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- We are **against Pump recommendation to allow Paragliding launched from the knoll on dirt Crenshaw in Portuguese Bend open space**

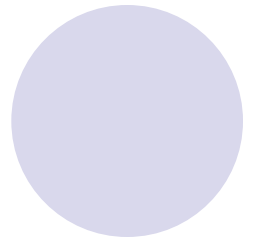
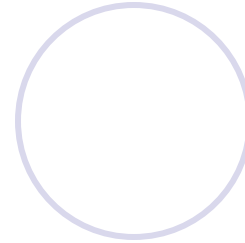
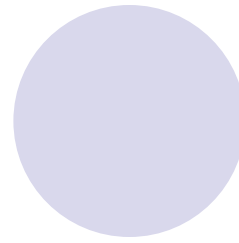
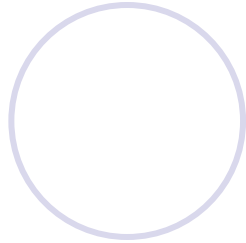
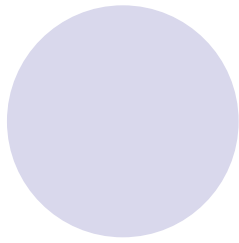
By concerned residents near to this area
(17 petitioned home owners)



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- I am here to speak **against paragliding** launch in near by our area.
- But, I must say that paragliding is beautiful and graceful. I do enjoy watching paragliding **in proper area.**
- If I am young, I would love to try it myself.



- **However, this area is not proper place to launch paragliding because of proximity to nearby houses and electric power lines.**



Reasons against paragliding in this area

- In here, Paragliders have often been **flying over electric power lines and houses** along closed dirt Crenshaw Blvd. This is **dangerous** as well as **invading privacy** of permanent residents.



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- **Paragliding carries significant risks to other innocent bystanders and properties** because Paragliders do not have complete control over paragliding all the time, and can crash into anything in any place and any time while flying.
- **Paragliding has not been allowed near by houses.**

2006 Paragliding Accidents

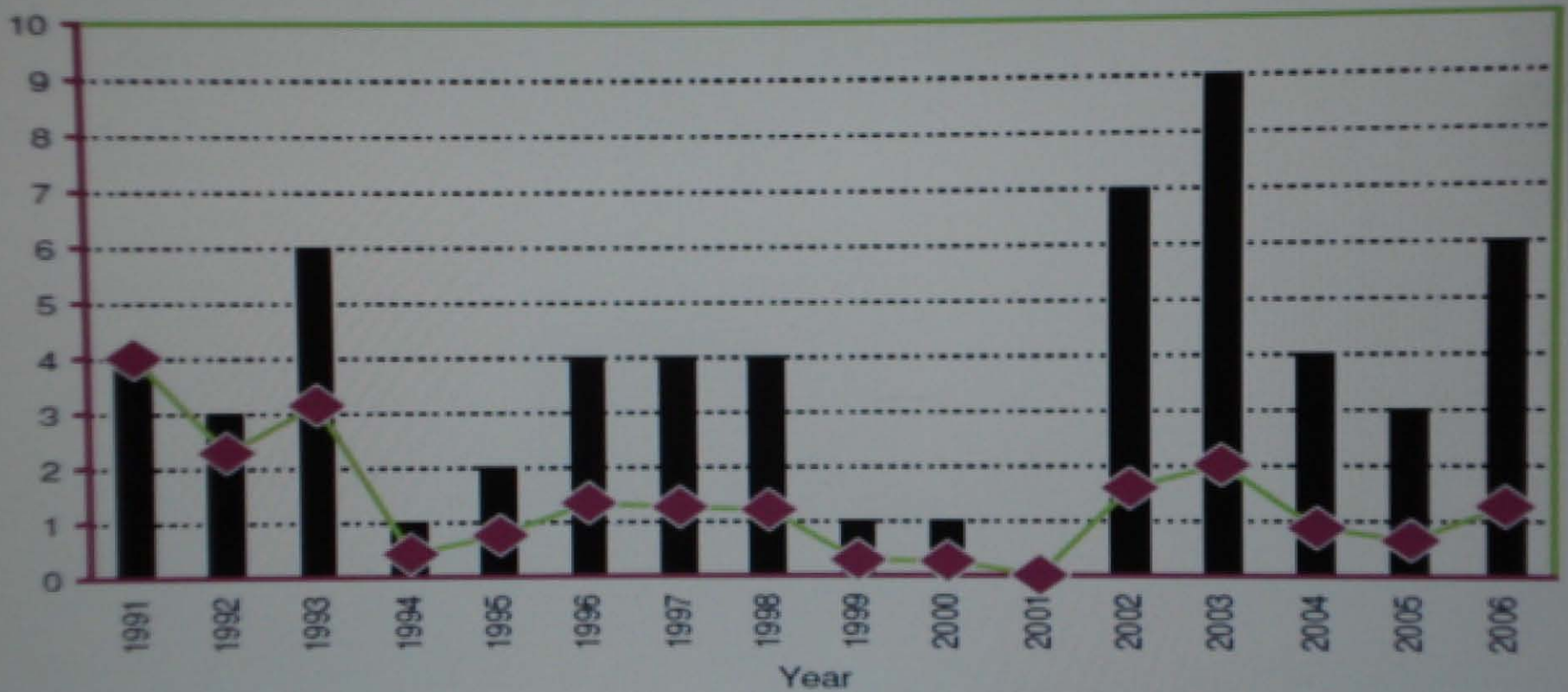
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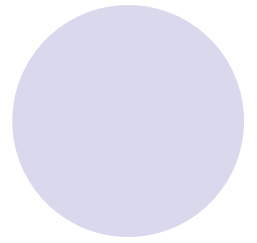
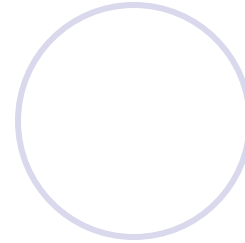
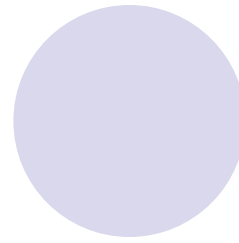
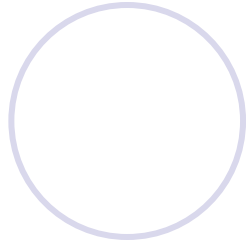
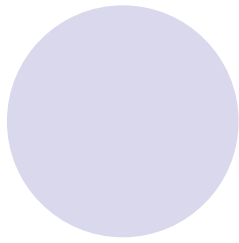
<http://www.usHPA.aero/safety/PG2006AccidentSummary.pdf>

