Public Comments Submitted for:

Santa Monica City Council Meeting Tuesday, October 10, 2023 at 5:30PM

Item 7A. Study Session Discussion on the Lottery-Selected Panel Process for the Airport

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Authors and signatories of the attached petition respectfully request you take the following actions:

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#### Supporters of Measure LC and Local Residents of Santa Monica, West Los Angeles, Venice, and Mar Vista

October 5, 2023

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Dear Santa Monica Mayor and City Council Members:

We urge you to reject the Staff's Lottery-Selected Panel Outreach Process ("Lottery") proposal scheduled to be studied by the City Council on October 10, 2023. You should **reject the Lottery and the attempt to undermine the original expressed intent of residents in 1926, the City Charter Amendment LC in 2014, and the City Council SMO Closure Resolution No. 11026**. Each of these votes passed by wide margins. The Lottery would substitute an untested, non-democratic process using residents (likely unfamiliar with the complex issues surrounding the present Airport) selected by Staff's vague "stratification" factors to make decisions based on information largely provided by that same Staff. The elected City Council is pledged to facilitate processes that are consistent with the 1926 public park purchase, the Charter Amendment LC, and the City Council SMO Closure Resolution.

## A. 1926 Park Bond

Residents authorized the ordinance (5568 for, and 2056 against) the purchase of a tract of land "for the *purposes of a public park*". The ordinance clearly and repeatedly states the use to be a public park. There was no mention of an airport or any other use. Even so, the Airport presently occupies the land today, far past the end of World War 2, and far past Douglas Aircraft's move from Santa Monica to Long Beach in the mid-1970's. (See *Exhibit 1.*)

#### **B. Charter Amendment LC**

In 2014, Measure LC was passed by more than 15,000 voters (60% to 40%) which amended the City Charter to:

"<u>prohibit</u> new development of Airport land, except for parks, public open spaces and public recreational facilities, <u>until</u> the voters approve limits on the uses and development that may occur on the land." (See *Exhibit 2.*)

In spite of almost \$1 million spent to defeat Measure LC locally (with large sums spent by deep-pocketed national aviation lobby organizations), Measure LC was endorsed by hundreds of local organizations, neighborhood

groups, community leaders, elected officials, and individuals from our local community with an average donation of only \$200, totaling \$100,000 (see <a href="https://itsourland.org/endorsements">https://itsourland.org/endorsements</a>). (See Exhibit 3.)

Following the 2014 election and Measure LC passage, the Santa Monica City Charter was amended to read:

"If all or part of the Airport land is permanently closed to aviation use, <u>no new development of that</u> <u>land shall be allowed **until** the voters have approved limits</u> on the uses and development that may occur on the land. However, <u>this section shall not prohibit the City Council from approving</u> <u>the following on Airport land that has been permanently closed to aviation use: the development</u> <u>of parks, public open spaces, and public recreational facilities; and the maintenance and</u> <u>replacement of existing cultural, arts and education uses.</u>" (See Exhibit 4.)

#### In summary, Measure LC provides that:

- 1. the City Council holds full authority to close the airport,
- 2. new development is prohibited on the land unless voters approve it, and
- 3. only parks, public open spaces, and public recreational facilities; and the maintenance and replacement of existing cultural, arts and education uses are allowed.

The present Staff proposal seeks to replace the voters' clearly expressed will with an un-democratic process which: 1) is not transparent, 2) lacks accountability, 3) usurps the expressed will of the residents, 4) and ignores the role and expertise of the Airport Commission and its mandate to advise the City Council on all matters regarding the Airport.

#### C. City Council SMO Closure Resolution No. 11026

In 2017, the SMO Consent Decree was signed to legally allow for airport closure at the end of 2028. The City Council then unanimously adopted (7-0) SMO Closure Resolution No. 11026 which stated:

"The City Council directs the City Manager, City Attorney and their staffs to take <u>all actions</u> necessary and proper to <u>ensure</u> that SMO will cease to operate as an airport and shall be <u>closed</u> to all aeronautical use forever effective as of midnight on December 31, 2028." (See Exhibit 5.)

Resolution 11026 *instructs* City Staff to take all actions to ensure the airport is closed forever at the end of 2028.

#### D. The Proposed Lottery Undermines the Charter Amendment and the Closure Resolution

The "democratic lottery", also known as sortition, is a method of selecting individuals for decision-making processes or public office through <u>random chance</u>, similar to how a lottery selects winners. Democratic lotteries are recognized to have significant challenges and shortcomings:

- 1. **Competence and Qualifications**: Randomly selected individuals result in participants who lack the expertise or qualifications needed to meet their responsibilities, leading to decisions that are uninformed or ineffective.
- 2. **No Accountability**: Elected representatives can be held accountable through elections, whereas participants chosen by lottery lack accountability to the public. Participants are not directly responsible for their decisions and recommendations.
- Lack of Proper Incentives: Elected officials have reputational and other incentives to perform and make decisions to secure re-election and serve the interests of Santa Monica, whereas lottery-selected individual motivations will be unclear.
- 4. **Bias and Manipulation**: The process of selecting the pool of eligible participants and the methods used for random selection are subject to bias and manipulation. Personal agendas, conformance to group norms, and undue influence by Staff are major risk factors (as it selects the "relevant" information presented to individuals unfamiliar with the history of controversies surrounding the Airport).

- 5. **Small Sample Size**: The number of participants selected by lotteries may be relatively small, which limit the diversity of perspectives and result in unrepresentative decisions and outcomes.
- 6. **Participation and Voluntariness**: Lottery-selected individuals may volunteer for their positions, leading to potential disinterest or lack of engagement, compared to self-selected participation.
- 7. **Complex Issues and Inputs**: Information, issues, and decisions may be highly complex and require specialized knowledge or background to assess and recognize information inputs that may be incomplete, inaccurate, uncertain, or deceptive.
- 8. Lack of Mandate: Lottery-selected individuals may not have a mandate from the public, making it challenging for them to make tough decisions, especially in controversial matters.
- 9. **Stability and Continuity**: Changes or turnover of lottery-selected individuals could lead to instability, discontinuity, and difficulties in decision making, planning, and implementation.
- 10. **Representation Concerns**: Sortition does not guarantee equal representation for marginalized or underrepresented groups.

