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airport-gate-list.pdf (39.2 Kb) attached

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Dear Council Chair Dan Roach:

My name is Dan Neil, Owner of Avionics Shop, Inc., located at Tacoma Narrows Airport for the last 27 years. I'm also severely hearing impaired, so email is the only way I can communicate, unless face-to-face which I do just fine.

It has come to my attention that Deb Wallace has recently supplied to the Pierce County Council a list of Washington State Airports that have 24 hour security. Which is attached as a reminder.

You need to be informed of a couple of things about this list.

1. The list is not totally accurate. There are 3 airports on the "24 hour" that do not have actual 24 hour security. They are very small and remotely located in Eastern Washington. It can easily be verified by pilots that fly there, and report on the actual conditions there.

2. The other point which I wish to address is something that is very important to this discussion. That is the issue of Public Access. Please allow me to point out some examples from the list:

Renton Airport: Security there is very tight. You really have to know someone to get into the aircraft taxi or hangar areas. However on this airport, about 95% of the businesses there have public access where customers can drive up to the businesses front door or location.

Boeing Field: Another tight airport for 24 Hour Security. This airport has around 98% of the businesses that have public drive up access.

Olympia: Moderate airport Security. This one is 100% for public business access.

Port Angeles: Moderate Security. This one has 100% for public business access

Everett Paine Field: Tight Security. Over 95% for public business access.

Auburn Airport: Tight Security. 100% public business access.

Bremerton Airport. Moderate Security. 100% public business access

I think I have illustrated my point.

These are all airports I have traveled to, in the course of doing my job. I have also seen businesses get enclosed "Behind the fence both at Boeing and Renton Field". I have seen most of these businesses disappear, some quickly and some take a while. Deb Wallace has indicated that this has NO bearing on the security issues. Uh.... Excuse me?

At Pierce County airport, with the security now in place, approximately 60% of the businesses is behind the fence. Not only is it, an unfair advantage over them, but it's a noose that I fear will kill some of my long term and valued customers of mine.

At Tacoma Narrows Airport, with its impending security plans, this will enclose about 70% of the businesses there

I submit to you that this is totally unacceptable.

Based on my experience of 40 years, I'm afraid it will kill my business.

At Jay's suggestion (the TIW Airport Manager), we tried this last November (2013). This was a spectacular failure. We became the "gate keepers" for the ENTIRE southern part of the airport. The interruptions were constant, and none of us could get anything done. After 3 weeks, I terminated the experiment.

Again as it has been pointed out and admitted by Deb Wallace, Security is not required by law, from several sources. She admits it is a "Feel Good" action on her part.

Please do not allow Ms. Deb Wallace, not now, or ever, follow through on this ill-advised idea of 24 hour security for both airports. Please also instruct Ms. Deb Wallace to IMMEDIATELY open the gates at Pierce County for business hours 7AM to 6PM, until this is permanently resolved. Economic Damage is occurring, with the gates closed.

Thank you.
Dan Neil
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