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TO: Chair Kimball and members of the Planning Commission

FROM: Stephanie Cormier, Senior Planner

DATE: May 6, 2013

RE: Zone File 2013-0018 PreStar Use Permit

Attached are comment letters regarding the application to authorize camping and food service at the SkyDance SkyDiving facility located at the County Airport. These comment letters were received after Planning Commission packets were distributed on Friday, May 3rd, but have been included in the public record.

In particular are the comments and suggestions from the West Plainfield Citizens Advisory Committee, who met on Thursday, May 2nd. The committee decided not to take any formal action, but instead, a list of recommended changes to the proposed conditions was generated for your consideration.

Comments from the May 2nd, 2013, West Plainfield Citizens Advisory Committee meeting:

Dear Stephanie and the Yolo County Planning Commission:

I am writing this memo on behalf of the West Plainfield Advisory Committee on Airport Development, a legislatively appointed committee that serves the Yolo County Airport Community. At our meeting on May 2, we reviewed the PreStar Application (Use Permit ZF: 2013-0018).

The additional conditions or revisions to conditions we recommend are as follows:

1. **No alcohol served when jumps are occurring.** Sky Dance's website states "Free Beer after Sunset" but jumps continue until midnight. This is a safety concern for the patrons of Sky Dance.

http://new.skydance.net/skydance_skydiving_events_and_calendar/skydance_skydiving_events.htm

2. **No alcohol served after 10pm curfew.** This is a safety issue for patrons, as well as a noise issue for the neighborhood. It aligns with conditions required for a curfew. Drunk driving occurs with patrons from SkyDance. A few years ago, a Hummer holding 8 people crashed on Aviation Avenue, resulting in the death of the driver and 7 injured.

3. **Campsites and parking lot must be ADA compliant.** This is a US Law.

4. **No fires.** According to Yolo County ordinance #1189 section 6-13-05 states that no person shall kindle or maintain any open campfire or bonfire, except on Park Property, as designated by the Parks and Recreation Director. This is a public airport, not a park.

5. **Security needed.** PreStar management currently offers camping even though the campground was closed. On the weekend of April 27, 2013 residents witnessed camping at PreStar. The party could be heard as far as Road 31 past midnight. It is our committee's belief that the management of PreStar is unable to enforce rules set by the county and needs a third party to enforce the conditions for this use permit.

6. **Campers may not occupy tent and RV sites for more than 72 hours.** This is a reasonable time frame for a weekend event. A weekend is 2-3 days. At seven days, this starts to be a mobile home park.

7. **20 day minimum for campers to return to campground.** A defined amount of time between camping stays must be included in the conditions. If this is truly not a mobile home park, 20 days or more seems like a reasonable break between campsite stays. This of course means that RVs can not be permanently parked.

8. **Adequate septic and sewage + shower facilities for campers.** If campers are staying for a visit exceeding 24 hours, they must be offered a location for showering.

9. **Penalties for illegal dumping to both SkyDance and Camper.** For any irrefutable violation of illegal

dumping, or direct witness and conviction thereof and it should be defined and posted in the Skydance RV area as a deterrent... \$250 to the dumper and Skydance for each violation of illegal dumping of garbage, refuse, waste water or holding tanks, \$500 for second violation, \$1000 for third violation.

10. **Define an RV.** Requirements for an RV should include vehicles that have adequate plumbing and sewage containment capacity. This would exclude vans, pop-up tents, etc. The vehicle should be a commercially made RV designed for people to live in it and should include a sink and cooking facilities.

11. **Sunset Clause of 3 years.** Any permits for camping and RV use should have a sunset clause and should not be transferable to any other operator who might take over for PreStar.

12. **Annual water testing.** To assure that water has not been contaminated.

May 6, 2013

Dear Mr. Blacklock, the Planning Commission, and the Board of Supervisors,

I am writing this letter as chair of the West Plainfield Advisory Committee (WPAC).

On May 2, 2013 the WPAC and the West Plainfield General Planning Committee (WPGPC) met to consider several items related to the Yolo County Airport. The county staff presented two items for "Action". This included our consideration of a zoning and lease permit change for PreStar parachute facilities and the County 2013 General Plan/Zoning as it related to the Yolo County Airport and the community around the airport.

