

## Rachael Gangelhoff

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**From:** noreply@cityofsalem.net on behalf of hale5288@pacificu.edu  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 16, 2025 3:11 PM  
**To:** CityRecorder  
**Subject:** Contact City Recorder  
**Attachments:** ATT00001.bin

Your Name	A. Hale
Your Email	hale5288@pacificu.edu
City	Salem
State	OR
Zip	97304
Message	Re: The future of commercial air service at the Salem-Willamette Valley Airport work session Monday, August 18 Please consider the following suggestions: *Any contract with an airline or other entity must not violate the U.S. Constitution's due process clause or Oregon's sanctuary status *Prohibit subsidies, tax abatements, or other breaks *Include a clause stating that if a company enters into a contract with the state of Oregon and subsequently agrees to assist in deportation, the contract is void. *Codify in state contracts the values inherent in Oregon's status as a sanctuary state.

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**From:** Amanda Matheson <matheson.amanda@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 16, 2025 1:34 PM  
**To:** citycouncil  
**Subject:** Please Keep Avelo Air Service To Salem, OR

Dear Salem City Council Members,

My family and I have enjoyed flying in to Salem, OR from Burbank, CA with Avelo to visit relatives and the coast. And oh, what joy we have had experiencing the culture, food, entertainment, arts, and historical treasures in Salem and the surrounding Willamette Valley.

We were saddened to learn, as we arrived this past Sunday, August 10th on a very full plane, that service in and out of Salem via Avelo was no longer an option.

As you consider the future of flights in and out of your beautiful city, we ask that you keep service coming in to the Salem Airport as soon as possible. And we would be delighted if that carrier was Avelo.

Sincerely,

Amanda Matheson

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Terri Malm](#)  
**To:** [citycouncil](#)  
**Subject:** Avelo Airlines  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 12, 2025 4:41:10 PM

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Good day,

I recently flew out of Salem last week to Burbank. The council should know that this flight was almost at capacity, as were every other flight I (or my family members) have taken from/to Salem over the past year.

Please know that this is a well needed flight path for many people in and around Salem. Every flight I have taken, I have always met people who either live in and around Salem or have family that do. That is the situation that I am also in and frequently travel to visit my son. It is more than a convenience.

I urge the council to find another carrier to pick up this route. The airport employees are super helpful and nice. The city would be well served to find a replacement carrier.

Best Regards,

Terri Malm  
Vice President  
MT Laundry, LLC  
2625 Townsgate Road, Suite 330  
Westlake Village, CA 91361  
818-667-7722 - direct

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**From:** Bill Dixon <bill.r.dixon@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 15, 2025 4:46 PM  
**To:** CityRecorder  
**Cc:** Vanessa Nordyke  
**Subject:** Financial aspects of commercial air service

My name is Bill Dixon, and I am a resident of Ward 7. I write to urge a prudent approach to the financial aspects of commercial air service.

I see in the staff report for the council's August 18 work session that the city had roughly \$4 million in unreimbursed spending from its general fund to subsidize Avelo's Salem flights over two years. With this in mind, I hope the City Council will pay close attention to the impact of its decisions about future air service on the city's budget stability.

As council members are aware, the Airport Fund is projected to go into the red in 2028, and the General Fund will have a \$23 million hole to fill if voters don't renew the local option levy in 2030. Any decision to underwrite a speculative investment in commercial air service should be constrained by the city's obligation to keep these funds solvent and to maintain vital public services.

One option the council may wish to consider is to treat commercial air service as a city franchise that is put out to public bid and secures a provider or providers which are willing to pay for the right to use the airport – at a rate which covers any city services that make the service possible, such as extra crime prevention and fire protection.

Thank you for considering my comments.

