43	Valerie Apple	Please give the people what they voted for, this bait and switch is totally insane and shameful. The only structures allowed on this land should be community centers or recreational facilities. Parks and green spaces are the lungs of our city.
11/12/2023 13:35:00	Flavia Baptista	Park park park !!
11/12/2023 14:18:54	Gitu Mehra	We'd like to see the city of SM prohibit new development on Airport land, except for parks, public open spaces and public recreational facilities that are focused on scenarios and concepts that are centered around the idea of the site hosting a Great Park which include parks, public open spaces, and public recreational facilities; and the maintenance and replacement of existing cultural, arts and education uses.
11/12/2023 19:29:56	Ben Stewart	The neighborhood could really use a Great Park. This would be a boon to all west siders and provide valuable greenspace...something that is beneficial to the environment and lacking in our area. Please make this into a park...our kids and their kids will thank us many times over.
11/13/2023 11:59:43	Arlen Heginbotham	I support turning SMO into a park and not a real estate development.
11/13/2023 16:55:25	Peter Thorson	Dear Councilmembers, the airport property needs to be a great park only. No residential housing, no commercial or mixed use retail, a park only. That is what the voters decided. Thank you, Peter
11/13/2023 23:11:04	Mitch Dorf	I live on 32nd just off Ocean Park. To create a city defining open space park that would be our center piece the world would recognize would be a dream come true.
11/14/2023 11:31:08	Solco Schuit	Please, our kids need more green spaces - this is an amazing opportunity!
11/15/2023 8:38:24	Jean Booth	Everyone needs some nature in their lives and nature needs some space.
11/15/2023 20:02:44	Wendy Hernandez	I want a park and nothing more. No buildings park only.
11/16/2023 21:01:15	Joan Wilder	Santa Monica needs more green space, a place to hang out and relax. Picnic benches, tennis courts, basketball court, etc. would all be wonderful!
11/18/2023 11:19:11	Kent Sayama	We don't want an airport here anymore and I am will to vote for someone who feels the same way
11/19/2023 9:03:02	Dennis Steiger	Close the airport at the end of 2028 and create the Great Park. No other developments.
11/19/2023 15:22:32	Barbara Manzi	We voted for it. We deserve it!
11/22/2023 5:34:53	Ann Lewis	Please preserve and act on (1) the original 1926 citywide vote to purchase the land for a public park, (2) the definitive 2014 Measure LC citywide vote that established Charter Amendment LC, and (3) the 2017 Consent Decree and 2017 City Council SMO Closure Resolution No. 11026 which ensures airport closure at midnight 12/31/2028.
11/22/2023 9:24:50	Sharon Croskery	The people wanted a park. The people voted for a park. They voted two times. So do not go back and give us a park. Thank you, Sharon
11/24/2023 9:02:08	Patricia Papanek	NO MORE HOUSES! We need parks.
11/25/2023 7:13:49	Lori Petitti	Please build another outdoor pool at the park! SMC is getting so crowded! Thank you.
11/25/2023 7:25:58	Stacey Abram's-Sherick	We need more green space, not more density...
11/25/2023 7:26:31	Jack Sherick	
11/25/2023 7:27:03	Robert Sherick	
11/25/2023 9:51:21	Lorri Benson	We voted to make the airport a park and recreational area. We DO NOT want more congestion. We DO NOT want more pollution. We DO NOT want it to be developed in the way so much of Santa Monica has been developed- overcrowding, increased traffic, more crime, more problems. You have been voted into office to protect the wishes of the people, not the developers and others wishing to make money at the expense of those of us who live here. If you need to make money on this land, develop a recreational program with some opportunity to charge for use. Please honor the wishes of the taxpayers and stop entertaining ideas of building housing, keeping the airport or anything other than what we voted for- parks and recreation.
11/25/2023 13:29:12	Kathryn Cerabona	My vote as a local in Sunset Park is for a great park
11/25/2023 18:08:02	Nancy Owens	We were promised a park! We want a park.
11/26/2023 8:49:04	Ronald Joyal	The vote to make the airport a park has already been decided. Please stick with the plan.
11/27/2023 0:26:24	Polly Badt	please make sure that the SM Airport becomes a park. Parks on the westside are in dire need as land has and is being quickly taken up by building.
11/27/2023 6:44:22	Janet L. Guyette	We were promised a park; we want the promise honored.
11/27/2023 7:28:59	Nora Foran	Please keep it a beautiful park!! We're so excited!!
11/27/2023 8:11:06	Nicola Edwards	It is not your right to consider your own views over and above the decision of the majority of residents .
11/27/2023 11:07:35	Charleen Smith	It's time for the City Council to stand up and honor what the voter's want.
11/28/2023 14:08:15	Kurt Larsen	Please stick with the planned park on the Santa Monica airport property. The surrounding neighborhood streets, especially 21st and 23rd streets, are already clogged with pass-through traffic every weekday evening from 4:00 - 7:00pm. Additional housing on the airport property would turn our neighborhood into a congested commuter quagmire that would ruin our property values with traffic, air, and the very noise pollution we voted to eliminate by closing the airport. Please give us all the beautiful park we voted for!
11/28/2023 15:44:01	Juan Palomares	The people of Santa Monica voted and approved this issue. Why is it coming back? Who's palms are being greased?
11/28/2023 18:13:18	Sam Guyette	

