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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.

Though I have not traveled, picked up visitors, or attended any events at the Redlands Airport other than the Hanger 24 airshow in 2015, I have taken flights on a single-engine Cessna out of the French Valley Airport. My best friend is a licensed pilot and aeronautical engineer with Boeing Commercial Aircrafts. I am an advocate of aviation and city-owned municipal airports. I was saddened to witness the Rialto Airport closed down and replaced with a corporate strip mall. In the times I have been near that Redlands Airport, I have noticed that the facilities are clean and well-kept by staff, although the airport can use some upgrades.

2. Have you ever reviewed any of the planning documents about the airport? Please share what you have reviewed.

I have reviewed parts of the Redlands Municipal Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan in particular section 2.3 Airport Development Plans.

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?

I believe Redlands has recently made strides to become more business friendly, I would like to continue this and build upon the progress by not adding additional Environmental Impact fees. The small amount of funds generated by the proposed fees will do more harm to small business development at the airport than it would generate as income for the City of Redlands. Attracting small businesses to open at the airport and putting on more aviation events by partnering with other small business vendors is the key to increasing revenue at the Redlands 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?

Being an advocate of aviation I plan to consult with the Airport Advisory Board, Redlands Airport Association, and City Council Members to in order to generate some ideas on how to



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increase revenue at the airport which will lead to further facility improvements that may attract business development such as a restaurant and a new fuel facility.

5. Do you think aviation or airport management experience is necessary to supervise/manage municipal airport operations?

I think it is important to have some knowledge and/or experience in aviation when managing an airport. I believe that a good leader who lacks experience can succeed if there is a strong and committed support staff or team of consultants with aviation and/or airport management experience.

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.

I currently serve as the Vice Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission. I believe that City Commissions and Committees play a crucial role in helping City Council make decisions and recommendations. However, as a City Council I will never solely make a decision based only on the recommendation of the Airport Advisory Board. I encourage professionals in aviation to express that concerns and ideas to the Airport Advisory Board and City Council Members.

7. In your opinion, what is currently the most pressing issue at the airport?

Outdated facilities, threat of housing developments, and revenue opportunities not being explored.