

**Statement from Congressman Ted Lieu
February 3, 2017**

"I want to thank all the activists and organizations who have fought for the closure of Santa Monica airport. It is because of the sustained and good work of leaders like Marty Rubin and Joan Winters that the closing of Santa Monica Airport is even possible. I am not aware of any other example in America where the FAA has agreed to have an airport closed as a result of community pressure.

I agree with many of you that 12 years is a long time. Because of the many unanswered questions I have about this consent decree, I will be meeting with Marty and Joan and others to hear your thoughts about the best ways to ensure the closure of the airport happens as quickly as possible. Please feel free to give me or my staff information and your views about the consent decree.

Thank you again for your activism and tireless efforts to protect the health and safety of residents near the airport."