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11/29/2023 12:32:34	Becky Turk	Do not allow the airport to be anything but a park. No new housing. Keep this small piece of Santa Monica open and free.
11/29/2023 12:49:18	David Lindner	Park it or lose your seats. Defying the will of the people is perilous within a democracy.
11/29/2023 13:59:18	Christine Thomas	
11/29/2023 14:01:52	Susan Kucera	I support turning the Santa Monica airport into a park
11/29/2023 14:05:06	Alon Benyaminy	We voted to close the airport and turn it into a park and we want the park!
11/29/2023 23:39:18	Janie Lee Docter	Please convert all of the Airport as a park as noted by the residents. We can have our own haven similar concept as Central Park.
12/1/2023 9:03:10	D. Payne	It's time for politicians, not just city but country wide, to start listening to the voting public and follow through with what the voting public wants, not what pads the politicians pockets. How many commercial units are empty at this time in Santa Monica? Think high speed rail.
12/2/2023 7:51:02	Jeannine Oppewall	Why replace the traffic hazards of an airport with even the greater hazards of on the ground congestion?
12/2/2023 8:35:02	Nicola Scott	We voted for a park. That's what we need and should have.
12/2/2023 8:58:20	Sam McGarry	We need more green space.
12/2/2023 9:38:30	Ari Nadelman	The only reason I voted to shut down the Santa Monica Airport was to convert it to a park. Not condos, not single family residences, not apartment buildings, not offices or commercial space. Park. Open space park land. Non-traffic generating, open park space. Otherwise, let's just keep it as the Airport it is now. You had my vote for a park. Nothing else.
12/2/2023 9:45:23	Megan FitzGerald	This is what we voted for, this is what the city wants!
12/2/2023 11:27:30	Margaret Rubin	A park is what Santa Monica needs!
12/2/2023 11:47:31	Susan Vandebunt	The airport should be used as a wonderful park space that could be used for recreation, festivals, concerts, etc.
12/2/2023 15:49:05	Kurt Gary	Make the airport into a park.
12/2/2023 19:47:51	Anita Famili	Close the airport and make it a great park!
12/2/2023 20:43:16	Lisa johansson	Please, if at all feasible, make at least part if the airport a public park.
12/3/2023 12:44:23	Allan Goldrath`	We want a park!
12/4/2023 13:05:28	Tina	Stick to the voters' understanding that a great park will be replacing the airport. We voted for a great park. We expect a great park. The people living in dense housing developed in SM and surrounding areas must have recreation and open space.A great park will be significant for them and anyone without immediate access to outdoor space. Furthermore, long distance migrating wild birds need a place for resting on their journey north and south. Santa Monica is in a direct migration pathway. Our city must provide suitable habitat given all the buildings here that don't. A world without birds is a world consumed by insects. It is in our best interest to provide bird habitat. Our city should be partnering with the US fish and Wildlife Service's urban bird treaty program. https://www.fws.gov/story/2023-08/2023-urban-bird-treaty-program-funds-community-based-projects-2023 This should be part of our plan for the park.
12/4/2023 13:17:49	Alison Megliola	I voted to close the airport so that we can build a beautiful park that all the residents can enjoy. I've been a SM resident for 10 years now, moving from New York City. I thought moving here would mean more greenery and outdoor spaces, but that's not true. This community needs a "Central Park." Santa Monica residents deserve a "Central Park." One with lots of trees for shade, walking/running paths, playgrounds, and areas for cultural activities and recreation.
12/4/2023 19:23:55	Pamela Nabel	What our city needs more of are community spaces. We want a park!
12/5/2023 9:20:42	Meaghan Ryan	Residents voted for the airport to be converted to a park. I expect you to honor that vote and only install a park. Anything else would be fraud and deception on the part of the city council.
12/6/2023 10:54:54	Brent Cohen	The people of Santa Monica have consistently voted for and supported turning the airport into a park and valued community space. We expect our elected officials to do the same.
12/7/2023 16:18:43	Adrian Harewood	Your constituency wants this, please get it done! Thank you.
12/8/2023 14:55:04	Alex Novakovich	We need more open space in Santa Monica. We voted to make airport land a park. This is the only option the city should be considering.
12/9/2023 7:16:08	Jesus Gonzalez	
12/9/2023 7:27:10	Karen Pinto	Get out of the developers' pockets and do the right thing.
12/9/2023 7:52:00	Arthur Kummer	Please build a great park with the whole airport property.
12/9/2023 9:06:09	John Machtinger	Dear Council, please respect the vote of the citizens, and do not develop the airport land into anything other than a park or other non-commercial use.
12/9/2023 9:12:05	John	7/8/2147 0:00:00
12/9/2023 9:56:59	Larry Birstock	
12/9/2023 10:25:02	Lisa Test	Would love to have open space...clean. safe. No homeless
12/9/2023 11:18:58	Diane Sabatini	Please remain committed to transforming the airport to a park as my fellow residents and I voted for in 2014!
12/9/2023 11:29:46	Denise Bachman	We voted for a great park and that is what we expect to get. Do not let the special interest groups who want to keep an airport there sway you from your duty to enact the clearly expressed opinions of the people living in the neighborhood !
12/9/2023 11:53:12	Ellen Levy	Santa Monica needs a big park. Some many people enjoy Clover Park; it would be wonderful to expand it big time! Thank you, Ellen

