

**So Unfortunate! Yet another City Council candidate that chose to not support the Whiteman Airport** that not only was so important in fighting the LA Fires a year ago, but was on the way to the Sandy fire in just 10 minutes, saving the risky loss of life and property.

This Candidate SAYS she is for “investment in Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness” & she desires to “Protect Immigrant Communities” and seeks to “Defend Workers & Small Businesses.”

**A Text Conversation reveals that HER TALK MAY BE FALSE!**

Barri Worth Girvan is a candidate running for the Los Angeles City Council to represent District 3 in the West San Fernando Valley (encompassing Woodland Hills, Canoga Park, Reseda, Winnetka, and Tarzana) in the upcoming June 2, 2026, primary election.

**Pay Attention to What She Does and NOT What She Says!**

A lifelong Valley resident with two decades of public service experience, Girvan previously served as the (NO SURPRISE – ANTI WHITEMAN AIRPORT - community affairs director for County Supervisor Lindsey Horvath.

**She Solicited via Text My Support – This was the actual conversation:  
(With apology – Typos corrected)**



**Barri:** Hi, Ronald, I'm Barri Worth Girvan and I'm running for LA City Council to bring our voices to City Hall. I'm the officially endorsed Democratic candidate in this race and I'll fight for safer, cleaner neighborhoods, support small businesses, fight corruption, and deliver real results on homelessness. My opponent is backed by City Hall insiders, but I'm running to

bring a new voice and accountability to the table. I'd be honored to earn your vote by June 2nd.

Paid for by Barri Worth Girvan for City Council 2026 ID#1478482

**SCAUWG.ORG:** What is your position re: Whiteman Airport, Pacoima? 🙏. Thank you. - Ron B.

**Barri:** While the County owns and operates the airport, the City is in a silo with regard to accountability. Sure, they don't have jurisdiction, but Barri will leverage her experience working at the County, State, and City to deliver real results across jurisdictions. Pollution is an issue,

noise is an issue, and we have a responsibility not to shrug this issue off but hear people's concerns and act accordingly.

**SCAUWG.ORG:** Your assessment by county-initiated studies (SCAQMD & LAC Dept of Public Health) DISAGREE with your responses. In fact, it was found that not only lead pollution is a small fraction of EPA standards, but the latest study addressing 6 year old kids & lead found that the area surrounding Whiteman Airport has LESS lead than otherwise in the LA basin.

Noise? I suggest you study airplane noise btw they land power reduced or off and compare it to Union Pacific's trains. Particularly at night!

And btw, unleaded fuel, is coming. Not to mention e-VTOL (electrical VTOL craft).

AND, if pollution is your interest, compare aviation to mid-size and large trucks. Perhaps you should look at methane from cows as well.

And btw, the City owns Van Nuys and LAX. BOTH have had more accidents than Whiteman. Both associate with many more fatalities, yet the city isn't looking to close them to build low incoming housing with developers they already are friendly with. Ref: the CAF and BRC reports.

All of the above studies are reproduced for your reading pleasure at [www.scauwg.org](http://www.scauwg.org) (Southern California Aviation United Working Group's website) under airport data > So Cal airports > w/issues > Whiteman page 1 and page 2. The event info is dated in sequential order.

Oh yes, another misrepresentation. Whiteman is not limited by recent FAA grants. Whiteman has the benefit of perpetuity stemming from airport land purchase with Federal funds in 1998.

Check out the real data, not the stuff that makes Mad men wealthy, and finally, those that want to close Whiteman because of neighborhood concerns, two points: 1. They don't mind going to Hollywood Burbank, Ontario or El Segundo neighborhoods whenever they feel they can "pollute." It's just not in their back yard the issue is.

2. If Whiteman closes the area will become gentrified with new development, and the current "neighborhood" will be priced out.

The real reason is real estate. Not only at the airport, but wherever there are height restrictions that currently accommodate instrument approaches and departures..

Please excuse any typos. My phone is not letting me proofread this.

