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The Winnetka Neighborhood Council does not support the proposed closing of Whiteman Airport. Whiteman Airport has been serving the community of Pacoima and San Fernando Valley for more than 70 years. The airport is home to more than 600 based aircraft—the most in the Los Angeles County system—and facilitated more than 116,000 takeoffs and landings in 2018. Businesses located at Whiteman Airport include a number of aircraft maintenance, flight training, and other aviation-oriented operations. The airport has experienced significant growth as an economic presence over the past several years.

[\(https://www.reenvisionwhitemanairport.com/\)](https://www.reenvisionwhitemanairport.com/)

We do not agree with Councilwoman Monica Rodriguez and the city council's vote to close the airport. The airport is a Regional FEMA drop off area and is also where they send fire searches from.

The County is already working on a plan to assess the airport and all the benefits for the neighborhood. We as a Neighborhood Council feel it would be best to allow the L.A. County, who own the airport, to continue the work they are already doing.

Thank you for your time and consideration with this matter.

The Winnetka Neighborhood Council