Democratic lotteries are not democratic elections, and random does not mean unbiased. As a result lottery-selected panels are not necessarily fair and impartial, and they can easily be led astray with incomplete, biased, or deceptive information inputs. As City Staff says in its report, lotteries are "not common in North America" so its use would essentially be an experiment on one of the most significant planning projects in Santa Monica's history. Staff also says in its report that it "recommends a cautious approach." A process that is untested, is by definition not cautious. (See *Exhibit* 6.)

The proposed Lottery partially shifts the authority of City Council and responsibilities of City Staff to a random lottery process that **could potentially advocate for activities that do not "ensure" airport closure, or that advocate for "prohibited" development that is inconsistent with Charter Amendment LC and the Closure Resolution**. The Lottery process lacks accountability and a clear direction and is founded on the principles of randomness and uncertainty, rather than direction and vision.

The Lottery creates potential off-ramps from Charter Amendment LC and the Closure Resolution. The City should not be facilitating it, much less funding it. If Special Interests want to propose initiatives that are counter to Charter Amendment LC and the Closure Resolution, then they can put something before the voters, however the City Staff should not be doing or initiating the initial groundwork. The City should only be facilitating processes that are consistent with the clear direction and vision of Charter Amendment LC and the Closure Resolution, which have been consistently supported by the electorate and through broad public input.

## We strongly and respectfully request you take the following actions:

- 1. Reject the proposed Lottery process that would guide the future of SMO.
- 2. Preserve and honor the Citywide votes in 2014 and 1926 in favor of a park.
- 3. Reaffirm City Council SMO Closure Resolution No. 11026 which ensures airport closure.

Please continue to ensure the full closing of SMO at the end of December 2028 (62 months), review the existing body of work and visioning already done over the years, and continue with a park planning process that is transparent and consistent with Charter Amendment LC and the Closure Resolution.

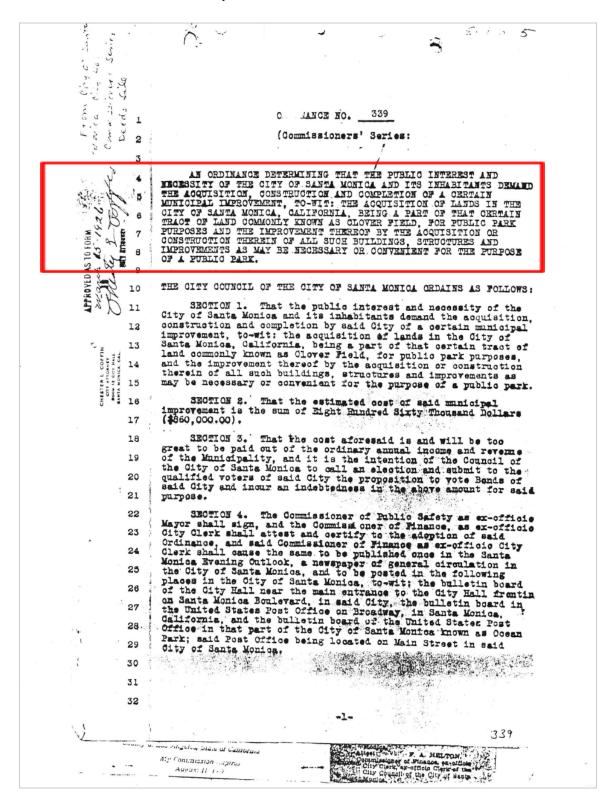
Please honor the residents and the democratic process.

Thank you.

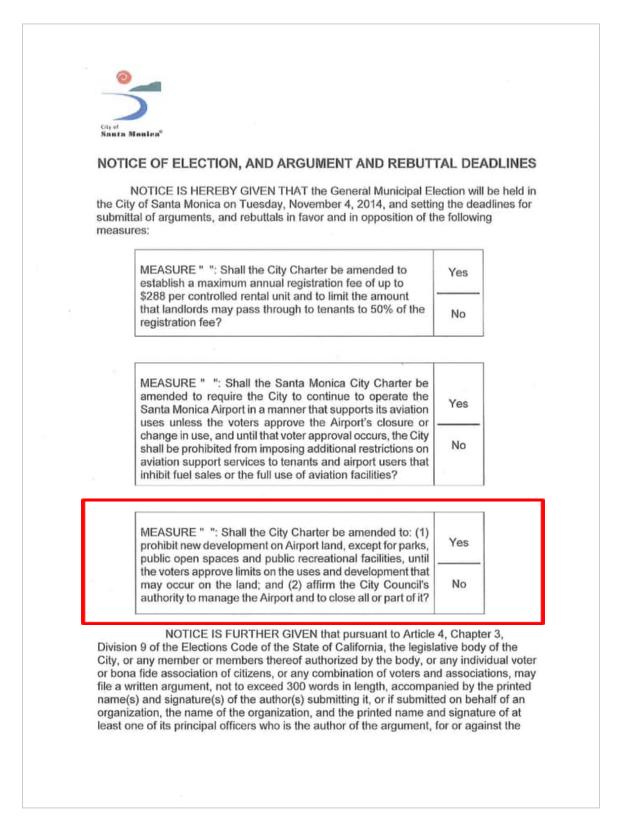
Sincerely,

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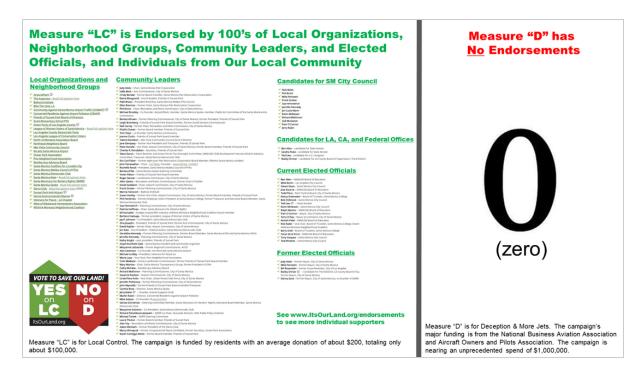
<u>Exhibit 1.</u> 1926 City of Santa Monica Ordinance No. 339



#### *Exhibit 2.* The 2014 Santa Monica Ballot



#### <u>Exhibit 3.</u> 2014 Measure LC Endorsements (See <u>https://itsourland.org/endorsements</u> to clearly view the extensive list)



#### *Exhibit 4.* 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)

#### <u>Exhibit 5.</u> City Council SMO Closure Resolution

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

#### <u>Exhibit 6.</u> City Council Report January 24, 2023 Public Process to Determine the Future of the Santa Monica Airport

A Democratic Lottery is a method of selecting community representatives through a randomized lottery-based system to serve as a Community Focus Group Panel that would have a direct connection to decision-makers. This approach demands broad demographic representation, and minimizes the influence of special interests, as it allows individuals from all segments of the community to participate in the decision-making process. While not common in North America, the Democratic Lottery process is utilized in many countries as a standard for addressing contemporary policy questions around land-use, economics, environmental stewardship, and voter representation. In over <u>600</u> examples globally to date, the model is gaining traction as a way for governments to deeply engage their community in collaborative, inclusive, and durable policy decisions.

