

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: I support Motion 22-1125. While I agree that it does not go far enough, it is a start and I urge City Council to take it out of the Transportation Dept and take immediate positive action with instruction to LAWA and City Attorney now. I also call upon Valley Council members to submit another motion, or amend this one, to include Quiet Skies Woodland Hills, SOSLA, SONC committee members and Lake Balboa supported additions: The City Attorney should be instructed to consult with an aviation expert counsel that has no conflict of interest, in other words that does not represent the City in contracts regarding LAWA, BOAC or VNY in anyway, and report back on legal options to not just cap but also ban 737's and other larger aircraft from this "concrete jungle" of an airport that is irresponsibly butted up against homes. Since the homes were zoned, this airport expanded with new builds that violated the city's obligation to protect communities' health, air quality and quality of life. The same legal report back should be ordered for all options available to impose and increase fees and taxes (fuel, etc) on users and FBOs in order to generate significant proceeds to directly benefit residents. I live over 10 miles from Van Nuys airport, so I do not qualify for sound insulation programs and that is wrong! As an emergency room nurse, I work nights. We can not sleep during the day due to the onslaught of air traffic VNY hosts. The City Council permitted Prop Park and all the non-essential helicopter indulgence and in doing so they should have ensured fees and taxes, on a city and state level, protected existing communities regardless of their distance from this Valley detriment. Los Angeles' economy is not driven by this GA airport. Their aviation employment is a minuscule and inconsequential percentage of our population, and there has been no tangible evidence of exactly how many aviation related employees actually reside in San Fernando Valley. LAWA has been shown to have violated Environmental Justice laws, and principled stewardship, and its time City Council takes honorable action. I agree: People over Profits. We are a "green" state, find "green" uses for VNY parcels. The city zoned for close residential life so VNY should not have been permitted to expand operations to this level.