There were numerous questions raised by my Committee and the public on these items and we were asked to provide our findings on each. In both cases we found that we were not given adequate time and facts to perform a reasonable review.

For the PreStar permit review, the WPAC found that the information provided several days in advance regarding the conditions and background were supplanted by verbal and written summaries presented at the meeting that were still incomplete, tentative, and conflicting. Of most concern were many issues related to large scale camping and RV use, food preparation, alcohol use, sewage/water systems, and self-policing of any use agreements. It was stated that the applicant (PreStar) had not yet had time to review the conditions of the agreement. Staff and other county officials suggested that we could take several directions and we finally voted that we could take **no action** because we had inadequate information. In essence, we were asked to vote on an item that was not represented in the agenda package and was still under negotiations between the county and the applicant. This creates an impossible and uncomfortable situation for the WPAC. After an hour of questions and debate, we were still unable to do our work in advising the county properly. After an hour of questions and debate, we were still unable to do our work in advising the county properly. Instead, I collected a list of conditions for the use permit from the WPAC and sent them to Stephanie Cormier this morning.

After the meeting, I found some disturbing information in my own research. PreStar's website calendar states "Free beer after sunset" but according to the same schedule, there are "jumps til midnight".

(http://skydanceskydiving.net/skydance_skydiving_events_and_calendar/skydance_skydiving_events.htm) I also found a travel journal with an entry titled, "Moved out to the Skydance Skydiving dropzone at Yolo county airport" where a couple describes their move into Skydance's RV park last summer while their house in Woodland was closing. (<http://www.mytripjournal.com/travel-692579>) I am concerned about safety issues—especially considering a death in a drunk driving incident at SkyDance a few years ago, and I'm concerned about proper use of this campground and the ability of the owner to enforce any use conditions.

In the case of the General Plan/zoning changes proposed for the airport the WP General Planning Committee was asked to act on the current content of the 2013 plan, an item that has been under development for several years, but brand new to my Committee. It appears a zoning change is being considered for approval by the Board in the very near future. The WPGPC is questioning the need or benefit of the new "airport overlay zone" and the change in airport base zoning to PQP for the airport or the community. There was considerable discussion regarding the inclusion of a 30 foot maximum height allowance in a 10,000 foot zone around the airport. County staff could not cite the origin of this figure, even though the GP states it is consistent with FAA and CLUP requirements. Members of the audience provided evidence that it was not. My committee voted *not* to endorse the current airport related plan content. The original deed transferring the airport land to the county explicitly states that the land "be used for public airport purposes and only for such purposes." Changing the zoning from AV to PQP (public, quasi-public) does not appear to be in line with this legal document.

In both cases we were very unhappy with the poorly prepared and conflicting information and being asked or even somewhat pressured to act quickly to meet Board or Planning Commission deadlines. I strongly urge you to prevent such last minute, high pressure items in the future. This is not an effective way for either my Committee or the community to participate in planning what goes on at the airport.

Best regards,

Robyn Waxman

*Cc: Wes Ervin, Alexandra Latta, Steve Sheehan, David Gilmer, Michele Defty,
Stephanie Cormier*



LAW OFFICE OF
ADAM T. SPICER

May 5, 2013

RE: Use Permit ZF: 2013-0018 PreStar, Inc (SkyDance SkyDiving)

To: Yolo County Board of Supervisors,
Yolo County Airport Manager,
Yolo County Planning and Public Works,
Residents of Yolo County,
And to anyone else concerned with Skydance Skydiving and/or Ray Ferrell:

Monday through Friday I am an attorney licensed to practice law in both California and Nevada. I own and manage my own practice in South Lake Tahoe, California. On the weekends I enjoy spending all my free time and money at Skydance Skydiving at the Yolo County Airport. I have been involved in the sport of skydiving for nearly 5 years and have about 350 jumps under my belt. Recently, my wife started skydiving and now has almost 50 skydives.

