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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(12) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

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Type of NC Board Action: Against

Impact Information

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Summary: The Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council, by unanimous vote, opposes the closure of Whiteman Airport. Whiteman airport is a source of employment, emergency air services, wildfire air services and flight training. Closure of Whiteman Airport would increase outbound and inbound air traffic out of and into Van Nuys Airport, which would substantially increase potential for catastrophic, fatal crashes, due to the high volume of private jets and personal aircraft. Personal aircraft are frequently operated by amateur and student pilots. Additionally, Van Nuys Airport has ongoing helicopter traffic, emergency and wildfire fighting services when needed. These many flights fly over the densely populated Northern and Southern San Fernando Valley Communities, including Granada Hills and many schools. There is a high risk for great loss of many lives and property damage if Whiteman Airport is closed and the air traffic is diverted to Van Nuys Airport. Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council receives constant complaints from stakeholders about the frequency and fear of air traffic at all hours of the day and night of often low flying aircraft into and out of Van Nuys Airport. Whiteman Airport is an important, vital and necessary airport which should remain open. We thank you for your consideration of our Community Impact Statement. Respectfully Submitted by The Board of Directors, Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council.