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12/9/2023 13:43:27	Marilyn Harris	Respect what the voters want! Please DO NOT approve more housing for any part of this property!!! More importantly, I'm also concerned about not having small aircraft availability to land during an emergency crisis once the airport is removed.
12/9/2023 16:05:19	Nathan Tippe	Excited for the park, as voted in 2014
12/9/2023 18:16:58	Ann Bowman	Please honor this land's origin as a park funded and built with a parks bond. It was not originally an airport. Let's restore this park together! THANKS!!
12/9/2023 20:19:18	Aray Kadish	Make it a park
12/11/2023 9:57:28	Tregg Rustad	I live in Sunset Park and voted for the airport to be closed and turned into a park. This is what all of us that voted for expects. Please do what the voters want...make it a park, and only a park.
12/11/2023 11:20:56	Warren Allen	We voted for PARKLAND - not more housing. Please honor that.
12/11/2023 22:08:51	Fred Kipperman	We have a generational opportunity here to make Santa Monica the best city in California--let's leverage the green space into wellbeing, sustainability, and an example for cities throughout the world.
12/14/2023 16:24:06	Alvin Crown	Please prioritize OPEN PARK SPACE. Not housing developments. Not commercial development. NO JETS.
12/14/2023 16:37:43	Eric	
12/14/2023 16:43:00	Chloe Scott	we want a park not more jets!
12/14/2023 16:44:23	Janet G Heinle	Park
12/14/2023 16:53:26	Alexis Koren	
12/14/2023 16:54:04	Jeannine Oppewall	I'd rather keep the airport than turn the area into condos, shopping, offices, etc. The traffic from those kinds of development would render the area unmanageable. No one will be able to move around. The traffic now is unbearable. It can take up to 20 minutes just to get out of Dewey St. onto Walgrove.
12/14/2023 17:04:13	Josh Newman	Please keep the focus on the development of an internationally recognized park space.
12/14/2023 17:28:58	Michael Pellettieri	For those of us on the LA end of the airport, we get all of the negative impacts but have no vote in the matter. Please make the park a reality!
12/14/2023 17:29:51	Igor Meglic	Let's make this park for our kids sake...Please vote for the park and only the park. Thank you!
12/14/2023 18:05:08	john londono	a park instead of an airport is the only way to go!
12/14/2023 18:08:13	Melanie Merians	The people of Santa Monica already voted, and you were voted in on a promise, to completely halt operations of the airport in Santa Monica and turn the current airport land into a park. Why is this even being discussed again? It's outrageous that a greedy few could possibly derail what has already been voted upon and approved!
12/14/2023 18:53:20	Simona Garon	Dear Council Members I am writing to express my opinion as Santa Monica resident to please keep it simple and focus on a park developed by Sasaki firm. Focus on the park already voted for twice by Santa Monica residents, both past and present. Any uses not specified in LC will require another ballot measure. We voted in 2014 to close the airport to finally build the park. Let's get to it! Thanks!
12/14/2023 19:21:56	Sujata Bhatt	Please move forward with park planning.
12/14/2023 19:46:23	E Arias	Keep the promise as outlined in Measure LC. Change out the damn asphalt for a GREEN PARK.
12/14/2023 20:06:12	Margi Cheske	I urge the City Council to move ahead and begin planning the Great Park that was voted on and overwhelmingly approved. This is a moment in Santa Monica (and LA) history that will be remembered for generations.
12/14/2023 20:28:58	Howard Wolfe	On border of SM use of airport affects me, would like the park.
12/14/2023 21:14:38	Betsy Katz	Per Measure LC passed in 2014, the airport is scheduled to close in 2028 and be replaced by the Great Park. I urge you to direct Sasaki to focus on a plan for a park only—not housing or any other non-park uses. We've waited a long time for this. Thank you.
12/14/2023 23:12:26	David Abramis	Focus on the park already voted for twice by Santa Monica residents, both past and present. No commercial business. All *park*.
12/15/2023 1:47:18	Joe Schmitz	The Airport is dangerous! Aviation safety is compromised and hidden from residents, senior City officials, and City Council members. This is a matter of record. The noise harms residents' health. Conclusive scientific evidence from the EU over the past decades demonstrates increased mortality and morbidity CAUSED by aviation noise well below thresholds deemed safe by "our" FAA. Damage from ultra fine air particulates from the Airport CAUSES increased death and disability. Microscopic microscopic lead particles CAUSE OUR CHILDREN brain damage - both IQ and lack of impulse control. As long as ANY part of the Airport 227 acres is used for aviation / drones, we will be subject to FAA control and the unending multimillion lawsuits that have plagued the City for half a century.
12/15/2023 4:04:53	Lisa Detamore	Please keep it simple and keep it to what we voted for. I remember getting harassed when we voted last time by people who didn't live in SM telling lies to get us to vote for the airport. That is not in the best interest of the long standing citizens that voted to get rid of the airport.
12/15/2023 10:03:56	Randall Klarin	Support the people, support health, and support the environment.