At present, the community's preferred outcome for the future of the Airport is unclear. Yet one thing that is certain is that the project has the potential to be one of the most transformative urban planning events of this century for the City of Santa Monica. In light of this, staff recommends a cautious approach that is informed by data, robust and transparent discussion, rigorous economic evaluation and a visionary, far-reaching outlook to make the best use of this land for many generations to come that will reap the benefits of our efforts now. As the process unfolds over the next several years, resources will be needed to maintain consistency for the project, and to work through the many technical, political and environmental challenges that will need to be addressed in this process.

Timestamp	Name	(Optional) Additional Comments to the City Council:
10-05-23 at 05:50 AM	Alan Levenson	Read the petition and stop this unnecessary and costly process now.
10-06-23 at 01:40 PM	Charles Blum	Please honor the will of the people and their vote with measure LC. Don't succumb to big money financial developer special interests and insult the intelligence of those who elective you and trust you will govern with integrity and ethics. We will never have another opportunity to have a park EVER. Please let's protect our future generations so they have a party to appreciate as open land becomes absent from all surrounding regions.
10-06-23 at 04:21 PM	Tanya Troglin	
10-06-23 at 04:45 PM	Elizabeth Van Denburgh	
10-06-23 at 05:08 PM	David Klass	The proposed lottery is an attempted end run around SMO closure. Special interests are influencing staff and Council to overturn repeatedly established will of residents.
10-06-23 at 07:32 PM	David Goddard	The sortition is the most ridiculous idea proposed by staff so far.
10-06-23 at 07:55 PM	Christine Hardin	We have already spoken through Measure LC and Measure LC was passed by the voters of Santa Monica.
10-06-23 at 09:55 PM	Joseph Hardin	Please no more Saturday closed door scamming the voters of Santa Monica funded primarily by out of town, mostly out of state aviation interests! The private jet class that has no interest in the health, safety or welfare of the overwhelming majority of Santa Monica residents, especially young children and the elderly, not to mention the residents south and east of SMO. These people bear the brunt of the pollution and noise from SMO, due to the prevailing wind, and yet have no voice (vote) in the matter. We, the residents of Santa Monica, still store and sell leaded aviation fuel knowing that it is very unhealthy for people, especially children and the elderly. Why do we do this? So that a few aviation enthusiasts can live out their fantasies with no regard for the thousands of residents and wildlife that surround SMO. It's time for the Santa Monica City Council to put public interest first and honor Measure LC. Thanks for your hard work. Please make it count by doing something good for everyone, a Great Park for the people of Santa Monica and our neighbors.
10-06-23 at 10:41 PM	Quynh Nguyen	Even though I deeply oppose the lottery focus group if it is meant to bypass a broader vote, I am open to a minority of airport land being used for low-income and affordable housing within mixed-use complexes to fund turning the rest of the land into parks. Respect democracy by putting your plans to a citywide vote!
10-07-23 at 01:09 AM	John C Smith	I also oppose the use of that SHAM group "healthy Democracy."
10-07-23 at 02:04 AM	Joseph Schmitz	As a former Airport Commissioner (8 years), Retired USAF Pilot (7,000 hours), Safety Consultant for the FAA, and Research Methods Professor - I find the Staff's proposal antidemocratic, deceptive, and an abominable usurpation of voters' expressed wishes and residents' rights. Staff decisions, recommendations to City Councilmembers, and falsehoods (to residents and to City Councilmembers) have demonstrably kept SMO open past 2015. At great costs to the City, and greater costs to the health and welfare of residents nearby our Airport. Please know that as of March 2023, only 12 Santa Monica residents base their airplanes at SMO.
10-07-23 at 02:56 AM	Joan Schmitz	Please do not go forward with the despicable proposal to silence Santa Monica residents and voters.
10-07-23 at 06:02 AM	River Huston	
10-07-23 at 07:17 AM	Allyson Dworkin	
10-07-23 at 07:21 AM	Susan Vandebunt	
10-07-23 at 07:33 AM	Robert Brown	
10-07-23 at 07:39 AM	Dirk W van de Bunt	
10-07-23 at 07:42 AM	Charles Gibson	
10-07-23 at 08:01 AM	Elizabeth Lerer	
10-07-23 at 08:04 AM	Diane Sabatini	