- 55 death in last 15 years(1992-2006).
- Average **2 fatalities per year per 1000** USHPA paragliding members.
- 6 deaths in 2006 including **one power line electrocution.**
- **Non fatal accidents** were not reported but should be **far more frequent** than fatalities.

US Paragliding Fatalities

■ Total Fatalities ◆ Fatality Rate per 1000 USHPA Paragliding Members





- On July 15, 2007, a young man (A.H) crashed and **died in Palos Verdes Peninsula** while **paragliding**.



- Paragiders may insist that their organization control members and carry liability insurance, but it cannot be enough in this legally complex societies.
- Also, many beginners and non-member paragliders are likely to come here without any certificates.
- Then, who are going to control all this problems?

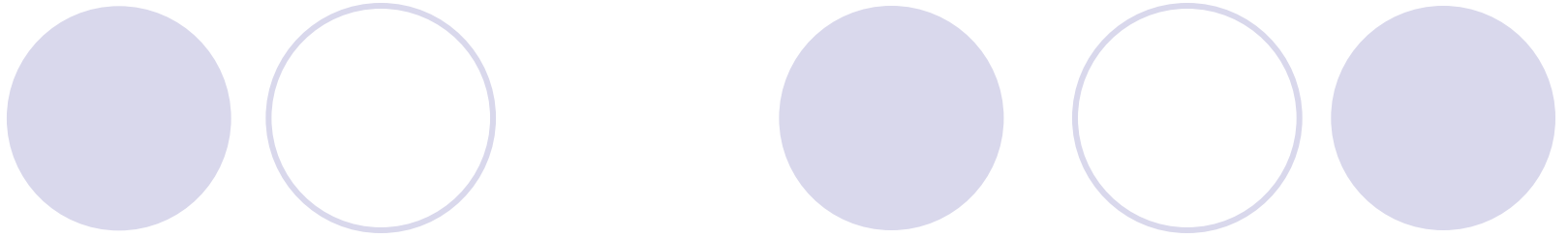


- There will be **major liability issues against RPV** in case of major accidents and fatalities, which is relatively frequent according to annual paragliding accident reports.
- Should RPV spend extra fund and manpower to cover these problems?



Another reason against paragliding in this area

- If paragliding is allowed here, many paragliders will use this place since this is the only place permitted in Palos Verdes.
- Then, this activities will attract **large uncontrolled spectators**, causing **damage to environmental habitat**, **littering** and increased **possibility of fire** in this fire prone area.



- Analogy is **skateboarding**.
- Nice **Skateboarding** is also beautiful to watch, but **not allowed in street** because of **potential risks to other innocent bystanders**.
- Again, **paragliding** is beautiful to watch, but may **crash down** in anytime, **not infrequently**.
- Therefore, **Paragliding should not be allowed near by residents.**



- We hope our councilmen and officers make **wise decision** about paragliding.



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