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12/15/2023 10:21:26	Stephan Hewitt	Please focus upon getting the park for Santa Monica that the residents have already voted for TWICE. Thank you.
12/15/2023 11:55:48	Patrick Seeholzer	Get the park planned and built please!!!!
12/15/2023 19:08:41	Jom David	We want green open space! Walking trails. Trees. A SM "Central Park" /"Golden Gate" Check out Berlin. Tempelhofer Feld— NO apartments or businesses! No DEvelopment. GREEN OPEN SPACE.
12/15/2023 20:38:13	Christine Hardin	Please respect Measure LC and move forward with plans for the Great Park.
12/15/2023 20:38:58	Laura Kaiser	Stop the madness! Return the loaned land to park land in 2028.
12/16/2023 7:14:40	David Gilmore	I want the airport property used only as a public park.
12/16/2023 7:29:13	Tamra Raven	Park! No more market rate housing. Please stop overdeveloping.
12/16/2023 7:49:06	Robert Kersey	Voted for closing in belief the land would be converted to a park - all the land.
12/16/2023 7:58:39	Catherine Lerer	
12/16/2023 8:04:19	Lori Petitti	Please convert the airport to a park for the residents of Santa Monica! Thank you
12/16/2023 8:17:47	Joe Pertel	Please move forward on plans to close the airport and replace it with a Great Park as originally intended by the residents in 1926 when bond funds were used to create a park.
12/16/2023 8:17:47	Steve Chinn	A grand park would make SM one of the best cities for living
12/16/2023 9:55:25	Tim Lynch	We live by SM airport. It's time to do what we've lobbied for and voted for. Make it a green space NOT housing.
12/16/2023 10:14:54	Jorge Pardo	WE VOTED FOR A OPEN SPACE/PARK!
12/16/2023 10:36:58	Reid Thompson	The damage of jet fuel spreading across our fair city from this anachronistic air field must sunset like the internal combustion engine. Private jet travel damages the environment and is only for the rich. Close down this airport as has been promised. Dirty carbon from plane takeoffs lands in the backyards where our children play. Finish what was promised. More public parks less private air travel.
12/16/2023 10:55:17	Eileen Tunick	WE have been fighting this endless battle for the 44 years, I've owned a home on Santa Monica! When will we get the park we voted for??
12/16/2023 12:08:47	Cheryl Armon	We need more open space.
12/16/2023 12:42:01	Denise Bachman	Stop trying to subvert the expressly stated wishes of your constituents to push through the agendas of special interests who want to continue making money building anything other than the great park on the airport lands. We voted. You KNOW the wishes of the residents of Santa Monica is for a real great park like Golden Gate in SF or Central Park in New York. Let's be the forward moving environmentally responsible city we claim to be and plant trees and make a natural environment out of a concrete desert. Do the right thing!!!!
12/16/2023 13:50:18	Karla Klarin	Please close the airport, the jets and prop planes fly right over our house. Enough! We need a park!!! Thank you
12/16/2023 15:00:54	Frans Klinkenberg	Please please stick to our wishes as indicated
12/16/2023 16:51:46	Kari Hanson	Please do not delay! Turn the airport into a Great Park! Not housing, offices, businesses, etc.! We voted and we should have our park! For us and the future generations! Thank you!!!
12/16/2023 18:54:34	Joanne Cohen	Please close the airport and build the park, stop looking at other options
12/16/2023 22:34:57	Mark Schubb	We voted for a park. The city should NOT be conducting any planning process or "exploration" of developing the site for additional housing or commercial use.
12/16/2023 23:45:07	Eileen Tunick	As a 44 year Santa Monica homeowner and prior to that renter in Santa Monica, I am still waiting to get our park and not a commercial development and/or giant apartment buildings. We voted and won--- a promised a park. No attempts to alter or postpone what we legitimately won at the ballot box will be acceptable.
12/17/2023 9:02:12	Paola Levenson	Please keep your promises!
12/17/2023 11:29:39	Lou Ssutu	Thank you for your support of the overwhelming number of Santa Monica voters who support that the land be used exclusively for a much needed community park.
12/17/2023 11:36:30	Mike Sage	Please support any and all efforts to make our Great Park a reality. Thanks
12/17/2023 11:37:30	Elizabeth Van Denburgh	The "airport" space was originally purchased via a park bond and planned to be a park. With the advent of war its purpose was redirected. With Santa Monica being at the bottom of California cities' park space per resident i.e. park poor; we need to return this space for the well being and park usage that it was originally designed for. Do the right thing for residents' and make this property into a park and green space to support future generations' quality life and health.
12/17/2023 11:41:34	Daniel Reyman	Please give us the beautiful park we voted for.
12/17/2023 11:43:17	Gregg Chadwick	On Tuesday you have an opportunity to lead the city of Santa Monica into a bright and healthy future by voting for Sasaki Associates to restore the park land bought and voted for in 1926 and 2014 as the great park it is meant to be.
12/17/2023 11:48:35	Cris Armstrong	Give us what we voted for
12/17/2023 11:48:58	Alexis Koren	
12/17/2023 11:51:48	Chris Toussaint	The polluting jets and helicopters over my house has to stop. A park is what we need.

