## Additional comments received after the May 6<sup>th</sup> PC memo was sent:

I have been a resident of Yolo Co since 1979. My ancestors are founding fathers in the county and my wife Barbara was born and raised in Esparto as was my Mother. Furthermore I'm an active pilot and hangar resident at Yolo Co. Airport.

It has come to my attention that Ray Ferrell and his business is once again under attack by that group on the west side of the airport. Additionally the county is pursuing punitive measures against Ray in what appears to be a witch hunt, requiring him to obtain a use permit for activities that he has been doing successfully for years. This is like asking him to dig a hole and then fill it in. What is the point of this busywork, to generate a fee for the county coffers? Or, burry him in a bureaucratic paperwork mess that will exhaust his efforts and financial resources?

Can Yolo County please stand up for guys like Ray and his business and tell the neighbors that they are free to move away anytime. Remind them that the airport is a place of business and that SkyDance has been a viable resident of the airport and an important customer of the county.

I know a little bit about the sky diving business and I can tell you with absolute certainty that Ray Ferrell runs one of the best and safest drop zones in the country. I hope you can help him beat off the dogs and continue to operate an important Yolo County institution.

Thank you

**Dennis Vest** 

Hello! My name is Nick Furchner. I am a dentist living in Reno, NV. For the pst 25 years, and then some, I have been traveling to the Yolo Co. airport to skydive. Why? Because Ray Ferrell is known around the country, and around the world for that matter, for running an extremely safe and efficient drop zone. I know hundreds of other jumpers who feel the same way. I would urge you to approve the permit referenced above. I don't believe that govt. officials realize the big economic impact that thousands of us (travelling jumpers) do have on your local economy over the course of a year. I look forward to your decision. Regards, Nick

As a resident of Woodland in Yolo County, I would like to express my support for the above-referenced application for use permit for camping and food service submitted by SkyDance SkyDiving.

This past year I moved my life and career to Yolo County so that I could be close to SkyDance. Prior to that I lived in Oakland and drove 1 hour and 10 minutes, each way, twice a week to attend events, courses, and training at SkyDance. Most of our skydivers and visitors have an even longer drive time to the Yolo County Airport, with a large percentage coming from Reno/Tahoe and Silicon Valley.

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 urge you to support SkyDance's request to provide food and camping services for visitors.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and please feel free to contact me if needed.

Sincerely,

Melissa E. Krause

Woodland, CA

I highly 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 80+ miles to Skydance, because of their facilities, quality and customer service. The staff is fantastic! This summer we are looking forward to events that will be held at SkyDance SkyDiving in the summer, where we can skydive from dusk until dawn, then stay overnight and not have to worry about the drive home after a long day of skydiving. If one skydive is equivalent to running an all-day marathon, imagine the jumpers that are jumping 15+ times in a day, the last thing they want to be doing is driving endless miles to go home.

Overall, we pass several drop zones on the way to SkyDance SkyDiving because they are awesome! My husband and I consider everyone SkyDance SkyDiving our skydiving family and Skydance is our home drop zone.

Sincerely,

Kristin M. Smith

Colfax, CA

I STRONGLY encourage you to approve the permit for Skydance Skydiving to allow camping and food service at their facility. Skydance is an internationally recognized skydiving center, where people come from around the world to enjoy the beautiful scenery of Yolo County, as well as the extremely safe skydiving conditions at Skydance Skydiving. I have been skydiving at Skydance Skydiving since 1998. I currently live in the Portland, Oregon area, but I fly to Davis a few times a year to skydive at Skydance. I enjoy the camping and the food services they offer.

Another reason this is so important is there are no other nearby camping facilities where a pilot can fly in from out of town and camp over night. Many small aircraft pilots land at the Skydance Skydiving as a stop over to grab a snack. Not allowing camping or food services will also impact the small aircraft community as well, so please approve this permit.

Thank you,
Corrie Veenstra

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 over 100 miles to SkyDance, because of their facilities, quality and customer service, which is the best available in Northern California.

Sincerely,

Iwan van der Schoor

Redwood City, CA 94065

I, along with many of my friends, enthusiastically support the application for use permit for camping and food services at SkyDance Skydiving. SkyDance is one of the most professional and safety-oriented dropzones I have visited, and I'm proud to call it my skydiving home. My girlfriend and I regularly drive up from San Francisco and stay the entire weekend at SkyDance because the distance is too great to make two trips in a weekend. We frequently patronize restaurants and stores in the nearby towns of Davis, Woodland, and Winters. Without the ability to camp at SkyDance we will have to make our visits shorter and less frequent.

I hope you will consider granting SkyDance the requested use permit.

My sincere thanks,

Chris Romp

San Francisco, CA

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 75 miles to SkyDance from San Francisco for 3 years every weekend, because of their facilities, quality and customer service, which is the best available in Northern California.

Sincerely,

Yegor

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 greatly enjoy the ability to camp an dine at SkyDance over the weekends and especially during their multiple day events and have traveled there quite frequently for 10+ years because of their facilities, quality and customer service, which is the best available in Northern California.

Sincerely,

Walden

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 greatly enjoy the ability to camp an dine at SkyDance over the weekends as it takes me over an hour to get there. Also during their multiple day events it is very convenient and I have been doing this for 5+ years because of their facilities, quality and customer service, which is the best available in Northern California. Sincerely,

Danielle Grindle

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

Even though I reside in Denmark (Europe) I travel (at a minimum) once a year to enjoy the world class skydiving and events at Skydance. In doing so I spend a good amount of money in the community each trip.