There are many dropzones located in and around Northern California and because I drive 120 miles from South Lake Tahoe, I have many choices where to skydive. Weekend after weekend, I frequent Skydance and only Skydance. I have jumped at almost every dropzone in Northern California and other dropzones around the county. I can tell you that the facilities, gear, professionalism, level of student instruction and safety procedures of Skydance Skydiving are far above the industry standard. That is why I trusted the instructors there to train and supervise my wife's introduction to the sport. Additionally, with my recommendation, my mother, father, brother and sister-in-law have all made their first tandem skydives at Skydance.

I have recently become aware of some accusations regarding Skydance and the people who jump there. I can assure you that Ray Ferrell and the management of the dropzone would never condone any behavior or activities that stray from the safety procedures. Skydance instructors are constantly supervising students and experienced jumpers alike. Any behavior that would put students or experienced jumpers at risk is simply not tolerated.

Additionally, not only is the level of instruction superior to other dropzones I've visited, the gear and facilities are superior as well. Many dropzones have a reputation for using old student and rental gear as well as old aircraft and questionable pilots. That could never be said about Skydance. Ray Ferrell is a leader in gear maintenance in the industry. The tandem rigs at Skydance are the newest and best maintained I've seen at any dropzone,

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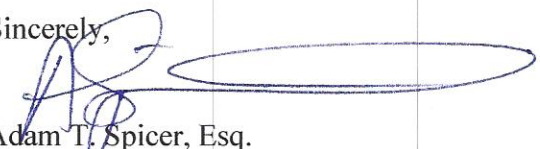
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anywhere. The same could be said about the student and rental gear. Further, the fleet of aircraft Ray Ferrell owns and maintains is top notch. I would never question the aircraft or pilots flying at Skydance. And, as an attorney I know about liability and risk, and I am confident that Ray Ferrell is doing everything he can to minimize the inherent risks of this great sport.

I hope that I have clearly stated why I drive 120 miles to Skydance every weekend. I enjoy staying for the whole weekend when I am making such a long drive and my wife and I really enjoy the facilities that Skydance has to offer. We really appreciate the food service and the camping that is available. I personally witness many tandem students drive from all over the Bay Area and Northern California and I know they enjoy the facilities as well. I wholeheartedly support any permits needed for those operations. I also know that these visitors to Yolo County leave the dropzone and frequent other local businesses for food, gas, shopping and even lodging.

I would be happy to discuss any of this further with anyone who is concerned, so please feel free to contact me with the information listed below.

Sincerely,



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Memorandum

To: Stephanie Cormier, Senior Planner, Yolo County Planning and Public Works
From: Mr. Charles L. Cain
Date: 5/5/2013
Re: Use Permit ZF: 2013-0018 PreStar, Inc (SkyDance Skydiving)

I fully support this application for use permit for camping and food services provided by SkyDance Skydiving. SkyDance has and continues to provide a professional and safe Skydiving Center and FBO, not only for skydiving enthusiasts and aviators of Northern California but also for our friends from all over the world.

I personally travel over fifty miles to enjoy the quality and customer service that SkyDance Skydiving provides at their facilities. I made my first skydive at SkyDance over 25 years ago and have been to many events held there over the years and it has been nice to be able to spend the night there during these events.

Sincerely,



Charles L. Cain

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May 3, 2013

Stephanie Cormier

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**RE: Recommend Approval of Use Permit ZF: 2013-0018
Camping and Food Service PRESTAR, INC. (Skydance Skydiving)**

Dear Ms. Cormier:

My name is Gary Pelfrey and I am Vice President of Davis Flight Support and Woodland Aviation and both businesses are located at Yolo County Airport. I am also a member of the Airport Advisory Committee representing District 3, Matt Rexroad.

Davis Flight Support and Woodland Aviation have a staff of thirty employees providing services and sales in the aviation industry. Woodland Aviation has been in business since 1963.

I recommend approval of the Use Permit ZF: 2013-0018 based on:

- No issues with past camping and food service activities.
- No impact on our two existing businesses on the airport.
- Information provided in the WPAC meeting and conversations after the meeting.
- The camping and food service activities are compatible and typical for a skydiving operation on airport.
- PRESTAR, INC. (Skydance Skydiving) has always been responsive and respectful to our particular business and client needs and quick to respond to any issues.
- The conditions presented in Use Permit AF: 2013-0018 are acceptable and manageable.

I am available for any questions or further comment if required.

