

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: While I support any action to address VNY's "behind closed doors" deals and expansion with Billionaires and multimillionaires at the expense of the masses and our local environment, I believe that City Council needs to amend motion 22-1127 to something more defined and meaningful. Recent tapes of Nury Martinez clearly demonstrate her greed, bias and self-interests to retain the airport as her own personal golden goose. Because of her lack of integrity, this motion fell short and Bob Blumenfield is clearly incapable of understanding what it is his constituents need and are demanding. And where is John Lee in all this? Why is he ignoring his constituents outcry for an investigation of environmental justice crimes in respect to VNY contracts? How was it that City Council was complicit in the exaggerated overgrowth of VNY airport? How could all of you betray California's commitment to our environment, and betray most of your own constituents' health and well-being? This is not 1950 and the over-saturation of our airspace is out of control and unreasonable to any assemblance of quality of life. Excessive air traffic over Los Angeles, especially non-essential air traffic and that for "private charter" or "hobbyist" use violates our civil liberties and rights as citizens, violates our health, has negative impact on tourism and the beauty of California's landscape, has negative impact on our film and television industry (outdoor and location filming), has negative impact on our vital wildlife habitats and enjoyment of shared natural spaces (parks/trails). Quiet simply VNY is contributing to the destruction of Valley life and assets and is a burden for ALL of Los Angeles were non-essential helicopters and piston planes fly. The public right to transit guarantees use of PUBLIC TRANSIT (commercial airlines). It does not state that private persons can exploit our shared airspace and violate the civil and constitutional rights of residents on the ground. City Council has FAILED the city of Los Angeles by failing to ensure that the city owned airport honored the communities that were erected in the Valley by remaining a small, respectable general aviation airport that housed mostly societal benefitting aircraft. The Valley is too densely populated to allow the number of operations that VNY hosts.