

You should know something about the “privileged few” who use our airport...



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You're one of them.

It's a fact: Albert Whitted Airport is essential to keeping your family safe.

There seems to be a lot of confusion over the Albert Whitted debate. But perhaps the most important reason to save Albert Whitted is the key role it plays in your family's safety.

For years, Bayflite medical helicopters have used Albert Whitted to stage and refuel. With the airport gone, the life-saving helicopters would have a much further distance to travel between emergencies, decreasing their ability for support and putting all of St. Petersburg at risk. **If you were in an unfortunate accident and needed Bayflite, would you be willing to wait?**

Albert Whitted also supports both Coast Guard and Florida Highway Patrol operations and is an emergency staging area in the event of a hurricane, other natural disasters or even an unthinkable act of terrorism. **Our congested downtown offers no other area to base such an operation.**

Albert Whitted is also designated by the FAA as one of the nation's few critical reliever airports. That means the airport is essential in relieving the general aviation traffic at Tampa International, St. Petersburg-Clearwater International and Sarasota International. **This is crucial to our area's flight safety.**

Not only is Albert Whitted a charming, historical part of our community, it's also a vital part of our family's safety that we cannot afford to lose. **Let's keep Albert Whitted Airport.**



Lifesaving Bayflite medical helicopters refuel at Albert Whitted.



Albert Whitted serves as a critical staging area in the event of an emergency.

Vote NO on amendment #3 and YES to all the rest on Tuesday, Nov. 4th.