Sincerely,

Gary Pelfrey
Vice President
Woodland Aviation and Davis Flight Support

E-mails received regarding Use Permit ZF: 2013-0018 PreStar, Inc (SkyDance SkyDiving):

As a pilot flying out of Yolo since it came back to life in 1974 I have watched it evolve slowly. I have no personal ties to Ray's operation, and I have only spoken to him over the years a dozen times or so. However I have observed his operations on the ground and in the air since he arrived. His operation has always been professional and his pilots always adhering to strict ethics in the air. I had heard of his desire to obtain a permit to allow camping on site. I am all for it, as it would bring even more life to the airport than currently exists regarding any family oriented events. I would like to support Mr. Ferrell in his quest, as I am sure it would be managed with the utmost care and quality.

Steve Borba
Woodland.

I support this application for use permit for camping and food service provided by SkyDance SkyDiving. SkyDance continues to provide a professional and safe Skydiving Center and FBO, not only for skydiving enthusiasts and aviators of Northern California, but for customers from around the world.

In the 1980s and early 1990s I lived in the Bay Area and would travel to Skydance every weekend. I was one of Skydances very first employees. It was possible to stay over night there in those days. I truly hope that you will make it possible to do so again. In fact, I will be traveling to Skydance next week and have had to find accommodations else where as I am not allowed to set up a tent.

Now I travel from Boise Idaho several times a year to SkyDance, because of their facilities, quality and customer service, which is the best available in Northern California. It would make a huge difference to me if I could actually stay on site when I go to Skydance. It would also be so much more helpful if I was able to get food on site.

Sincerely,

Star Jordan

Boise Idaho, 83642

I am writing to express my strong support for this use permit for camping and food service provided by SkyDance SkyDiving. I have been a loyal customer of SkyDance since 2006. From 2006 until 2008, I traveled regularly from Seattle, WA to SkyDance because of the great facilities, well-run events, and safety-conscious skydiving atmosphere. Since I moved to Oakland in 2008, I regularly bypass a closer dropzone to travel the 70 miles to SkyDance because of its stellar facilities, visiting 15-20 times per year on average.

I have attended the annual 4-day American Boogie event every year since 2006. I also regularly camp at SkyDance for team training, instructional courses, and other special events. While visiting SkyDance, I often patronize other Yolo County businesses in addition.

I appreciate your consideration of this application and hope you will allow SkyDance to continue providing a full range of services to the skydiving community.

Krisanne Combs

I support this application for use permit for camping and food service provided by SkyDance SkyDiving.

SkyDance continues to provide a professional and safe Skydiving Center and FBO, not only for skydiving enthusiasts and aviators of Northern California, but for customers from around the world. I travel from Reno NV to SkyDance quite frequently, because of their facilities, quality and customer service, which is the best available in Northern California. I would also like to add that being allowed to camp on their facility is an extremely useful feature of the drop zone. Sometimes I will camp for multiple days there as I live in Reno NV and commuting back and forth is not economical. Being allowed to stay in the area for extended periods of time also allows me greater finance power to distribute amongst the local businesses for food and supplies. When skydance has their large annual event people from all the world come to participate. A large portion of these people camp at the site and would not be able to attend if they were unable to camp. Thank you for your consideration.

-Carl Youngs

I support this application for use permit for camping and food service provided by SkyDance Sky Diving. SkyDance continues to provide a professional and safe Skydiving Center and FBO, not only for skydiving enthusiasts and aviators of Northern California, but for customers from around the world. As a former resident of Solano County, I fueled my personal airplane at PreStar frequently, as well as other airplanes I flew in the pursuit of my business. I learned to skydive at SkyDance in 2009, and chose them because of their professionalism, dedication to safety, high quality of instruction and equipment, and the added bonus of having quality food service available. I plan to visit SkyDance (travelling some 1500 miles from my home in West Texas) this coming June 2013 for their yearly American Boogie, and am hoping to camp on-site for several days during the event. Skydiving is a Community Sport that brings passionate, creative and fun-loving people from ALL walks of life together and instills bonds of trust that are

increasingly rare these days. The opportunity to share meals on-site during the day and camp with friends overnight increases that precious feeling of community.

