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Dear City Leaders:

The City Council and the County Supervisors have been singing the praises of the Water-Dropping Aircraft and the marvelous job they're doing.....well where do you think they go to refuel and refill with water? Yes, airports, close airports, NOT CLOSED AIRPORTS!

Whiteman Airport is currently being used to Refuel and hold the tanker/tenders that refill the aircraft with water. All of the other airports are at capacity and the fire pilots have been saying that they are thankful that Whiteman is here. Saving them time when doing their water drops, especially to local fires (Sylmar).

Whiteman Airport is part of the City's infrastructure of one of the largest cities in the U.S. Our forefathers had the wisdom to spread airports around the city. If you close down indispensable airports, the remaining airports will be overloaded and left to carry the burden. There will be nowhere to go when the next disaster happens, and disasters **always** happen. Don't be blamed when the next emergency happens, that YOU were responsible for closing down such an important resource.

Photos are attached.

The Whiteman Airport Association

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**Should YOU like to send an email to the County Supervisors, here are their Email Addresses:**

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