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10-07-23 at 08:19 AM	Lisa Sandbank	This lottery is a deconstruction of the existing, voter-approved measure LC—authored by city council—which the residents fought for and won despite the millions spent to defeat it by nation-wide aviation organizations and their infamous power lawyers.
		A lottery committee gives City Staff the private power to influence committee members at their discretion and undermine the intentions voted by City Counsel SMO Closure Resolution.
10-07-23 at 08:39 AM	Victor Fresco	
10-07-23 at 08:45 AM	Sean Meehan	The question is too skewed toward development and omits mention of green space.
10-07-23 at 09:47 AM	Karen Comegys-Wortz	The residents want a park! We elected you to do the right thing and abide by our wishes!
10-07-23 at 10:13 AM	Constance Stewart	
10-07-23 at 10:43 AM	William Schoene	Under NO circumstances should SMO land become anything not in adherence to the park and/or recreational mandate of Measure LC!
10-07-23 at 10:50 AM	Jack Drutz	
10-07-23 at 11:59 AM	Asa Greenberg	
10-07-23 at 12:01 PM	Gregg Chadwick	
10-07-23 at 12:01 PM	Flavia Baptista	
10-07-23 at 12:02 PM	Chris Waller	The residents have already voted to close the airport and use the land as a park. Please honor the votes cast, and do not add development to that already conjested area.
10-07-23 at 12:02 PM	Jeffrey Felz	
10-07-23 at 12:03 PM	Andrea hricko	
10-07-23 at 12:05 PM	Alvin Crown	
10-07-23 at 12:05 PM	Benjamin Shore	Stop avoiding what your residents want - they want a park no other use.
10-07-23 at 12:07 PM	Jennifer	Honor Measure LC. No development on the land without a vote of the people. Close the ariport and make it a park as agreed upon.
10-07-23 at 12:07 PM	Jacqueline McDonald	do your job!
10-07-23 at 12:11 PM	Se Jong Ding	
10-07-23 at 12:11 PM	Jeffrey Rosenfeld	
10-07-23 at 12:12 PM	Gerard Raether	
10-07-23 at 12:13 PM	David Konell	
10-07-23 at 12:13 PM	Andrea Maitra	
10-07-23 at 12:14 PM	Richard Drapkin	Your JOB, is to support the will of the people, as in "democracy." LC made that clear. Do your jobs
10-07-23 at 12:17 PM	ammar lughod	The airport is poisoning the air we breath and are kids are getting sick. The joise pollution is terrible. The residents voted so do thr right thing and close the airport
10-07-23 at 12:20 PM	Roberto Schaefer	
10-07-23 at 12:22 PM	David Abramis	My email to the SM City Councel RE Item 3D:
		Dear City Council Members:
		I am a long-time resident and home-owner of the City of Santa Monica. I'm writing you today to ask you, please do not renew the Atlantic lease and do not lease the fuel tanks.
		I thought this was already settled, but apparently not.
		Again, please.
		Thank you,
	T D	David Abramis
10-07-23 at 12:24 PM	Tamra Raven	Stop housing at the airport! Enough!

	Veber	Get rid of the airport; it's traumatic to residents due to the insane amount of noise and constant overhead planes. I visited my brohter who lives in the flight path, in
10-07-23 at 12:25 DM		his 2 million dollar home, and I was driven mad by the planes. This is an abomination, and you couldn't pay me to live in that area. Be honest and serve the people affected.
10-07-23 at 12.23 FM	ris Souza	Dear City Council Members: I am a long-time resident and home-owner of the City of Santa Monica. I'm writing you today to ask you, please do not renew the Atlantic lease and do not lease the fuel tanks. I thought this was already settled, but apparently not. Again, please. Thank you, Iris Souza
10-07-23 at 12:26 PM D	David Ginsburg	
	amra Raven	Stop housing at the airport! Enough!
	Patricia Braun	Stop housing at the aliport! Enough:
	lason McClaren	
	Karen Croner	
	Susan Hartley	
	heo swerissen	We want a park.
	/ictor davich	The fish stinks from the head
10-07-23 at 12:33 PM J	lohn C Smith	Reject the lottery AND that sham group the Council wanted to run the show. And shame on the city for suggesting such a clear, biased proposal.
10-07-23 at 12:33 PM	Villiam Sadler	Please don't re-litigate an issue this city already overwhelmingly decided. Elections have consequences
10-07-23 at 12:35 PM A	Annie Sabroux	
10-07-23 at 12:35 PM P	Paola Levenson	We ask you to please consider the neighbors around the airport! We were promised a park!
	largot mcleay	We already voted on this issue
	Vill Pirkey	
	Devon Pothier	
10-07-23 at 12:36 PM S	Sandra Casillas	I live two blocks east of the airport. To say I want it closed as of yesterday would be an understatement. When I moved in my home in 1994, I knew, of course, that the airport was here. But I didn't know that you could fly jets in and out of it. Since you have shortened the runway, the jet problem is mostly resolved, however, the traffic in and out is still quite loud. I live in Los Angeles, so I don't have a vote, but I am deeply affected by the airport, given where I live. You must close the airport in 2024 just like your election results told you to do. If I recall correctly, you can't do anything other than put a great park there, unless you put it to the vote of the city AGAIN. How many times you going to ask the same question hoping for a different answer? Close the damn airport, put a park there and fulfill the edict of the voters
10-07-23 at 12:37 PM ca	arrie davies	
10-07-23 at 12:42 PM N	Nurit Pereh	We are just behind the airport. Frankly, I don't mind the small planes. But the jets are a latecomer to the airport and need to be eliminated altogether. Helicopter flight training should go to an airport that's not so close to residential neighborhoods. The noise and air pollution levels are simply too high and too risky. The parks, playground, restaurants, soccer field, museum, art studios and offices, theater - all those are so lovely for residents and visitors and should be expanded. Please do not re-lease to aviation businesses.
10-07-23 at 12:48 PM Ir	ngrid Mueller	Progressive, green City??!? SMO's immediate Venice neighbors [!!!] can't endure noise and air pollution without increasing mental dangersand confusions about SM city council's weakening SMO Park Support. Please check history and create a better future.
	/vonne Guy	