Best Regards,

WP 'Cleaver' Marsh

Private Pilot

A&P/IA Aircraft Mechanic

USPA A-Licensed Skydiver

I support this application for use permit for camping and food service provided by SkyDance SkyDiving. SkyDance continues to provide a professional and safe Skydiving Center and FBO, not only for skydiving enthusiasts and aviators of Northern California, but for customers from around the world. I travel 122 miles to SkyDance, because of their facilities, quality and customer service, which is the best available in Northern California.

As an avid traveler and extreme sports enthusiast, I have dedicated a lot of time and money (which is spent in your county) to enjoy the services provided by Skydance Skydiving. This is a destination known worldwide by other aviators and skydivers, YOLO county should invest their interest in maintaining a productive and positive relationship with this organization. Many professional athletes frequent this location from all over the world and produce a lot of tax money for the county. Please lend your support for the operations and amenities provided by Skydance.

Thank you from your neighbor in Eldorado County,

David Hewel

I support this application for use permit for camping and food service provided by SkyDance SkyDiving. SkyDance continues to provide a professional and safe

Skydiving Center and FBO, not only for skydiving enthusiasts and aviators of Northern California, but for customers from around the world. I travel 43 miles to SkyDance, because of their facilities, quality and customer service, which is the best available in Northern California.

Sincerely, Michael James Moore

I support this application for use permit for camping and food service provided by SkyDance SkyDiving. SkyDance continues to provide a professional and safe Skydiving Center and FBO, not only for skydiving enthusiasts and aviators of Northern California, but for customers from around the world. We travel 1,780 miles to SkyDance, because of their facilities, quality and customer service, which is, hands down, the best available in Northern California.

We have been going to Skydance for the past three years and we enjoy the convenience of being able to camp at the drop zone for weekends at a time. I'm afraid without this convenience, we would not be able to afford the luxury of traveling to Skydance and also spend our evening contributing to the community of Davis by eating out and supporting the local businesses.

Sincerely,

Thomas and Lee Anna Sciutto

Austin, Texas

I am writing in support of the pending use permit for SkyDance SkyDiving. I have been a patron of SkyDance SkyDiving for more than eight years. I travel approximately 170 miles round trip to SkyDance from the Bay Area 20 weekends each year and rely on the ability to camp onsite for multiply day events, courses, and training. There are other skydiving centers located much closer to the Bay Area, but many other customers and I continue to come to SkyDance because of the quality of the staff, the services, and the facilities. Without services such as onsite camping and the availability of food we will certainly have to reduce the frequency and duration of our visits if not simply switch to a closer facility entirely. This would be a loss not only to SkyDance but to many other local business that my fellow skydivers and I visit regularly. It would be a shame for Yolo County to lose that revenue.

Very truly yours,
Jeffrey S. Einsohn, Esq.

I am sending this letter in support of Skydance Skydiving's request for a camping and food permit. Skydance operates a very safe and professional operation, not only for skydivers, but aviators as well. Recently there was an event at skydance that drew participants from Oregon, Washington, Colorado and even Dubai!! These skydivers traveled to Skydance due to the facilities, professionalism and safety of the operation.

As an individual, I travel 110 miles round trip 4-8 times a month to skydive at Skydance even though I have anotherskydiving operation 9 miles from my home; the reason I do this is simple, Skydance provides very nice facilities, a safe operation and their customer service is second to none in Northern California. I have been attending events and training courses at Skydance for the last 8 years and in some cases I have brought my motor home and stayed for a few days. The owner of the facility demands that when we are there over night that we are to be respectful of the neighbors and the surrounding businesses.

Skydance is a part of the community of Yolo County, one that draws thousands of individuals to it's operation every year. These individuals purchase fuel, food and numerous other goods and services that support the local economy and businesses throughout the area.

I truly hope you approve Skydance's request for these permits so they may continue to operate this high quality skydiving operation.

Sincerely,
Phil Zidek

I support this application for use permit for camping and food service provided by SkyDance SkyDiving.

SkyDance continues to provide a professional and safe Skydiving Center and FBO, not only for skydiving

enthusiasts and aviators of Northern California, but for customers from around the world. We travel 84 miles to SkyDance, to spend the weekend because of their facilities, quality and customer service, which is the best

available in Northern California.

