

Public Comment - City Council 2/6 - Item 3.3. "Adoption of Statement of Policy and City Council Questions for the Prospective Director of Aviation."

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Public Comment from Jordan Moldow (speaking on behalf of himself) regarding Item 3.3. "Adoption of Statement of Policy and City Council Questions for the Prospective Director of Aviation." - City Council 2/6/2024:

The current policy and interview questions for the role, do not mention anything about: environmental impact; climate change; pedestrian access; active transportation access; light rail connection; other transit access; or reducing the number of automobiles bringing passengers to/from the airport. Airports, air travel, and land uses around airports (e.g. wide, busy roads) contribute significantly to GHG emissions and climate change. So it is critical that the Director of Aviation takes these harms seriously, and works to reduce them.

I suggest adding some of these questions to the list of interview questions:

- As Director of Aviation, how will you work on reducing the negative impacts that all airports and air travel have on the environment (especially as it pertains to the climate emergency)?
- As Director of Aviation, how will you work on reducing the number of automobiles bringing passengers to/from the airport, and drive mode shift from automobiles to more climate friendly options for accessing the airport?
- The VTA 61 bus only runs once every 20 minutes on weekends, and the walk from Metro/Airport Station to the SJC terminals is a more than 20 minute walk. As Director of Aviation, how will you increase transit and pedestrian service to SJC, so that transit is the obvious, easy choice for accessing SJC?
- As Director of Aviation, will you support using SJC funds to run a shuttle in a loop between Metro/Airport Station and SJC, to make it very easy to get between those two locations with a small headway?
 - The airport would be well-served by an express shuttle, running every 5 minutes, that does a loop like Terminals->Airport Pkwy->Metro Light Rail Station->Skyport Dr->Terminals.

I also believe that, in the future, the document "Statement of Policy – Airport Department" should be amended by Council to address these environmental policies.

Thank you,
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