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*Bill Dixon, 608 Salem Heights Ave. S, Salem 97302*

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**From:** Bill Montagne <bmontagne@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 17, 2025 5:06 PM  
**To:** citycouncil  
**Subject:** Commercial flights Salem Airport

Hello council

I want to go on record as saying I was an active flier on Avelo from salem to Las Vegas once a month. It was awesome to see the positive effect it had on the city both financially and physically.

The flights were generally full and the people were very enthusiastic and happy and were from all over the Willamette Valley. I read that it brought in 37,000 visitors to the Salem area over its tenure with a positive economic impact of \$31.7 million Dollars. From what I've read the incentives were approximately \$1.2 million dollars. That seems like an excellent ROI.

I've also read that our region has enough demand to fill twenty 737's a day. Any back of the envelope calculation seems to support the city investing in increasing access to the Salem airport and not pulling back on access.

Looking at those numbers and the positive impact both financially and politically on the area I'm struggling to understand why the City doesn't continue to invest in growing access to the Salem Airport.

I understand there's a still money left from the grant for improving the infrastructure for commercial aircraft. Let's be fiscally responsible and continue to catch up to the infrastructure expansion by expanding commercial flights out of Salem and not pulling back on them and letting that money go to waste while losing revenue to surrounding cities.

Please find a way to keep Salem Airport a commercial airline destination.

Bill Montagne  
(503) 757 1437  
Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Carol Zielinski <czielins@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 15, 2025 11:16 AM  
**To:** CityRecorder  
**Cc:** Carol Gmail  
**Subject:** Salem Air Service

I completely support continuing commercial air service out of the Salem Airport. Unfortunately, because they do not fly to any of my normal destinations, I have not had the opportunity to use it. But I certainly would in the future if they flew to any of my destinations.

Carol Zielinski  
Salem, OR

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**From:** Elise <ejorystrauss@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 17, 2025 10:05 PM  
**To:** CityRecorder  
**Subject:** Commercial Air Service Discussion at Council Work Group meeting 8/18

Thank you for allowing public comment on this issue.

I think it's insane that we had to subsidize Avelo airlines to the tune of several million dollars; this is a ridiculous business model and is not sustainable. That money could have been spent on resources for the homeless, which has turned into a huge issue being made more complicated and divisive that it needs to be.

We have two airports within one hour from Salem.— Eugene and PDX . Are people too lazy to drive there? There are shuttles for God's sake.

Under no circumstances should the City of Salem be considering entering into another business relationship with a commercial airline. It's not a money maker for them or for us.

And, at the very least, since we can't count on the City to make a wise decision on this issue, should you decide to allow an airline to resume flights to Salem, do not sign any contracts with an airline unless the contracts stipulate that they will be cancelled if the carrier does business with ICE or DHS in any capacity. I'm sure you don't want to go through that again.

Sincerely,

Elise Strauss  
West Salem

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**From:** Gino Corridori <oregongino@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 15, 2025 12:19 PM  
**To:** CityRecorder  
**Subject:** Air Service in Salem

To whom it may concern,

My family has been using the air service out of Salem Airport since the flights were offered. We have been using it to fly to Burbank to do business and visit family.

On one particular flight, I sat near our neighbor who was bringing his son to a flag football tournament in LA. There were several other teammates and family with them. I mention this because the convenience of having air service in Salem greatly benefits a wide range of people. Imagine the difficulty and effort to arrange travel for this team using PDX or Eugene Airport.

Every flight that we were on, was full. Getting another airline into Salem should be a priority for the city, since momentum has been started with Avelo. Please continue to look for carriers who want to fly out of here.

Sincerely,

Gino Corridori  
3434 Sunridge Dr S  
Salem, OR 97302



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**From:** Kim Davis <kimmardav@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 17, 2025 3:24 PM  
**To:** CityRecorder  
**Subject:** Commercial Air Service

Dear Mayor and Councilors,

While the pros and cons of attempting yet another commercial air service in Salem continue to be hotly debated, I wonder if it would be prudent for the City Council to defer decision making at this time and allow the community to vote on this matter. Or, at a minimum, run a well planned, unbiased survey that is far reaching to all community members, including those living in neighborhoods most impacted by the noise and pollution emitting from the airport, and not just frequent flyer residents and businesses most eager to make profits. Despite the sunk costs related to the City's earlier investments, the City of Salem is not compelled to provide air service for the presumably small percentage of residents who use it.