Sincerely,

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Ryan L. Keep

Lic A-64575

I'm writing in support of Skydance Skydiving's application for the use permit to provide camping and food services at the dropzone. I drive more than 500 miles from San Diego to jump at Skydance and have camped there many times over the past few years while getting my license and also attending the Boogie in the summer. I would not afford these trips if I would not be able to camp. I love the safety and community of skydivers that is at Skydance and consider it my home dropzone, even though I live in Southern California.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Warm Regards,

Kat Woronowicz A-61011

I support this application for use permit for camping and food service provided by SkyDance SkyDiving. SkyDance continues to provide a professional and safe Skydiving Center and FBO, not only for skydiving enthusiasts and aviators of Northern California, but for customers from around the world. I (We) travel 194 miles to SkyDance, because of their facilities, quality and customer service, which is the best available in Northern California.

Sincerely, Johnny Martinez

Reno, NV

I support this application for use permit for camping and food service provided by SkyDance SkyDiving. SkyDance continues to provide a professional and safe Skydiving Center and FBO. I travel from Fort Myers, Florida to Skydance for a safe and fun skydiving environment. Camping is an essential part of any DZ and having food readily available helps aid in the friendly atmosphere and enjoyment of people and activities both during and after daily operations. In September 2012 I travelled to Davis with the sole purpose of acquiring my "A" License. I camped at the DZ for many nights. Without the ability to camp, this would not have been possible for me. Skydiving is an expensive sport to run and to be a part of. Please allow Skydance to continue their everyday operations. We don't bother anybody out in the middle of the Yolo County Airport. :)

Sincerely,

Tony Tromba

I support this application for use permit for camping and food service provided by SkyDance SkyDiving. SkyDance continues to provide a professional and safe Skydiving Center and FBO, not only for skydiving enthusiasts and aviators of Northern California, but for customers from around the world. I travel from Yosemite (where I live -

181 miles to 213 (dependent on weather and route taken) to SkyDance, because of their facilities, quality and customer service, which is the best

available in Northern California. I very much appreciate the option of camping!

Sincerely,

Sarah Crowley

I am writing to you with regard to Use Permit ZF:2013 - 0018 PreStar, Inc (SkyDance SkyDiving). It has come to my attention that the provision of camping facilities at SkyDance SkyDiving is currently under an application procedure which may or may not restrict the provision of the said services in the future. I wish to express my support for this application. Camping and staying at the dropzone is an integral part of the sport of skydiving. While for many tandem jumpers (non-licensed customers) skydiving is a one off item, a significant group of SkyDance customers are sport jumpers which engage into competition and training. For these people - such as I - it is of critical significance to be able to stay at the skydiving facility in order to practice and learn in an efficient manner. Personally, I travel an approximate of 6000 miles to SkyDance from Finland, Northern Europe. While there are other bigger dropzones in California - all of which provide camping facilities - Skydance has manifested such a great quality of safety and service that it would be a substantial loss to the parachuting community should the use of the current facilities become subject to restrictions.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,
Kira Ahveninen-Kuha

I support this application for use permit for camping and food service provided by SkyDance SkyDiving.

SkyDance continues to provide a professional and safe Skydiving Center and FBO, not only for skydiving enthusiasts and aviators of Northern California, but for customers from around the world. I travel over 400 miles to SkyDance, because of their facilities, quality and customer service, which is the best available in Northern California. I have traveled to Skydance Skydiving from Southern California over 100

times in the past several years. I have always camped so that I could spend my money NOT just at Skydance, but at eating establishments, stores, and at events in Yolo County.

Please approve the use permit for Skydance Skydiving.

Sincerely,

Mary B. Todd

I support this application for use permit for camping and food service provided by SkyDance SkyDiving. SkyDance continues to provide a professional and safe Skydiving Center and FBO, not only for skydiving enthusiasts and aviators of Northern California, but for customers from around the world.

My wife, kids and I travel 100 miles each way, every weekend to SkyDance, because of their facilities, quality and customer service, which is the best available in Northern California.