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10-07-23 at 12:52 PM	Betsy Katz	
10-07-23 at 12:52 PM	Jessica Tracy	
10-07-23 at 12:58 PM	Michael Jerrett	Why are you so responsive to business interests at the airport and so unresponsive to the legitimate concerns of residents who don't want the noise, air pollution, and risks to our water supply - show some leadership for a change and close the storage tanks and deny the lease to Atlantic Aviation and evict the company.
10-07-23 at 01:08 PM	Joy Abbott	Please allow those of us committed to carrying out the parameters of Measure LC to be involved in the 'visioning' process. We've worked hard for our neighborhood. I'm especially concerned those of us living in Sunset Park area adjacent to the airport will not have our proper representation as we will be the most impacted by any re-use development of the that space.
10-07-23 at 01:08 PM	Ed Arias	
10-07-23 at 01:10 PM	Jason Knapp	
10-07-23 at 01:10 PM	Chutney li	
10-07-23 at 01:12 PM	Alison Buell	The community has voted on this "Great Park" already. This is a shabby way of doing an end run around the voters.
10-07-23 at 01:18 PM	Eileen Tunick	Voter homeowner/residents overwhelmingly support airport to park transition. Our votes will count.
10-07-23 at 01:23 PM	igor meglic	
10-07-23 at 01:23 PM	Brenda Goodman	
10-07-23 at 01:31 PM	Stephen Hewitt	
10-07-23 at 01:42 PM	Jamie Dunham	
10-07-23 at 01:48 PM	Joseph Lutz	Close the airport and build a park.
10-07-23 at 01:50 PM	Kevin Kinigstein	
10-07-23 at 01:50 PM	Andrea Lieberman	I just want to ensure that a park that was voted on is what is put in there, not housing, and not businesses, that will entail more noise and traffic. We are seriously deficient in park spaces for our city, and we live extremely close to the airport, closer than most people in Santa Monica, and have been highly effected by the noise and air pollution for decades.
10-07-23 at 01:55 PM	Gary Glickman	We have been asking for your representation for many years. Are you abandoning us?
10-07-23 at 01:59 PM	barbara whitney	I support this petition, as well as open space, rather than commercial development at the airport property. I also think it is irresponsible, in case of civic emergency, to negate the use of the airport for small aircraft.
10-07-23 at 02:02 PM	Randall Klarin	
10-07-23 at 02:09 PM	Jordan Ellis	
10-07-23 at 02:10 PM	William Josephs	
10-07-23 at 02:12 PM	Mara Thompson	
10-07-23 at 02:20 PM	Suanne Ware-Diaz	Honor the decision of your constituency and neighbors. What the Westside lacks us common green area that enhances life and community. With the large developments already underway throughout the area and the continued allowance of one family McMansions, green area is needed more than ever.
10-07-23 at 02:29 PM	Luis Diaz	No Airport
10-07-23 at 02:29 PM	Luis Diaz	No Airport
10-07-23 at 02:40 PM	Alex Gardos	Close the airport please!
10-07-23 at 02:55 PM	Hal Bogotch	A.Great. Park. (Close SMO 4ever.)
10-07-23 at 03:16 PM	Chris Toussaint	
10-07-23 at 03:18 PM	Ann Bowman	Approving and implementing the lottery process will be violative of the Santa Monica City Charter Boards and Commissions provisions regarding the powers and REQUIRED duties of these appointive bodies. Approving the lottery process is therefore illegal and opens the City up to legal challenge.
10-07-23 at 03:23 PM	ALAN KERNER	A few years ago, i participated in a process to close the SM airport. The City Council Now it appears that the City Council is proposing to re-engage this process. I have been enduring noise and pollution from the airport, looking forward to the closure in 2028. Please don't play games here and do not pass this resolution.

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10-07-23 at 03:24 PM	Jilla sardashti	Wake up and respond to the citizens'wishes regarding the future of SMO. Enough of corporate greed over the health and safety of the communities surrounding the airport! We've spoken but our very legitimate demands fall on deaf ears over and over again!
10-07-23 at 03:26 PM	Karen Comegys-Wortz	List to the residents NOT the developers
10-07-23 at 03:26 PM	Anita. Byrd	
10-07-23 at 03:28 PM	Tracy Orloff	Please honor the votes and wishes of City taxpayers. We want park space at the airport - (and, are in dire need of it with amount of housing development here now). We want an end to jet company contracting which puts the people who live here and quality of our air at risk. Please represent us as you've promised to do.
10-07-23 at 03:30 PM	David Krauss	
10-07-23 at 03:50 PM	Maureen Jacobson	This is shameful.
10-07-23 at 03:55 PM	Justin Braun	
10-07-23 at 03:58 PM	Mia Levenson	
10-07-23 at 04:28 PM	Philip Baily	
10-07-23 at 04:42 PM	Mary Duprey	It's clear that we want a public park on that space, as was initially intended and confirmed by recent voters. Please honor that decision and get on with discussing what we would like in our park. Thank you.
10-07-23 at 04:51 PM	Rebecca Nelson	
10-07-23 at 04:54 PM	Stephen Unger	Be true to your promise/obligation to close the airport and replace it with a public park.
10-07-23 at 05:20 PM	Adrian Harewood	
10-07-23 at 06:03 PM	John Campisi	
10-07-23 at 06:17 PM	Jason McClaren	
10-07-23 at 06:37 PM	Donna Rosescu	
10-07-23 at 06:38 PM	William Arbenz	
10-07-23 at 06:59 PM	Roy Rico	Please honor the will of the people.
10-07-23 at 07:48 PM	Will von Bernuth	
10-07-23 at 07:48 PM	Kelly Hsiao	
10-07-23 at 08:48 PM	Will Guston	
10-07-23 at 09:03 PM	SULINH Lafontaine	
10-07-23 at 09:29 PM	Elin Katz	I support the closure of Santa Monica Airport and the establishment of a public park in it's place.
10-07-23 at 09:35 PM	Megan FitzGerald	
10-07-23 at 09:41 PM	Jeanne Laurie	Honor the residents and the election results, not cowtow to the developers.
10-07-23 at 10:28 PM	hal lindes	
10-07-23 at 10:51 PM	Elizabeth Estrup	
10-07-23 at 11:51 PM	Jan Simonovic	
10-08-23 at 06:00 AM	Tim Whalen	
10-08-23 at 07:38 AM	Kurt Gary	
10-08-23 at 07:42 AM	Sarah Braff	Park now!
10-08-23 at 07:49 AM	Allison Greene	Honor the original LC vote.
10-08-23 at 08:26 AM	Susan Kirch	
10-08-23 at 09:02 AM	Phyllis Chavez	
10-08-23 at 09:12 AM	Dorinne Tye	The people have spoken. The FAA & aviation benefactors should NEVER be granted option to override the majority. You cannot ignore constitutional processes and protections without undoing the intent of our country's founding principals and future. Stop the insanity of aviation abuses & pollution. This harms our productivity, health, viability, constitution and future.
10-08-23 at 09:21 AM	Miki Barnes	
10-08-23 at 09:23 AM	Mathew Millen	Use Measure GS funds to build 3000 units of low income housing between Wilshire and San Vicente blvd AFFH
10-08-23 at 09:34 AM	Peter Spelman	
10-08-23 at 09:37 AM	Larry Graber	

