



Chapter of California Pilots Association  
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**Dear Redlands City Council Candidate,**

The Redlands Airport Association (RAA) is a representative group of the aviation community that exists at Redlands Municipal Airport. The group consists of pilots (professionals and students), airplane and helicopter owners, business proprietors, aircraft hangar owners, renters and persons that have an interest in Redlands Municipal airport. The RAA's mission is to advocate for the airport and its users and to address issues affecting the viability of the airport. The group has and will continue to develop working relationships with city, county, state and federal government agencies.

Redlands airport is an active municipal airport. It is truly a gateway to Redlands and surrounding communities. It's home to 217 aircraft owned by individuals and businesses. The airport facilitates about 44,000 annual operations. These include operations from visitors, business and personal travel, recreational flights, flight training activities, air ambulance operations and firefighting activities. The flight training activities at the airport are significant and provide valuable training to the next generation of pilots. The airport is also part of US National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems and will be used to facilitate emergency air support to the community during civil emergencies.

Data in the 2016 [Redlands Municipal Airport Business Plan](#) shows the airport generating a total economic output of almost \$5 million a year and sustaining 41 jobs. Despite some recent capital improvements, and the hiring of a part time airport supervisor, city officials admit it is an overlooked but valuable city asset. Additionally, City officials have approved incompatible development near the airport that may be a detriment to airport operations and future airport development. The city currently does not have any economic development programs that involve the airport.

Many aircraft owners, pilots and business proprietors at the airport are Redlands residents. They are eager to hear each Redlands City Council candidate's views about the airport and plans for its development in accordance with the dated, but approved, Redlands Airport Master Plan. Our membership would truly appreciate if you would share your views about how you will work with the Redlands Airport community to improve the safety and vitality of this great city asset. We look forward to maintaining a positive relationship with all members of the Redlands City Council, whatever the outcome of the next election.

We respectfully request that you respond in writing to the attached questions. Please email your responses to [redlands.airport.association@gmail.com](mailto:redlands.airport.association@gmail.com) or mail to: **Redlands Airport Association 1745 Sessums Dr. Ste. 1 Redlands, CA 92374** no later than Friday, September 28, 2018. We will share your responses with our members, supporters and media contacts via e-mail, RAA newsletter and social media platforms . If you have any questions, please contact me via e-mail or phone @ 909- 557-5292

Sincerely,

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### **Redlands City Council Candidate Questions-Submitted by the Redlands Airport Association**

1. Have you ever been to Redlands airport for travel, to pick up visitors or to attend an event?  
Please share a little about your experience at the airport.
  
2. Have you ever reviewed any of the planning documents about the airport? Please share what you have reviewed.
  
3. Some small businesses that have opened or contemplated opening at the airport have complained the City of Redlands is not “business friendly”. Recent airport fee schedules being considered by city staff include new “Environmental Impact” fees for businesses at the airport. These include a new annual \$150 Maintenance Operation Environmental fee and a \$200 Fueling Operation Environmental fee. These fees are in addition to existing San Bernardino County Business taxes, Redlands Business Licenses fees, and Redlands Fire Department Inspection fees. Revenue generated at the airport cannot be used elsewhere in the city by law. Even though the airport generates enough revenue to pay its own expenses, additional revenue could be used to improve airport facilities and maintenance. What are your ideas to increase airport revenue while encouraging a “business friendly” climate at the airport?
  
4. The City of Redlands does not have an active economic development program involving the airport. Hangar development that facilitates basing more aircraft, attracting airport businesses such as a restaurant and new fueling facilities could significantly increase airport revenue. What is your plan, if any, to develop the airport?
  
5. Do you think aviation or airport management experience is necessary to supervise/manage municipal airport operations?
  
6. The City of Redlands has an Airport Advisory Board (AAB) which acts in an advisory role to the Redlands City Council. Please share your thoughts on why they have this advisory role and how their recommendations will impact you as a future councilmember.
  
7. In your opinion, what is currently the most pressing issue at the airport?