

**City Council Votes Wed. Night on Shortening the Runway.**

**Keep your promises Mr. Cole, Mr. Mayor, and City Council.**

**Close the airport now and begin work.**

**3500' is 3500'. Period. Immediately Means Immediately.**

It has taken almost four months for the **City Staff** to draft a resolution regarding the shortening of the runway to 3500'. The resolution and options will be discussed and voted on this Wednesday night, May 24th, at City Hall. Notably absent in this resolution is any mention of removing even one foot of the old 5000' runway. The proposed plans, modifications, and paint job are not scheduled to be completed until the end of this year. This is not what was promised by City Manager **Rick Cole, Mayor Winterer, and Council Members** when the Decree was announced with great fanfare.

Close the airport now, begin work, and reopen when promises are met.

At the January 28th press conference **Mr. Cole** proclaimed in front of newscrews, *"Today's historic Consent Decree agrees to an operational runway of 3,500 feet, which we plan to implement immediately."* When questioned by the press as to how long immediately actually meant, **Mr. Cole** defined immediately as completion within 3 months.

In a March 2nd article in the Santa Monica Daily Press several Council Members were quoted. **Kevin McKeown** said, "I would be hesitant to delay the shortening of that runway by six weeks, let alone 6 months."

**Gleam Davis** added, *"It's not six weeks or six days, it's six minutes with me."* Reporter Cate Cagle wrote, *"City leaders*

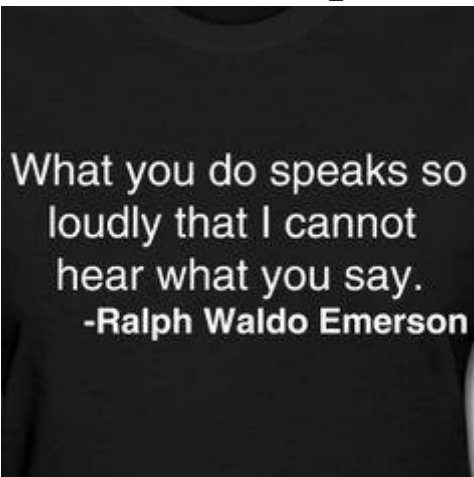
*don't just want to see the runway shortened as quickly as possible, they wish to demolish any excess length to keep it from ever coming back." Airport Commissioner Joe Schmitz said, "I urge you to instruct the airport designers to remove the unused 1500 feet of concrete as soon as possible."*

Two days later, at a March 4th Rally, **Mayor Ted Winterer** said, "We will, in six months, shorten that runway to 3,500 feet."

**Stop the delays.** The FAA has given their OK. The DC Second Circuit Court denied aviation's request to stop the runway shortening. The only barriers stopping the city from immediately shortening the runway is our city staff and our city council.

Mr. Mayor, Council Members, and Mr. Cole, three months has already passed, and six months is up on September 3, 2017. Direct our very well paid staff to **KEEP YOUR PROMISES and MEET YOUR DEADLINES.** No more excuses. No delays. **CLOSE THE AIRPORT NOW.** Shorten the runway to 3500'. Demolish 1500' of Cement/Asphalt. Reopen a 3500' runway asap. **PLEASE DO YOUR JOBS.**

Thank you.  
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