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Subject: airport story

Leigh: I just had a chance to view the video about the Venice Municipal Airport "expansion".

Who from the city did you call? You didn't call me.

Just about everything in your story is completely inaccurate.

1. There is no expansion of the airport planned. The new plan that is online is a way to take the homes out of the FAA's runway protection zone. The RPZ is nothing but an imaginary line extending from the end of the runway over the neighboring homes. The suggestion is to replace the RPZ with an E-mass or huge berm of collapsible concrete at the end of the runway which would in effect stop an aircraft that was about to overrun the runway into homes. Only about two homes would remain in the RPZ if that scenario is adopted. To see the proposal, go to www.venicegov.com <<http://www.venicegov.com/>> , click on departments, click on Airport, and click on the link under the photo.
2. The airport was never classified a B-2 airport. Since the time these designations have been used by the FAA, it has been a C-2.
3. There are no plans to bring large passenger aircraft in to Venice. The runways are 5,000 feet long. They are tucked in between the ICW and the Gulf of Mexico. They cannot be expanded to a length that would accommodate a passenger airliner.

I hope you can do another story that will get the facts out to the public.

Thank you,

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