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12/17/2023 11:54:37	Sam McGarry	We need more green space please convert the land into a park
12/17/2023 12:00:24	Mary Suniga	
12/17/2023 12:18:10	Victor Norman	The City Council has delayed, prevaricated, and tried to bury perhaps the most important action it can take to ensure SM's quality of life. It is time to stop kowtowing to developers, air transport companies, and other non-resident parties who want to maintain the illegal continuation of their operations. The vast majority of residents want this airport permanently shut down and dedicated to the community's enjoyment. You must take action at your meeting on 12/20/23 to show your commitment to the well-being of the people who voted for you expecting you to move the closure to completion. If you continue status quo, there are enough of us prepared to make you do so by any legal means at our disposal. We hope it will come to this: it is your choice.
12/17/2023 12:19:55	Asa Greenberg	
12/17/2023 12:20:57	Asa Greenberg	Santa Monica has a chance to be a leader in evo friendly recreational place making. We owe it to LA to give this a shot!
12/17/2023 12:30:46	Iris Souza	Please make the new airport park ONLY a park - no business or housing! Thanks.
12/17/2023 12:32:11	David Abramis	Make the new airport park ONLY a park - no businesses and no housing! Thank you!
12/17/2023 13:12:58	Steve Novak	Please close the SMO and convert it into a park. This is what we voted to have done in 2014 with Measure LC.
12/17/2023 13:36:59	Karen Pinto	
12/17/2023 13:47:31	Jennifer Field	A park is the only option for the airport moving forward,. Please stop entertaining there could be another.
12/17/2023 14:00:06	Doug Allenstein	I voted for each and every one of you and have always trusted that when the time came you'd move forward with the park we've been promised (and have also voted for). Thank you.
12/17/2023 14:42:57	William Fordes	Dear City Council Members: There is no such thing as a great city without a great park. The voters in their overwhelming support of Prop LC recognized that and have directed you to build that great park. Please follow their directive and fulfill the law by directing your staff and planners to proceed with the great park. Bill Fordes 2308 27th St
12/17/2023 14:49:21	Taryn Fordes	Please honor the will of the people and what we overwhelmingly voted for: A Great Park.
12/17/2023 14:50:48	Elin Katz	Please support a Great Park! Support mental health for generations to come. Thank you.
12/17/2023 15:12:07	Joy Abbott	I am a housing advocate, but i hope the Council does the right thing (as we'd voted on years ago) to close the Airport for re-use as for open parks. What a legacy that would be! I specifically oppose a "mixed commercial use/housing" solution that developers are pushing for the Airport parcel.
12/17/2023 15:42:29	Natalie Greenberg	As a Santa Monica homeowner and business owner, I wrote to ask that you please give our community the park space it so badly needs! Let's find a way to build an eco friendly, fun recreational and community space. Let's build a park where we can share our time together. Let's build a place where kids can enjoy playing. Let's build outdoor cooking spaces, cultural spaces (like an amphitheater? Art displays/installations), and educational spaces. Give the people what they voted for: A Great Park. let's build the next Central Park or Griffith Park -- IN WEST LA. Give the kids of many generations a park and memories they will cherish for their lifetimes and the lifetimes of their children as well. The future can be brighter and someone has to lead to make it happen. Thanks for your consideration, Sincerely, Natalie Greenberg
12/17/2023 17:09:55	Robert Street	My family moved a block away from the airport in 1976 when I was 15. We raised 3 daughters here. We are still here. This neighborhood has been special to us even with all the noise and issues that come with living next door the airport. If the airport is truly closing after all these years, then please honor the commitment to pursue a park for the community and resist the pressure from development interests. Please! Thank you, Robert E. Street
12/17/2023 19:42:46	Michael Osment	Please do the right thing as stay on plan with the plan of a Great Park, the citizens voted by a huge margin to transform this airport that is polluting us and our children into a park with clean air and area to meet and play. No more housing, no more talk of it! Please do as we the citizens of Santa Monica have voted for! Keep the plans for a park.

