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Why waste a lot of our tax money on another attempt to do the improbable!
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I am writing to express my opposition to bringing a mystery airline into Salem. While this will benefit very few it will contribute to the deterioration in the quality of life in Salem and the surrounding area due to the increase in noise and air pollution.

I have routinely voted yes on increases in the city budget. However, when I look around and see the focus seems to be on growth and development instead of good stewardship of infrastructure and quality of life, I will be voting no in the future. It would appear that you have enough money to quietly bring a mystery airline here without a vote of the people who will be affected.

Sincerely,

Hal Carman
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Message	<p>Item 3.3b - April 10, 2023 City Council Mayor Hoy and councilors: At a time when, even after passing a recent bond measure, the city is already strapped for funding and proposing increases in fees for city services as well payroll taxes, the proposal to subsidize commercial air service out of the Salem airport seems even more ridiculous than it was in the previous failed iterations. While a few businesses in Salem might possibly get some limited benefit, the vast majority of city taxpayers would receive extremely little or none. Instead, they would continue to receive reduced city services for things such as libraries, parks and traffic safety. This latest proposal calls for subsidies for a (yet to be revealed) "budget" airline which will only fly to Los Angeles, San Francisco, Phoenix and Las Vegas areas, which to my knowledge, implies that they will probably not fly to and from the major hub airports but rather to peripheral ones which would require some way to get across town to make connections. But perhaps there are enough people in the Salem area who have regular business in these cities. Do they have enough business requiring in-person meetings to fill even small planes which will need to burn fuel to make flights twice per week even when only partially full (or empty)? Of course, the Chamber of Commerce people have assured us that there will be enough people in those cities who will want to travel to a peripheral airport in one of these cities in order to come and tour our surrounding wine country or explore downtown Salem. In summary, I think the idea of the city guaranteeing fuel cost reduction and guaranteed revenue is totally uncalled for at this time, especially since it has failed multiple times before. I don't mind paying more for city services which will benefit the city as a whole but this would certainly not be one of them. Sincerely, Michael Hughes</p>

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