Should the City of Salem elect to pursue securing a contract with yet another commercial airline, please be absolutely certain that the language of any contract offered will include a provision that [no contract will be provided to any corporation currently in contract with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (due to DHS' ever-worsening record of violating constitutional rights and the ongoing inhumane, cruel and unusual treatment of detainees). Further, language to the effect that [should corporation later enter a contract with DHS, any existing contract with the City of Salem will be terminated].

It is my sincerest hope that the City will establish this or similar language for any and all business contracts.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

K Davis  
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**From:** Laura Sauter <lauragsauter@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 15, 2025 9:57 PM  
**To:** CityRecorder  
**Subject:** Air Service

Stop pouring money down a rat hole!  
Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** pbergel@igc.org  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 17, 2025 3:56 PM  
**To:** CityRecorder  
**Subject:** Some Considerations Before Salem Contracts with Another Airline

Members of the Council:

If the Salem City Council is considering contracting with another airline to take Avelo's place, please do the following:

1. Pass an ordinance that forbids the City from contracting with any person or entity that cooperates with ICE in deporting people who have not received the full benefit of due process.
2. Add to that ordinance the provision that if a company that the city has contracted with subsequently makes an agreement that violates #1 above, the contract is automatically voided.

Taking this precaution will protect both the City and the Council from repetition of the contentiousness that surrounded the City's dealings with Avelo after it contracted with ICE.

Thank you,

Peter Bergel  
Ward 2

**From:** [Dagmar King](#)  
**To:** [citycouncil](#)  
**Subject:** Please bring commercial flights back to Salem  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 12, 2025 5:14:06 PM

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Hello,

I urge you to bring commercial flights back to Salem. I was ecstatic when Avelo appeared. Prior to its abrupt departure I was fortunate to have taken it to Hollywood Burbank. And one of my best friends was fortunate to fly on one of its last flights to and from Salem. We've known each other since 8th grade and are 80 now. She lives in Southern California and I live in Salem. It makes it so much easier and convenient to fly directly between Salem and Southern California. I'm sure I speak for many others who share this request.

Thank you,  
Dagmar King  
South Salem

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**From:** Tim Hay <tim.hay@outlook.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 15, 2025 10:59 AM  
**To:** CityRecorder  
**Subject:** Commercial Air Service in Salem

Dear Salem City Council,

I urge the city to continue pursuing commercial air service in Salem. As the staff report indicates, almost 90,000 people used the service in the 21 months Avelo served Salem. In fact, for the last couple of months, the flights were full. That is a success and proves Salem has the market to sustain air service.

As a long time Salem resident who has used Portland and Eugene airports in the past, having the option to fly to and from Salem improves the quality of life and economic impact here. I flew to Denver at the end of July and it took me over two and a half hours to get to PDX and another two hours to get back home. I would rather spend 15 minutes driving to the Salem airport to catch a flight. As businesses look to new areas to expand or hold conferences, they factor in the availability of commercial air service in their decision. Do you think any business will want to come to Salem if it takes people over two hours to get to the airport? There was over \$30 Million injected into the local economy and the airport is eligible for additional federal funding for construction projects. That wouldn't have happened without commercial air service in Salem.

We need to continue the momentum and actively pursue all viable options to re-establish air service and grow it to the next level.

Best regards,

Tim Hay

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**From:** Tamera Smith <tamerasmith74@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 15, 2025 4:24 PM  
**To:** CityRecorder  
**Subject:** Salem Commercial Air Destination comment

Please bring back Sonoma County as a destination.

Thank you,  
Tamera Smith

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