Exhibit A

City Council SMO Closure Resolution No. 11026

WHEREAS, pursuant to the terms of the Consent Decree, the City has agreed to operate SMO with a runway of 3,500 feet until December 31, 2028, unless an earlier date is agreed to by the FAA and City; and

WHEREAS, initiation of the shortening of the Airport's runway to 3500 feet may commence upon 30-day prior notice to the FAA in accordance with 14 C.F.R. Part 157.5(b)(2); and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires that the City take all actions necessary to comply with the Consent Decree so that SMO will close effective as of midnight on December 31, 2028.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Manager, City Attorney and their staffs, consistent with the terms of the Consent Decree, shall take all actions necessary and proper to ensure that SMO will cease to operate as an airport and shall be closed to all aeronautical use forever effective as of midnight on December 31, 2028.

SECTION 2. The City shall not enter into any future agreements with the U.S., FAA, or any other party, that may have the effect of requiring the City to continue to operate SMO after December 31, 2028.

SECTION 3. The City Council directs the City Manager to ensure that the City provides 30-day prior notice to the FAA in accordance with 14 C.F.R. Part 157.5(b)(2) of

Exhibit B

The 2014 Santa Monica Ballot Measure LC



NOTICE OF ELECTION, AND ARGUMENT AND REBUTTAL DEADLINES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the General Municipal Election will be held in the City of Santa Monica on Tuesday, November 4, 2014, and setting the deadlines for submittal of arguments, and rebuttals in favor and in opposition of the following measures:

MEASURE " " : Shall the City Charter be amended to establish a maximum annual registration fee of up to \$288 per controlled rental unit and to limit the amount that landlords may pass through to tenants to 50% of the registration fee?	Yes
	No

MEASURE " " : Shall the Santa Monica City Charter be amended to require the City to continue to operate the Santa Monica Airport in a manner that supports its aviation uses unless the voters approve the Airport's closure or change in use, and until that voter approval occurs, the City shall be prohibited from imposing additional restrictions on aviation support services to tenants and airport users that inhibit fuel sales or the full use of aviation facilities?	Yes
	No

MEASURE " " : Shall the City Charter be amended to: (1) prohibit new development on Airport land, except for parks, public open spaces and public recreational facilities, until the voters approve limits on the uses and development that may occur on the land; and (2) affirm the City Council's authority to manage the Airport and to close all or part of it?	Yes
	No

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that pursuant to Article 4, Chapter 3, Division 9 of the Elections Code of the State of California, the legislative body of the City, or any member or members thereof authorized by the body, or any individual voter or bona fide association of citizens, or any combination of voters and associations, may file a written argument, not to exceed 300 words in length, accompanied by the printed name(s) and signature(s) of the author(s) submitting it, or if submitted on behalf of an organization, the name of the organization, and the printed name and signature of at least one of its principal officers who is the author of the argument, for or against the

Exhibit C

Santa Monica City Request for Qualifications

III. PROJECT DESCRIPTION / SCOPE OF WORK

To adequately plan for the future of the Santa Monica Airport, policy guidance and the economic basis for change must be clearly defined. The foundational roadmap for the post-closure future of the Airport will be identified through the scenario planning process that is developed in the RFP awarded from this RFQ short-list. The scenario planning process will develop several conceptual land use scenarios for the community and ultimately City Council's consideration, each **centered around the idea of the site hosting a "great park."** Each alternative will conceptualize the land use, design scale, transportation (including evaluation of regional transit connections to the post-closure Airport Park), innovation, and policy options for the future, as well as the financial impacts/benefits of each alternative. Among many things, the City is seeking a preferred scenario that is economically, environmentally and socially sustainable for several hundred years.

