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From: nadene@yatesguitar.com
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 9:57 AM
To: citycouncil
Cc: CityRecorder
Subject: PLEASE SAY NO TO AIRLINE SERVICE IN SALEM!

Dear Salem City Council Members,

I am enormously grateful for all you do and appreciate your efforts to serve the citizens of Salem. Thank you!

Today I writing to urge you to vote against applying for funds for commercial airline service in Salem.

- We can assume that once commercial airline service has resumed, it will require funds from the city. This is money we desperately need for the homeless and those who are being most hurt by the pandemic. Cities across the U.S. are already in serious financial straits due to the coronavirus.
- In a post-pandemic world, more people will be working online, and air travel patterns will be different. It will be years before air travel reaches pre-pandemic levels. With so many unknowns, it would be unwise to invest huge sums of tax-payer dollars in commercial air service.
- Commercial air traffic lessens our quality of life. I well remember the noise from jets flying above our city, and the pollution from ugly jet contrails. The pandemic has caused incalculable suffering for Salem residents, but one thing it has brought is clear blue skies and the rhythms of a quieter, slower pace of life. As we recover from the disruption of the coronavirus, we have an opportunity to rethink business as usual. Knee-jerk growth is not always the best path forward. The noise and pollution caused by jets crisscrossing our skies is not consistent with a more livable community.
- Climate change represents the biggest challenge to the future of humanity and the life-support systems that make our world habitable. Commercial air travel in Salem would significantly add to our city's greenhouse emissions. I urge you to abide by the goals in our new Climate Action Plan.

I have attended city council meetings and watched you in action. I know your hearts are in the right place, that you truly care about the citizens in Salem, and that you want what is best for

our city. Please stay the course in making Salem a more livable, humane, beautiful city. Say no to commercial air traffic in Salem!

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Salem, Oregon

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From: Clair Clark <clairclark86@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 26, 2020 10:08 PM
To: citycouncil
Cc: CityRecorder
Subject: Please do not approve commercial air service grant application

Dear Salem City Council:

I would request that you not approve a Small Community Air Service Development grant application be submitted for Salem for the following reasons:

1) Commercial air service development in Salem would contribute substantially to the city's greenhouse gas emissions. Using public resources to expand emissions-intensive transportation during a Climate Emergency is alarming to say the least. Scientists have warned we must reduce emissions by at least 7.6% annually to avoid the worst impacts of climate change, which includes rendering the planet virtually uninhabitable within this century. The Community Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory showed that transportation is already the major source of emissions in Salem (53%). Commercial air service would only add significantly to this.

2) As a resident of the Fairview neighborhood, I am concerned about the impact of pollution from additional air travel and traffic to and from the Salem airport. Right now, our city is experiencing much cleaner air and less noise pollution as our streets and skies have quieted during the stay at home orders. Though I want our strong economy to return quickly, transitioning back to the heavy traffic on my street with the added burden of more aviation and traffic pollution would be intolerable.

3) We are now living in a new world when it comes to air travel and business travel in particular. It will probably be many years before air travel reaches anything close to level that was common before the global pandemic. Perhaps more importantly, the pandemic has forced most businesses and other organizations to learn that air travel is not necessary to get work done. I think extensive business travel will become a thing of the past to the benefit of both people and planet. We need to acknowledge this, and not pretend things will go back to how they were by doubling down on investments that no longer make sense.

Thank you for your consideration,

Clair Clark
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From: Sarah Deumling <sdeumling@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 10:06 AM
To: citycouncil
Cc: CityRecorder
Subject: Potential Salem Airport Grant

April 27, 2020
The Salem City Council

The idea of a \$950,000 federal grant to support commercial use of the Salem airport is a fools errand. The Statewide Transportation Strategy as well as the Governor's EO 04-20 "Direct State Agencies to Take Actions to Reduce and Regulate Greenhouse Gas Emissions" We have no choice but to implement responsible policies that will reduce our carbon footprints to try to get a handle on climate change. We means individuals, cities, counties, states, etc. The Corona Crisis is showing us that we can get by with much more remote work, conferencing, etc. and flying more is the solution to nothing. Please do not follow through with this idea. Invest any federal money available in alternative modes of travel and communication that require less use of fossil fuels which will make Salem a nicer and more attractive place to live.

Many of us are waiting and wishing for your leadership!

Sincerely,
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From: Jim Scheppke <jscheppke@comcast.net>
Sent: Sunday, April 26, 2020 9:00 PM
To: citycouncil
Cc: CityRecorder
Subject: Testimony on Agenda Item 2.3d

Dear Salem City Council:

I would request that you not approve a grant application be submitted for commercial air service development in Salem for the following reasons:

1) Commercial air service development in Salem will harm our ability to lower our city's greenhouse gas emissions which is an imperative if we want to do our part to address the Climate Emergency that could render our planet virtually uninhabitable a century from now. The Community Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory showed that transportation is already the major source of greenhouse gas emissions in Salem (53%). Commercial air service would only add significantly to this.

2) If Salem had adopted a Climate Action Plan as most other cities already have, it would already have bound us to an aggressive goal to reduce our emissions and fossil fuel use. For example, the City of Eugene has pledged to reduce fossil fuel use throughout the city by 50% from 2010 levels by 2030. The City of Portland has pledged to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions by 40% below 1990 levels by 2030. The State of Oregon is pledged to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in Oregon by 45% below 1990 levels by 2035. It is only by Salem's inaction, I believe, that a resumption of commercial air service can even be contemplated, as it obviously would not be consistent with an aggressive goal to reduce our emissions.

3) We are now living in a new world when it comes to air travel and business travel in particular. It will probably be many years before air travel reaches anything close to level that was common before the global pandemic. Perhaps more importantly, the pandemic has forced most businesses and other organizations to learn that air travel is not necessary to get work done. I think extensive business travel will become a thing of the past, and that will be a good thing for people and for the planet. We need to acknowledge this, and not pretend that things will go back to the way they were after we defeat the pandemic.

Thank you for your consideration,

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