Were Skydance not able to provide camping and food it would lessen the appeal of long distance visitors such as myself.

Sincerely

Kathryn Cooper-Jensen

DENMARK

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. I have attended events there for the last 10 years and enjoy the ability to camp on the DropZone and eat there as well.

Sincerely,

Jeff Saxton

San Mateo, CA

My name is Natali Vasquez, I'm from Colombia, and I have travel to California from my country 3 times, just to go skydiving at Skydance, skydiving, where I initially learn the sport. Since I travel from so far to be there, their camping and food facilities have been very useful on my skydiving holidays, with out it I couldn't do it, because there are not hotels or restaurants close to the area, specially if you arrive by plane so you don't have a car.

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 Colombia to SkyDance, because of their facilities, quality and customer service, which is the best available in Northern California.

Sincerely, Natali Vasquez Munoz, Colombia

Please record my overwhelming support for 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 50 miles to SkyDance many weekends, because of their facilities, quality, customer service not to mention great food concession - all of which is the best available in Northern California.

Please feel welcome to be in touch with me if you have any questions or would like additional information.

Sincerely,

**David Mays** 

I support this application for use permit for camping and food service provided bySky Dance Skydiving. I have been a Yolo County resident and have been skydiving at SkyDance since 2005. My husband and I both chose to live in Yolo County specifically because SkyDance Skydiving is located here.

In the past 8 years, I have spent many long days at the Yolo County airport, skydiving and instructing other skydivers. Having food service available on site makes those long days much better. I also worked for one of the snack bar operators for a few months and saw first hand that many non-skydiver pilots, both local and transient, took advantage of having food service available on the airport.

I have camped on the dropzone numerous times, even though I live within a 20 minute drive of the airport. While attending a week long advanced rating course, being able to sleep at the dropzone was a huge help. I have spoken with other skydivers who choose to take these courses at SkyDance instead of at a different dropzone specifically because they could camp on the dropzone at SkyDance.

Sincerely,

Lisa Wyatt

I am a Skydiver USPA#118880, and that I use there facility in training purpose. Where I would be forced to go elsewhere. I purchase may items in your area. Please Keep Skydance open on there condiments and facility for Skydive purposes. Respect

SSG Karl Muller (US Army Retired)

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 about 60 miles one way to SkyDance because of their facilities, quality and customer service, which is the best available in Northern California.

I've been skydiving at SkyDance since 1987 for almost every major event or just weekend skydiving. I've camped in the parking lot or in tents for most of my visits as my visits require multiple days. For simple convenience during every day skydiving days or to support large groups of skydivers locally or from around the world, camping and food service is a must! Thank you for considering the permit.

Sincerely,

## Jill Scheidel

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.

For the last 5 years, I have travelled 125 miles each way from my home in South Lake Tahoe to SkyDance, because of their facilities, quality and customer service, which is the best available in Northern California. The ability to camp at the dropzone for the weekend or for multi-day events has been essential for me, given long drive that I make from Tahoe to Skydance. Without the ability to camp, I would be forced to curtail the number of visits I could make to Skydance and as a result, curtail the money I spend in Yolo County, both at Skydance as well as restaurants and bars in Davis and Winters during my stays.

Approval of this application and maintaining the ability to camp and provide food service at Skydance is really a win for everyone. A win for those of us who utilize Skydance's services, a win for a long-time thriving Yolo County business in Skydance and a win for Yolo County itself in increased economic activity and tax base.

Please consider approving this application.

Sincerely,

Keith Clayton

My wife and I began skydiving at Skydance Skydiving at the Yolo county airport back in 2000 and have used it extensively ever since. There are very few places that we would skydive at in Northern California because of our insistence on safety and professionalism. Skydance is a place that we have routinely skydived at and frequently make recommendations to both new skydivers and seasoned skydivers to visit.

Part of the draw of a world class skydive drop-zone are it's facilities. These include things like airplanes, running water, restrooms, eateries, and camp-sites or accommodations. Specifically because of Skydance's on-site dinning facilities and the ability to camp overnight (or five days...) we have traveled nearly 100 miles from Modesto,CA to attend events, skydive, and spend discretionary income in near-by Woodland and Davis. Because skydivers are typically addicted to their chosen sport, these trips are done more frequently than I would care to admit (due to the neglect on other things in life including my pocket book.)

We strongly support Skydance's continued permit to have on-site food and camping services. Denying them this permit will curtail skydiving activities including the annual "American Boogie" (skydive festival) that draws hundreds of attendees every year. Such an outcome would not only impact the business of Skydance, but have negative impacts on businesses in the surrounding

communities.

Best Regards,

Steve & Karen Clendenin - Modesto, CA

I would like to register my support for this use permit allowing camping and food service to be provided at SkyDance SkyDiving. SkyDance is a top quality skydiving facility which has a national, even international reputation. The availability of amenities such as camping and food service is an essential part of what draws jumpers to Yolo County to enjoy this fine facility.

As a jumper of senior years (70), I have a particular appreciation for the amenities. They are part of why I jump at SkyDance when there are other choices equally convenient to reach.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Bruce Boraas