As a critical part of the scenario planning process, a market and economic analysis will be required to evaluate market feasibility of the different concept alternatives and the related financial implications and opportunities. The economic analysis will analyze upfront capital costs, life cycle and ongoing operational costs, and funding options to implement the various concept alternative scenarios. To the extent that any of the alternatives explore land use scenarios outside of the parameters of Measure LC, accompanying recommendations for clarifications or adjustments to LC will be required.

Most large-scale new parks of this size are not undertaken by small cities acting on their own due to the magnitude of the project and the associated capital and operating costs. The conceptual alternatives should investigate the feasibility of a Mello-Roos Community Facilities District, an Assessment District, and/or Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District (EIFD), and potential revenue generation from supporting land uses.

The Department is soliciting qualified professional individuals, firms, or multi-disciplinary teams with experience in any of the areas described below to assist in the development of its planning efforts. Coordination with City staff and the community is critical for the successful implementation of the project. Additional work tasks may be requested in the future depending on the specific needs of the City and available budget.

Exhibit D.

2014 Charter Amendment LC

640. Regulation, management and closure of Santa Monica Airport and future use of Airport land.

Subject only to limitations imposed by law, the City Council shall have full authority, without voter approval, to regulate use of the Santa Monica Airport, manage Airport leaseholds, condition leases, and permanently close all or part of the Airport to aviation use.

If all or part of the Airport land is permanently closed to aviation use, no new development of that land shall be allowed until the voters have approved limits on the uses and development that may occur on the land. However, this section shall not prohibit the City Council from approving the following on Airport land that has been permanently closed to aviation use: the development of parks, public open spaces, and public recreational facilities; and the maintenance and replacement of existing cultural, arts and education uses.

(Adopted at Municipal Election 11/4/14, certified by Res. No. 10850CCS)

Exhibit E-1.

Sasaki RFQ Submission, March 13, 2023



March 13, 2023

Peter D. James
Chief Operations Officer – Strategic Initiatives
Public Works Department
City of Santa Monica
1685 Main Street, City Hall East
Santa Monica, CA 90401

Dear Mr. James,

The City of Santa Monica has a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to convert a large piece of infrastructure into open space, housing, and community programs. This is the single greatest opportunity for Santa Monica to tackle multifaceted issues all on one 227-acre site. On behalf of the team led by Sasaki, we are humbled by the opportunity to submit our qualifications to become your partners as we look to the future of Santa Monica's airport conversion. As an international interdisciplinary firm, we have worked with over nine cities across the globe to transition and test scenarios for airports into thriving urban hubs centered around open space.

To us, cities are defined by experiences, not a single building or a space. Rather, it is the collective memory created by an ecosystem of elements that keeps people coming back. The layered history of the Santa Monica Airport should be celebrated but also understood for the realities that come with aviation use. Sasaki is intimately familiar with the process of honoring the history of an airport, creatively overcoming the technical challenges, and ultimately building out development that can offset some of the capital costs associated with new public parks. From Athens, Greece, to Denver, Colorado to small communities in Canada, we know how to test scenarios on old airports to meet the needs of the city.

- ▶ Invest in Today to Fund Tomorrow
- ▶ A New Green Sponge for the City
- ▶ Using the Past to Design the Future
- ▶ A Vision Defined with the Community

To support Sasaki in answering these questions, we assembled a subconsultant team through the lens of Sasaki values: we seek firms who are collaborative, represent the many voices of the community, have direct experience with the site, and bring humility to their work. Having worked with many airport conversion projects, including DEN with Sasaki, **HR&A Advisors** (HR&A) brings their local and national expertise to create a robust and sustainable economic solution for Santa Monica. **The Robert Group**, brings a robust approach to outreach within Santa Monica. **Arup** will bring their expertise in transportation, infrastructure, cost estimating, and energy planning. **Environmental Science Associates** (ESA), will lead the conversion on historic reuse. **Atelier Ten**, who worked with Sasaki on the The Ellinikon Metropolitan Park at the decommissioned Athens, Greece airport, will bring their expertise on sustainability. **Group Delta** will investigate soil contamination and explore creative ways to deal with remediation.

Exhibit E-2.