Sincerely,

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Jason Childs

I support this application for a use permit for camping and food service provided by SkyDance SkyDiving. SkyDance continues to provide a professional and safe Skydiving Center and FBO, not only for skydiving enthusiasts and aviators of Northern California, but for customers from around the world.

I travel 70 miles to SkyDance, because of the facilities, quality and customer service, which is the best available in Northern California. I learned to skydive at SkyDance in 2003 and look forward to all the events held at the facility. I hope to camp there this June!

Regards,

Lisa Larkin

SkyDance SkyDiving is a top quality business that I strongly support. I live about two hours away in the South Bay and visit closer skydiving facilities many weekends, but no other facility in NorCal offers the same range and quality of services that Skydance does. I still make the trip out to Yolo Airport about 8-10 weekends per year for that reason. A typical stay for me will be 2-3 days over the weekend and I will either stay at local hotels or camp onsite depending on my weekend plans. I often travel into Davis for

Breakfast and Dinner but need an onsite option for food during the day. Please keep any regulation of this skydiving facilities to a minimum so that they can continue to offer the great service that they have in the past.

Thank you for your consideration

Barry Wible

I support this application for use permit for camping and food service provided by SkyDance SkyDiving. SkyDance continues to provide a professional and safe Skydiving Center and FBO, not only for skydiving enthusiasts and aviators of Northern California, but for customers from around the world. I travel 50 miles to SkyDance, because of their facilities, quality and customer service, which is the best available in Northern California.

Sincerely,

Nigel Llewellyn-Smith

Walnut Creek, CA

Nigel

I support the application for use permit for camping and food service provided by SkyDance Skydiving. SkyDance continues to provide a professional and safe Skydiving Center and FBO, not only for skydiving enthusiast and aviators of Northern California, but for customers from around the world. I jump at SkyDance because of their facilities, quality and customer service, which is the best available in Northern California. I have been jumping at SkyDance since 2005 and have attended multiple events and training classes over the years. I have always enjoyed the ability to camp and get food on site, since there are no comparable services close by.

Sincerely,

James Cain

Misty Cain

I support this application for use permit for camping and food service provided by SkyDance SkyDiving. SkyDance continues to provide a professional and safe Skydiving Center and FBO, not only for skydiving enthusiasts and aviators of Northern California, but for customers from around the world. I travel

71 miles to SkyDance, because of their facilities, quality and customer service, which is the best available in Northern California. Thank you for your consideration.

Ted

I support this application for use permit for camping and food service provided by SkyDance SkyDiving. SkyDance continues to provide a professional and safe Skydiving Center and FBO, not only for skydiving enthusiasts and aviators of Northern California, but for customers from around the world. I travel from San Francisco to SkyDance because of their facilities, quality and customer service, which is the best available in Northern California.

Please allow SkyDance SkyDiving to remain one of the best dropzones around. SkyDance goes out of their way to host fantastic event, some of which span multiple days. For example, they hold the annual American Boogie that attracts hundreds of jumpers from all over the country and the world, including many from all over the Bay Area. The ability to camp and eat on-site is crucial to making these events a success.

Sincerely,

- Evan Budaj

I support this application for use permit for camping and food service provided by SkyDance SkyDiving. SkyDance continues to provide a professional and safe Skydiving Center and FBO, not only for skydiving enthusiasts and aviators of Northern California, but for customers from around the world. We travel hundreds of miles to SkyDance, because of their facilities, quality and customer service, which is the best available in Northern California.

My son and daughter-in-law use the facility regularly and my wife and I enjoy joining in with them when possible. To make the trip affordable, because we come from so far away, we camp at SkyDance with them. If camping were no longer possible it would make these trips far less affordable for us.

Sincerely, Richard Spicer

I support the application for use permit for camping and food service provided by SkyDance Skydiving. SkyDance continues to provide a professional and safe Skydiving Center and FBO, not only for skydiving enthusiasts and aviators of Northern California, but for customers from around the world. I travel 500+ miles to SkyDance, because of their facilities, quality customer service, which is the best available in Northern California. I have been attending events and skydiving at SkyDance Skydiving for over 3 years.

Sincerely,

Everett Schwartz

I support this application for use permit for camping and food service provided by SkyDance SkyDiving. SkyDance continues to provide a professional and safe Skydiving Center and FBO, not only for skydiving enthusiasts and aviators of Northern California, but for customers from around the world.

