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Long Island MacArthur Airport Calls on Community to Vote Each Day in the USA Today 10Best Readers' Choice Awards for Best Small Airports

Islip, NY – September 4, 2023 – Long Island MacArthur Airport is again in the running for Top Small Airport. An independent panel of industry experts and editors nominated MacArthur Airport as part of the USA TODAY 10Best Readers' Choice Awards. This is MacArthur Airport's third consecutive nomination.

Beginning September 4th at noon EDT, travelers across the US and beyond can cast one vote each day for their favorite Small Airport in the 2023 10Best Readers' Choice Awards by using this link: www.10best.com/awards/

"We're proud to be short-listed again for consideration as one of the 10Best Small Airports in the US," said Town of Islip Supervisor Angie Carpenter. "This independent recognition of Long Island MacArthur Airport validates our hard work to continually improve our facility, enhance the customer's experience, and offer new destinations," she added.

"It's time to pull together our community to voice our choice! Long Island loves this airport and now is the time to show your support by voting each day. Awards like this are high visibility within the airline industry and help us make the strongest case for our continued growth here in terms of destinations and additional air service. The Awards also shine light on Long Island as a top destination that is easy to visit through convenient MacArthur Airport," said Airport Commissioner Shelley LaRose Arken.

In 2020, members of the traveling public weighed in, and Long Island MacArthur Airport was voted the 6th Top Small Airport. In 2021, MacArthur Airport broke the Top 5 Best Small Airports, with a 4th place win. Awards for Best Small Airports were not conducted in 2022.

USA TODAY 10Best Readers' Choice Awards describes the Small Airport category as one that reflects the benefits of our country's "smaller, friendlier airports that take some of the headache out of travel." According to 10Best, Small Airports are facilities that "serve fewer than 10 million passengers each year, yet excel with their commercial flight offerings, easy access and amenities."

"To be nominated for this Award is a win for us already. Even though we are competing against airports that are much larger than us, as in previous years we believe Long Island pride can propel Long Island's airport to as strong showing when it comes to voting. We hope every Long Islander will cast a vote for its hometown airport each day through October 2. With this community's support, we can succeed!" LaRose-Arken added.

ABOUT LONG ISLAND MACARTHUR AIRPORT: MacArthur Airport is on Long Island approximately 50 miles from New York City. It is the closest airport to nearly 3 million Long Island residents, and to world-renowned attractions including the famous Hamptons, Wine Country, Cradle of Aviation Museum, lighthouses, Fire Island, excellent theatre, award-winning restaurants, and Gatsby-era mansions including Westbury Gardens. The Town of Islip owns and operates the airport, served by Breeze Airways, Frontier Airlines, and Southwest Airlines. Access to the Long Island Rail Road (LIRR) makes getting around Nassau and Suffolk counties convenient. Train service from the Ronkonkoma / MacArthur Airport LIRR to New York City provides frequent transport. Long Island MacArthur Airport employs 6000 people directly and indirectly, with a \$16M annual operating budget and an economic impact of \$600M to the region and local economy.

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