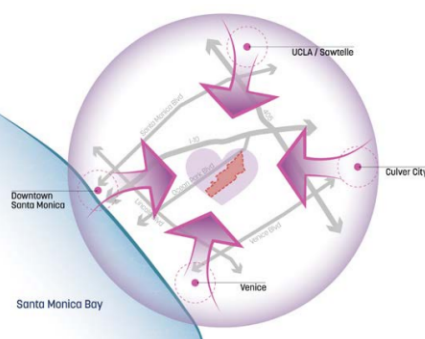
Sasaki RFQ Submission, March 13, 2023

UNDERSTANDING

Our Approach

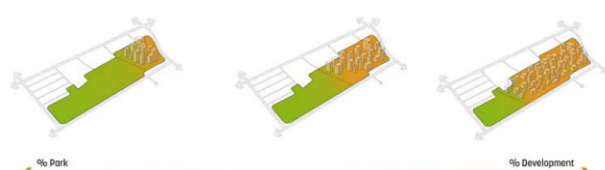
This is the Future of Santa Monica

The Santa Monica Airport Conversion represents the single greatest opportunity for Santa Monica to address a number of critical issues: **Housing development**, climate resilience, open space access, and spaces for people to gather are all needs of the city. This project provides a response to all of these if executed correctly.



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1. Investment Today to Fund Tomorrow



Public realm investments of this scale take a major consideration in sources of funding. Local, state, and federal funds can often make up a huge percentage of the cost of these projects, but understanding the interrelationship between private investment and the quality of space is critical to the long-term success. There are numerous case studies from around the world that offer a glimpse of how these things play out. Tempelhofer in Berlin presents a notion of low-impact changes that can have a huge social impact but with a funding emphasis that relies solely on public sources.

Other examples like Sasaki's work at the Athens, Greece Airport represent a radical departure from that concept where private development rights are traded for immense public good. The trade off is the scale of open space vs the quality. Through this project, community engagement and scenario modeling will be needed to understand the spectrum of open space quantity and development scale. While the community may want larger parks, thinking that it will add hedonic value, that trade off has limited funding streams.

On the other hand, giving larger portions of the site over to private development might allow for dedicated funding mechanisms to be created and ultimately create higher impact public space and less burden on public sources. This could also result in quicker implementation.

The other consideration that should be contemplated is the value of publicly controlled land in setting development goals such as affordable and workforce housing goals, local jobs, and specialty public facilities that often struggle to compete with private interest due to land values. This opportunity allows for concessions to be made, incentives to be created, and visions to be realized through strong public-private partnerships. At 227 acres, this site could deliver thousands of residential units that can really have an impact on affordability and access. Telling this story will be critical to the process of building consensus and outlining a path forward.

We will work with HRGA to evaluate the pros and cons of different development scenarios, the costs of maintenance and operations for public open space, and the various funding mechanisms and models that can be adapted to manage the future of the Santa Monica Airport.

Exhibit F.

Staff Report 5303

Public Process to Determine the Future of the Santa Monica Airport

C. PROPOSED PROCESS AND TIMELINES

Why Plan Now?

The process of identifying a resilient and sustainable future land use plan for the Airport that enjoys consensus with the community and is financially self-sustaining will take time. In order for the community to be ready for potential closure at the end of 2028 or shortly thereafter, the City needs to start planning and preparing now. Previous planning efforts could only consider uses and improvements for non-aviation lands, which produced several tangible projects such as the Airport Park Expansion design. Now, due to the Consent Decree, the entire property is available for reimagining. As such, the community will need to contend with a host of complex, interrelated issues that weigh heavily upon the site as one of the largest underutilized public land parcels in the whole of Los Angeles County and chart a course that allows future generations to reap the benefits of decisions made in present day.

Proximate to the potential Airport closure timeframe, the City will also be embarking on a number of substantial planning efforts that are mandated by State requirements, such as a major revision to the General Plan Land Use and Circulation Element (2030), a new 6th Cycle Housing Element (2029), and the need to carefully navigate the Surplus Lands Act that targets unprogrammed public real estate for affordable housing development. In following a process for a preferred use of the Airport land, the City and the community have the opportunity to design a roadmap “the Santa Monica Way” and to protect the community’s interests in preserving character, scale, and quality of life.

It is also important to note that planning for the Airport may extend past the 2028 timeline. Staff is researching a scenario in which Airport closure precedes the adoption of a comprehensive master plan. In this case, aviation activities and related aviation businesses would likely cease operations and provide for interim uses while plan development continues. The economics of this scenario are currently under evaluation, as is the process for decommissioning a general aviation airport, which will likely need to be understood and planned for years prior to December 31, 2028.

Given the complexity of the effort, and the significance of the site to the community (and to some extent the region), staff recommends cautiously pursuing a multi-year community planning effort that begins with an exploration of interested and qualified professionals who can support the City in working with Santa Monica residents, property owners, members of the business community and other key stakeholders to define a multi-generational strategy to convert the Airport. To ensure a robust public process that will lead to a successful conclusion, Council adopted \$100,000 in the FY2022-23 CIP Budget and approved and additional \$1,000,000 for FY 2023-24 contingent on Council approval.

The Real Estate Development Process