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10-08-23 at 09:45 AM	Jon Casazza	
10-08-23 at 09:58 AM	Kenny Fields	We knew when the City Council caved and made a behind closed doors deal to extend the life of the airport until 2028 and delay the park that measure LC laid out, that there would be attempts to not follow the PUBLIC WILL and turn the airport into lots of other things. Well, here we are and this "democratic lottery process" is the first shot across the bow of the great park that the residents of this city overwhelmingly approved with LC. We knew it was coming. Ask anyone who lives in Santa Monica whether they thought that the Council would do what the residents wanted or if they would cave to business interests and they would tell you that they were very skeptical that the Council would follow the WILL OF THE RESIDENTS. Well placed skepticism for sure.
10-08-23 at 10:00 AM	Amanda McConnell	We live in sunset park, just south of the airport. We support the park and updated traffic flow / control measures.
10-08-23 at 10:03 AM	hep ingham	Don't let the crooked elements defeat the will of the majority!!!
10-08-23 at 10:12 AM	Jen Murray	
10-08-23 at 10:53 AM	Sharon Rubin	How many times are we going to have to fight the same Battle? Does the City have NO Institutional Memory! We have filled the Chamber so many times that I have lost count!.It is the residents that elect you to represent us. Please consider our needs! I already, weekly have to wipe off my deck and outside furniture because of the black toxic particles that fall on my property daily! Thank you for your consideration of the residents needs for clean air!
10-08-23 at 11:05 AM	Max Greene	
10-08-23 at 11:05 AM	John Greenwood	
10-08-23 at 11:23 AM	Kirsten Campisi	
10-08-23 at 12:03 PM	Clare Thomas	A random selection of citizens may not lead to a group sufficiently educated about the issues, available to commit the time to get up to speed on the issues, and ultimately easily swayed by those that want to make an end-run around the results of LC as expressed by the voters of Santa Monica
10-08-23 at 12:36 PM	Natalie Greenberg	Please stop the airport immediately. It is both a danger and nuisance to our families and community
10-08-23 at 12:37 PM	Luana Rubin	
10-08-23 at 12:37 PM	Jill Rosen	Put people over politics, quality of life over monetary gain.
10-08-23 at 12:39 PM	Leslie Seki	
10-08-23 at 12:42 PM	Brian Kelly	
10-08-23 at 12:43 PM	Haily Jovich	The voters decided SMO would be a park. The conversation is finished. Santa Monica City Council, City Attorney, and City Manager must stop undermining the democratic process by inserting outside interests and lobbyists that are seeking to destroy Santa Monica. The City is choosing to distribute drugs and drug paraphernalia rather than build a park for residents. The City has shuttered libraries and turned our City over to lawless criminals. Santa Monica residents need to speak up for themselves and stand up for safe streets, economic prosperity, and education.
10-08-23 at 12:43 PM	Alessio Burgio	
10-08-23 at 12:46 PM	Natalie McAdams	Can't believe we are even considering revisiting this again. Will this never end and SM truly become the green city it likes to hold itself up as.
10-08-23 at 12:49 PM	Lauren wallenstein	
10-08-23 at 12:50 PM	Jacquie Jordan	Seriously ?!?
10-08-23 at 12:52 PM	Zina Josephs	
10-08-23 at 12:57 PM	Matthew Muranaka	
10-08-23 at 12:58 PM	Toby Berlin	Stop this madness
10-08-23 at 01:00 PM	Patrick Ney	Reject Lottery
10-08-23 at 01:07 PM	Jonny Pray	

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10-08-23 at 01:10 PM	Grady Hall	Truly great cities have truly exceptional public spaces. The airport has long outlived its usefulness, and is only used by a very small percentage of the public while polluting surrounding neighborhoods with jet exhaust. That's a big part of why the community voted overwhelmingly to transform it into a park that could be enjoyed in many ways by those in the surrounding neighborhood and city. It was never the intention to transform the airport into another airport (!), or to enable developers to build massive buildings that are out-of-character with every other structure in Santa Monica. We need a park. We voted for it. We voted people out who were against it. Current city leaders should do the right thing and transform the airport into the crown jewel of Santa Monica's public spaces, increasing the quality of life for countless residents. With the pandemic and post-pandemic changes now keeping people at home and working remotely, we must add more community spaces and activities if we are to be a modern, healthy, and thriving community.
10-08-23 at 01:14 PM	Frans Klinkenberg	
10-08-23 at 01:16 PM	ammar lughod	The airport is poisoning the air we breath and are kids are getting sick. The joise pollution is terrible. The residents voted so do thr right thing and close the airport
10-08-23 at 01:17 PM	Vic NoRMAN	Stop your underhanded tactics and cozy relation with the aviation industry. Remember you are public servants. which means at some point you will ask us to re-elect you.
10-08-23 at 01:18 PM	Bonnie smith	
10-08-23 at 01:20 PM	Marta Vago	
10-08-23 at 01:24 PM	Donna Urban	
10-08-23 at 01:25 PM	Stephen Mark	I served on the city Airport Commission for 8 years. I love the idea of preserving some sense of the history of Santa Monica Airport and I appreciate we have a housing shortage. Nevertheless it's clear to me that a process has already occurred confirming the people's desire to have a park on this land. With a global need for ever more greenery, that feels like the best aesthetic and functional use of the airport property. I see no reason to confuse matters by instigating yet another open ended process for deciding what to do here. The decision has been made. The only question is its implementation.
10-08-23 at 01:28 PM	Patrick Davenport	
10-08-23 at 01:33 PM	John Humble	
10-08-23 at 01:34 PM	Joey Reynolds	
10-08-23 at 01:40 PM	MICHAEL OSMENT	Please follow the Measure LC. Stop outside interest trying to stop the new Grand Park
10-08-23 at 01:41 PM	Flynn Osment	Please help me grow up with a new park and not a dirty airport. I am 9 years old.
10-08-23 at 01:42 PM	Ava Osment	Please help me, I need a new park near me to play sports! I am 11 years old
10-08-23 at 01:43 PM	Lara Osment	
10-08-23 at 01:50 PM	Nora Foran	
10-08-23 at 01:50 PM	Lucia Klass	
10-08-23 at 01:52 PM	Fae Horowitz	
10-08-23 at 01:54 PM	Jonathan Stein	This is a direct and cynical attack on the expressed will of the residents masquerading staff opinions for public opinion under a sophistical and expensive mask. Utterly detestable.
10-08-23 at 01:58 PM	Patrick Reardon	
10-08-23 at 02:05 PM	Lauren de la Fuente	Please respect the original desire of the LC voters and stop with the political agenda to do an end run of what we voted for.
10-08-23 at 02:09 PM	Melanie Merians	All my family and neighbors respectfully request that you REJECT this shameful lottery!
10-08-23 at 02:10 PM	Ellen Mark	
10-08-23 at 02:18 PM	Jay Abramowitz	The people have voted! You're acting like the Wisconsin legislature, trying to ignore our votes. Leave it alone.
10-08-23 at 02:22 PM	James Wilson	Enough. It is time to let the airport land go for better use for the residents of Santa Monica.
10-08-23 at 02:24 PM	Louis Bon	
10-08-23 at 02:34 PM	Karen Blechman	Please honor Measure LC. Do not attempt to subvert that decision with a lottery or any other misguided effort.
10-08-23 at 02:35 PM	Lealani Ranch Dawes	