We travel 115 miles to SkyDance from San Jose (passing several other dropzones), because of their facilities, safety, quality, and customer service, which is the best available in Northern California.

I have been flying my Cessna 182 and skydiving at Skydance for the last eight years. I enjoy eating their food (I'm often there without a car), and camping for the weekend, especially during their amazing yearly event, the American Boogie in June.

Sincerely,

Brian Fry

United States Parachute Association Tandem Skydiving Instructor

FAA Commercial Pilot

I am writing to you regarding Use permit ZF:2013-0018 PreStar, Inc/Skydance Skydiving.

I support this application for use permit for camping and food service provided by Skydance Skydiving. During the 8 years my partner and I have traveled to Skydance to skydive, they have always provided a professional and safe skydiving center and FBO, not only for skydiving enthusiasts, and aviators of Northern California, but for customers from around the world, including many military and political dignitaries.

We traveled from Rocklin, CA to Skydance on hundreds of occasions, over a 6 year period because of Skydance Skydiving's commitment to safety, the variety and professional nature of disciplines they train in, their excellent planes, their top of the line on site facilities, including their equipment and maintenance services, and their excellent customer service.

We have been to dozens of drop zones in the western US and Skydance is the best there is.

Two years ago, we purchased a home in Davis so we could be closer to this top of the line facility.

I urge you to please support this excellent business in Yolo county.

Thank you for your time and efforts,

Rachel Kanowsky

I support this application for use permit for camping and food service provided by SkyDance SkyDiving. SkyDance provides a professional and safe Skydiving Center and FBO, not only for skydiving enthusiasts and aviators of Northern California, but for customers from around the world.

I travel from New York City to SkyDance, because of their facilities, quality of customer service and the professional instruction. It will make it very difficult for me to bring my business to there if I am unable to camp and buy food.

Sincerely,

JillAnne Ohana

I would like to inform you that I support the application of the permit for camping and food service provided by SkyDance SkyDiving. SkyDance continues to provide a professional and safe Skydiving Center and FBO, not only for skydiving enthusiasts and aviators of Northern California, but for customers from around the world. I have been traveling to Davis for the last four years because Skydance has the best available amenities and customer service in Northern California.

Thank you for your consideration,

Matt Likes

I support this application for use permit for camping and food service provided by SkyDance Sky Diving.

SkyDance continues to provide a professional and safe Skydiving Center and FBO, not only for skydiving enthusiasts and aviators of Northern California, but for customers from around the world.

I've called SkyDance my home dropzone for couple of years, and now despite that I work in Sydney Australia, every time I am back home, I come to and jump at SkyDance, because of their facilities, quality and customer service, which is the best available in Northern California.

Sincerely,

Julian Belmonte

I support this application for use permit for camping and food service provided by SkyDance SkyDiving. SkyDance continues to provide a professional and safe Skydiving Center and FBO, not only for skydiving enthusiasts and aviators of Northern California, but for customers from around the world. I travel almost 100 miles (one way) to SkyDance, because of their facilities, quality and customer service, which is the best available in Northern California.

Sincerely,

Danny Buerkli

I support this application for use permit for camping and food service provided by SkyDance SkyDiving.

SkyDance continues to provide a professional and safe Skydiving Center and FBO, not only for skydiving enthusiasts and aviators of Northern California, but for customers from around the world. Since 2007 I have been travelling

330 miles from Winnemucca, NV to SkyDance, because of their facilities, quality and customer service, which is the best

available in Northern California. I enjoy the ability to camp here for multiple days and attended multiple day training courses and events throughout the year.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey G. Sealy

I support this application for use permit for camping and food service provided by SkyDance SkyDiving.

SkyDance continues to provide a professional and safe Skydiving Center and FBO, not only for skydiving enthusiasts and aviators of Northern California, but for customers from around the world. I travel 100 miles to SkyDance, because of their facilities, quality and customer service, which is the best

available in Northern California. I urge the Yolo County Planning and Public Works Department to grant Skydance the use permit required to continue to provide the excellent service that they are known for.

Sincerely,

Joshua Lease