Respectfully,  
Ron B

**SCAUWG.ORG:** Hmm, there are some typos...any questions.? Just reply.

ALSO, do you know that the Fire Chief at Barton Heliport wants the airport open? Without it he would have to rely on Burbank to depart helicopters. Big delay. Did you know that Whiteman/Barton was moving toward the Sandy Fire in ten minutes? Did you know that Whiteman fought the recent large fires as well. Did you know that search and rescue operates out of Whiteman? Press helicopters. Police and secret service as well.

Also Whiteman is Federally selected and necessary "reliever airport," and if closed would significantly affect instrument procedures at other airports? And, aircraft traffic would increase at other airports and cause congestion, and flight delays.

And btw, without a control tower, traffic would NOT be limited over the area. Rather lower traffic from all directions would be legal.

RB

Sorry, but as I was hoping for a more informed response, I will also mention that EVERY NEIGHBORHOOD SURVEY TAKEN SHOWS that the real "neighborhood" wants the airport.

EVERY NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL IN THE AREA HAS VOTED TO SUPPORT THE AIRPORT..

SO, I DO BELIVE ONE SHOULD PAY ATTENTION AND HEAR WHAT THE PEOPLE ARE SAYING..

DEMOCTRATS SHOULD BE THE PARTY OF THE PEOPLE and not of the developers, and those that support misinformation and neighborhood profiteering, at the cost of the people's neighborhood.

RB

**Berri:** Barri is the only candidate in this race not being supported by corporate developers. Thank you and let me know if you have any other questions. Whiteman Airport is not in CD3, so it's not within the purview of this district.

**SCAUWG.ORG:** Thank you for responding. I am a publisher supporting airport advocacy. A little over 7000 logins weekly... **And, in case you didn't know Rodriquez often writes motions that the whole council votes on. [THAT MEANS YOU DO VOTE ON IT]**

Tomorrow, I will publish this text and recommend that no one votes for you, as perhaps some people don't need more of the same misinformation. I gave you facts; I gave you documented references. **It is possible that some readers will think you ignore them.**

I'll send you a link.

THANK YOU

Ron B

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Current Data as we know it:

**SCAUWG.ORG Comment:** Barri appears little different from her former employer Lindsey Horvath, a master of saying one thing, but when reading the fine print, she describes something else. It is such a shame that we are served by politicians that feel they are invulnerable, and that peril only happens to other people, and not right now, and not to themselves or their families, and thus address issues attached to fiscal benefit now, as they are more important than

preparing for emergencies that have not yet happened, preserving neighborhoods, and protecting neighborhood residents, and the jobs therein.

Whiteman Control Tower not only provides fast departures, but the airport also allows for incoming supplies, and a very useful staging area for emergency community response. Barton's Fire Chief is on record supporting the airport!

Additionally, Whiteman is a Federally appointed "reliever airport," so necessary to absorb LA basin community aircraft traffic that would otherwise burden the National Airspace System (NAS) by crowding the approaches and departures at other LA Basin airports, including the larger fields that accommodate airline schedules. Revenue from Whiteman is shared with other County airports assisting them financially.

There is only a partial description of how important Whiteman is. Search and Rescue (CAP) is based there, EAA is based there, Press Helicopters are based there, Free airplane rides for the neighborhood kids are available there, and the airport also supports Law enforcement, Pilot Training, Aircraft Maintenance, and Pilot Resources.

### Political Alignment & Endorsements

Candidate	Party / Alignment	Key Endorsers	Notes
<b>Tim Gaspar</b>	Democrat	Bob Blumenfield, Monica Rodriguez, John Lee, Tim McOsker, business PACs	Endorsed by multiple sitting Councilmembers, including Rodriguez (central anti-Whiteman figure)
<b>Barri Worth Girvan</b>	Nonpartisan (Dem-aligned)	LA County Democratic Party, Lindsey Horvath, labor groups	Directly tied to Horvath, who initiated the Whiteman closure study
<b>C.R. Celona</b>	Independent	No major elected-official endorsements	Minimal political entanglements; no aviation-related statements

For the website of C.R. Celona [CLICK HERE](#)