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10-08-23 at 02:35 PM	Richard Moore	
10-08-23 at 02:35 PM	Patrick De Feo	
10-08-23 at 02:44 PM	Erin Ferro	
10-08-23 at 02:46 PM	Jan Simonovic	Santa Monica Airport should be a PARK!!!!!!!!!!!!
10-08-23 at 02:59 PM	John Greene	Close the Airport / make it a Park as agreed too. In the meanwhile STOP selling leaded jet fuel!
10-08-23 at 03:00 PM	Leona marolo	Please keep our city beautiful and for the people not big business.
10-08-23 at 03:07 PM	Eric Garner	
10-08-23 at 03:09 PM	Adam Simon	Stop trying to avoid the clear will of the people you represent.
10-08-23 at 03:14 PM	H. Martin	The secret answer is revealed here•in: thou shalt build a great park & close the disgusting, polluting airport irrevocably & permanently.
10-08-23 at 03:19 PM	Laura Lacamara	Close the airport; build a great park.
10-08-23 at 03:20 PM	Brian Stecher	I understand the desire to be objective but this approach trades ignorance for subjectivity, not wise.
10-08-23 at 03:29 PM	Cynthia	
10-08-23 at 03:34 PM	Laura Kaiser	
10-08-23 at 03:57 PM	Olivia Kelly	
10-08-23 at 04:00 PM	Beverly Haas	
10-08-23 at 04:02 PM	Ilene Weingard	
10-08-23 at 04:05 PM	Kristina Hagman	
10-08-23 at 04:47 PM	Alice Ellis	Do not waste our money on a lottery. We already voted in 2014 to close the airport and build the park. Get to work on the park - do the job you were elected to do.
10-08-23 at 05:00 PM	Alex Novakovich	
10-08-23 at 05:26 PM	Scott Weiss	
10-08-23 at 05:27 PM	Scott Weiss	
10-08-23 at 05:45 PM	Ofer Grossman	
10-08-23 at 05:53 PM	Mimi Wheeler	
10-08-23 at 06:01 PM	Marla Eby	
10-08-23 at 06:18 PM	Michael katz	The People spoke plainly and clearly when they voted overwhelmingly in favor of LC. Stop the Fuel Farm danger to Santa Monica's aquifer.
10-08-23 at 06:22 PM	Lorri Benson	This issue has been voted on. Please honor the wishes of those who elected you, and stop trying to find a way to NOT shut down the airport. The people of Santa Monica, especially those most affected by the airport in Sunset Park and Ocean Park, have made it clear that we want a well-thought out park and recreational area to benefit the local taxpayers. Most of the owners of the small jets and commuter planes don't even live in Santa Monica. We who live here want to stop breathing dangerous fumes and lead, and don't want to live with the potential of small plane crashes over our roofs. Not to mention the sound pollution, which we've heard as late as 11pm sometimes. There is no reason to bring up this topic again and again. We want the airport gone by 2028, as our last vote indicated. No lottery panels, no more discussion, no more stalling. Thank you.
10-08-23 at 06:25 PM	Simona Garon	Please stop this lottery process
10-08-23 at 06:26 PM	Patty	
10-08-23 at 06:26 PM	Nicola Goode	Listen to constituents whose voices and votes have repeatedly and unequivocally settled the issue of SMO closure! Act accordingly SM City Council, reject the Proposed Lottery!
10-08-23 at 06:28 PM	Katharine Dreyfuss	
10-08-23 at 06:36 PM	Min Shi	
10-08-23 at 06:38 PM	Makoto Kato	
10-08-23 at 07:31 PM	Joan Wilder	The panel should only be permitted to make recommendations that do not require any changes to Measure LC.
10-08-23 at 07:41 PM	Matt Schlegel	
10-08-23 at 07:57 PM	Michael Jerrett	
10-08-23 at 08:15 PM	Jennifer Josephs	Jets have to goTime to get rid of Polluting Fuel tank storage
10-08-23 at 08:31 PM	Nancy Owens	

