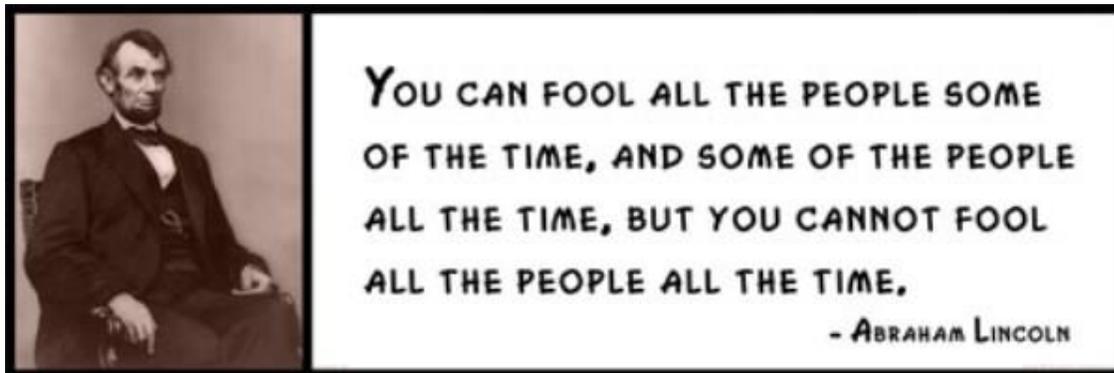


**City Announces Deal With FAA.  
Actual Agreement Document Not Revealed.**

**Rally On! Feb. 4th @ 11am**



**History has a habit of repeating itself.**

Yesterday, on a Saturday morning, the city announced that an agreement has been reached with the FAA to close Santa Monica Airport on December 31, 2028. The City Council voted in closed session and came to a 4 to 3 SPLIT VOTE accepting the agreement. Our usually unanimous voting and often mistrusted city council could not agree that this is a good deal!

We quote from the sketchy details released by the city yesterday in a whirlwind of surprise,

*"If the City does not enter into future agreements with the FAA that continue to require the City to operate the Airport after December 31, 2028, the Parties agree that the City may, in its sole discretion at any time on or after January 1, 2029 cease to operate the airport as an airport..." underline added)*

Maybe the above agreement detail sounds final to some. Read it again. It clearly is not. Among other details revealed was an agreement to immediately shorten the runway to 3500'. City Manager Rick Cole added this would occur in maybe three to six months or when planning can be completed and engineering done. No specific date was given when questioned, even though the city attorney used the word "immediately." Why does the city highlight a date twelve years out, but not specify a hard date to shorten the runway? Do not forget that the city passed a resolution to close the airport in 2018 and a Leasing Policy prohibiting lease harmful to the community.

Furthermore the actual agreement, which has been deemed "historical" by City Attorney Joe Lawrence, has not been made public.

Senior Airport Advisor Nelson Hernandez is leaving on an extended vacation, returning March 6<sup>th</sup>, as details unfold.(Yes, really)

The last major settlement agreement made with the FAA was in 1984 and was supposed to return the airport to the city on July 1, 2015. Now the city is attempting to railroad another 12 year OR MORE agreement with no public input or discussion.

No residents were allowed to ask any questions at the press conference that was held yesterday at 2:00pm at City Hall. News outlets were informed of the press conference. Very few residents were informed. Were you?

Is this lazy bureaucrats at work, the influence of power and money, soft or hard corruption, or a brilliant solution for the community? **You decide.**

The story of Santa Monica Airport is not over yet. Stay tuned and pay close attention. Lives are at stake for decades to come.

Thank you.

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