

February 6th, 2024

VIA EMAIL

City Council
City of Los Angeles
200 N Spring St.
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: In Support of Bonseph Helinet, Trade, Travel and Tourism Committee February 8, 2024 Special Committee Meeting, Agenda Item 3, Council File No. 24-0125

Honorable Council Members:

My name is Robert Gluckman. I am the Lead Camera Operator in the KABC 7 News Helicopter at Helinet Aviation. I am also their in-house Photographer/Videographer/Editor. I have been with Helinet Aviation for more than 13 Years with over 12,000 Flight Hours. When flying the News Missions we provide aerial coverage and critical life saving public safety information to the Los Angeles Area. I also have flown in all of our Aircraft and have been a part of every single mission we do here at Helinet Aviation which includes Medical, Children's Hospital, News, Firefighting, Utility, and Helinet Technologies (LAPD, LASD)

When I'm not flying News I am in and out of almost all of our offices all over our ramp documenting Flight Crews getting ready for life saving missions. Medical Teams, Doctors, Surgical Teams, Organ Pick up and Drop Off's and the Alan Purwin Emergency Transport Program (CHLA) saving thousands of lives yearly. Before my time at Helinet Aviation I was a Fueler/Line Technician at 2 different companies at the Van Nuys Airport (Million Air, Pentastar Aviation). I also have worked at the the Burbank Airport at Atlantic Aviation. I was born right here at the Kaiser Hospital in Van Nuys and was raised my entire life in the San Fernando Valley. I am proud to say I have been employed at KVNY for over 20 years.

I write this letter in **unequivocal support** of the Bonseph Helinet lease at 16303 Waterman Drive at the Van Nuys Airport.

Helinet Aviation is my home and I have been 100% committed from the beginning and will be 100% committed till I retire. I consider myself a Lifetime Employee and have been looking forward to a new Facility for many years. We are very hardworking people and NEED a nicer, safer, more organized facility to conduct all of our operations. Our facility is over 50 years old and its been a struggle to say the least. Some of our offices don't even have air conditioning and heating. Paper thin walls with no Privacy, rats, possums, skunks, bugs and random cats. Our upper Management has spent hundreds of hours, thousands of dollars and years of their time to try and get these new buildings built. That time and money is vey valuable and we could use it in other areas in the company. It has been an uphill battle and we need all the time and help we can get. Our offices and hangers all leak water when it rains. Our entire ramp has weeds growing all over and our ramp/pavement is buckling. Every day our pilots have to spend extra time doing "FOD walks"

(Foreign Object Debris) to make sure the ramp is clean and safe because of all the rocks and loose gravel.

I urge you to come to our facility and look for yourself. We can take you on a short flight in one of our Charter Helicopters to show you an Aerial View of our lease hold compared to the rest of Van Nuys Airport. Many other locations at KVNy have already been developed and there is no reason why we shouldn't be able to do the same. The Land Lord has neglected this leasehold for over 30 years and is unacceptable. I have personally documented the condition of our facility and I will attach some photos.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Gluckman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Robert" being more legible than the last name "Gluckman".

Robert Gluckman
Cam Ops, Photographer
Helinet Aviation Services