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10-08-23 at 08:34 PM	John Ventura	
10-08-23 at 08:36 PM	Denise Gerber	
10-08-23 at 10:00 PM	Jan-Peter Flack	We want and need a park. Which is why the City of Santa Monica bought the land in the 1st place.
10-08-23 at 10:11 PM	Steven T Benson	This needs to be a park
10-08-23 at 10:20 PM	Dawn Joyal	No changes to Measure LC
10-08-23 at 10:29 PM	Howard Wolfe	
10-08-23 at 10:49 PM	Mazi Lombard	
10-08-23 at 11:07 PM	Mindi Shank	One person one vote. It's democracy. Here in Santa Monica, and everywhere else in the world. It takes ALL of us and EVERY single voice matters! Respect the vote! We voted.
10-08-23 at 11:39 PM	Carol Joffe	90405
10-08-23 at 11:55 PM	Cathy Hillman	
10-09-23 at 12:17 AM	carol joffe	This is your responsibility to our community, and no one else's, to insure that the residents can breathe and move and enjoy the best quality of life and health. Don't pass it on to others. It's not their job.
10-09-23 at 12:27 AM	Stacey Abrams-ShericK	The matter was settled with Measure LC The City wants a park.
10-09-23 at 12:29 AM	Ose Dalldorf	
10-09-23 at 12:29 AM	Robert Sherick	The City already voted on this with Measure LC.
10-09-23 at 12:30 AM	Jack Sherick	
10-09-23 at 02:02 AM	Fariba Weiss	
10-09-23 at 04:43 AM	Ursula Fox	
10-09-23 at 05:25 AM	Marla Eby	
10-09-23 at 05:37 AM	Elaine Miller	
10-09-23 at 05:56 AM	John Reynolds	WE VOTED FOR PARKS AND ANY votes to undue the 60/40 decision
10-09-23 at 05:58 AM	Suzanne joffe	Put in a park, like you promised. You are snakes at heart.
10-09-23 at 06:31 AM	Karla Klarin	We want and need a PARK!
10-09-23 at 06:33 AM	Dorothy Chapman	
10-09-23 at 06:39 AM	Larry Arreola, Carol Arreola	Lottery System? PULEESE. We need real stake holders to be part of the process, not names picked out if a hat
10-09-23 at 07:04 AM	Tracey Hennessey	I've lived here all of my life. In the last 10 years I've seen change that makes this city nearly unrecognizable for the worst. Please stop giving city land to developers. The city of Santa Monica obviously can't handle what's on their plate now with homeless and crime out of control.
10-09-23 at 07:28 AM	Val Davidson	CLOSE THE AIRPORT AS PROMISED. A great new park was the plan! Green open space is important to the community. LC was voted on.
10-09-23 at 08:10 AM	Ashley Simonsen	
10-09-23 at 08:11 AM	Ann Lewis	We voted on this topic on Measure LC. Please accept this vote from 2014 rather than try to change what the future of the SM Airport will be. As published by the City of SM, "New development is prohibited on Airport land permanently closed to aviation use unless voters approve limits on the uses and development that may occur on the land." Thank you.
10-09-23 at 08:14 AM	Sarah Lewis	Citizens have already expressed their position on this issue by public vote. Respect their decisions.
10-09-23 at 08:15 AM	Chuck Mason	3480 Maplewood Ave
10-09-23 at 08:38 AM	Stephanie Tainsky	Please, not again. We already went through this. WE WANT PARKS!!!!!
10-09-23 at 08:42 AM	Eddy Winston	
10-09-23 at 08:45 AM	Steven Brady	
10-09-23 at 09:09 AM	John Reynolds	
10-09-23 at 09:27 AM	Tregg Rustad	Let's build a park, and only a park!
10-09-23 at 09:49 AM	Dennis WIlder	Stick with LC as you should.
10-09-23 at 09:50 AM	bea nemlaha	Residents most directly affected should take the lead. Random selection irrational.
10-09-23 at 09:52 AM	Chuck Hoover	
10-09-23 at 10:16 AM	daniel funk	i reject the lottery process for the santa monica airport.

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10-09-23 at 10:22 AM	Lisa Detamore	Please stop this nonsense. We already voted.
10-09-23 at 10:34 AM	Shawn Barry	we decided long ago to make this a PARK - we the people of Santa Monica do not appreciate these back door meetings
10-09-23 at 10:40 AM	Brian Barry	
10-09-23 at 10:44 AM	Emily Dawe	
10-09-23 at 10:53 AM	Ronette Barry	WE VOTED ON THIS, PROMISED, PARK DEVELOPMENT. I knew this was going to happen. So sick of the bate and switch. How can you look in the mirror. Let me know when the city council meeting is?
10-09-23 at 10:56 AM	Barry Friesen	
10-09-23 at 11:16 AM	mark ford	
10-09-23 at 11:32 AM	Mark Abdou	
10-09-23 at 11:36 AM	Joy Abbott	Support Measure LC ! Council needs to pull on their big girl and boy pants and do the 'visioning' work to commit to open parks rather than have it led housing development concerns.
10-09-23 at 11:53 AM	Susan Jain	
10-09-23 at 12:17 PM	Dorothy Cramer	The people spoke/voted on this issue! It is your duty to follow their choice!
10-09-23 at 12:55 PM	lois banner	I have lived in Santa Monica for 40 years. Please, please allow it to remain the beautiful residential community 8it has always been.
10-09-23 at 01:14 PM	Sarah Bryce	This is pure corruption by BIG REAL ESTATE and the neighborhood of Sunset Park will not stand for it
10-09-23 at 01:27 PM	Ellen Hannan	
10-09-23 at 01:44 PM	Margaret Hannan	I am so sick of you selling out our city to real estate tycoons. I lived in a house under the airport for over 40 years! I still live in a Santa Monica rent controlled apartment. If you want to stay employed as a member of our city council get your A in gear and vote the way we Santa Monicans want you to!!!!
10-09-23 at 01:55 PM	Mark Schubb	
10-09-23 at 02:06 PM	Kenneth Abbott	
10-09-23 at 02:25 PM	Patrick Seeholzer	
10-09-23 at 02:27 PM	Patrick Seeholzer	
10-09-23 at 02:32 PM	Lynn Robb	
10-09-23 at 03:17 PM	Darlene Yaplee	
10-09-23 at 03:36 PM	Deborah	We voted for LC years ago and expect that if SMO closes the land can only be used for parkland unless voted upon by the residents of Santa Monica.
10-09-23 at 03:58 PM	Tom Lynch	The disruption to our lives and real estate value are impacted greatly by any activity from the Santa Monica Airport. The noise levels, pollution, and disturbance of jets/planes flying over our homes needs to stop immediately. The airport is enjoyed only by a few while causing the above mentioned damage to many.
10-09-23 at 04:22 PM	Christine Lynch	Keep your agreements
10-09-23 at 04:39 PM	ARTHUR BARROW	
10-09-23 at 05:13 PM	Danielle Litak	I ask that you keep with original plans to makes this a public space for all to enjoy and to not entertain an airport.
10-09-23 at 05:14 PM	Frederick Pringle	
10-09-23 at 05:23 PM	Kenneth Kirschbaum	
10-09-23 at 05:23 PM	Elizabeth Oakes	Developer-aligned "nonpartisan" groups will undermine the will of the citizens. Close the airport as planned and create the park voted in by Santa Monica residents. Keep your promises.
10-09-23 at 05:23 PM	Gavin Scott	
10-09-23 at 05:30 PM	Andrea Ware	The land needs to be ALL park!
10-09-23 at 05:35 PM	Dawn Bailey	
10-09-23 at 06:09 PM	Nicola Scott	We do not want the city-wide vote to turn Santa Monica airport into a park to be overturned.
10-09-23 at 06:36 PM	Francine Duran	
10-09-23 at 06:53 PM	David Kimball	
10-09-23 at 07:16 PM	Kathy Knight	Please support an open, democratic process in our city government.
10-09-23 at 08:59 PM	Stephen Molstad	This is outrageous. Don't do it! The staff proposing this should be fired.