

Communication from Public

Name: Robert Bramen

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Comments for Public Posting: Actions on RFPs, projects, and leases at VNY that could have significant impacts on nearby residents have been taken by the BOAC over the past five plus years without ever being properly noticed or presented to the public at the VNY Citizens Advisory Council (CAC). For example, just at the most recent BOAC meeting (December 1, 2022), an action to eliminate two representatives from Council District 5 on the CAC was on the consent calendar without it ever being properly noticed or presented to the CAC, City Council or public for discussion and recommendations. On the same agenda was approval of a lease for a major expansion of helicopter maintenance and storage facilities at VNY, yet the RFP, the resultant project proposed in the lease, and the lease itself were never on the agenda or presented to the CAC, where public comment could be offered, and modifications made before the final lease was brought before the BOAC for action. The BOAC is being spoon-fed actions to be taken without those proposed actions having been properly vetted through a public review process. The CAC was in fact created for just this purpose yet has been circumvented over the past five plus years. Motion 22-1489 aims to correct this by calling for an accounting of all project and lease awards by LAWA at VNY over the past six years, and for a plan for engagement of the public on future actions. I therefore strongly endorse approval of Motion 22-1489 by the Transportation Committee and by the full City Council.

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Comments for Public Posting: To whom it may concern, I am in strong support of this motion calling for VNY Transparency and basically reprimand LAWA for extremely questionable conduct. In my humble opinion evidence points to corruption, bias, favoritism and outright immoral action by certain staff at Los Angeles World Airports. On several occasions citizens and elected officials have sought to obtain a separate Board of Airport Commissioners for VNY airport, and they should! San Fernando Valley residents are ignored by the Board. NO meetings are held in the Valley, and that is as discriminatory and damaging to the Valley population and environment. LAWA's irresponsible stewardship of VNY (see: <https://www.socalsfv.com/TalkingPoints.html>) has betrayed the City and its citizens. VNY airport has completely outgrown its location and they are still attempting to do it without community notice or input. LAWA's lack of transparency (or honesty!), even with our elected officials, is a frightening reality of its upper management's abuse of power. I applaud the four city council members that contributed to this motion, and to whomever penned the motion may I say THANK YOU. The strong language in this motion is exactly what has been missing in Los Angeles government. Finally City Council is taking a stand against some corruption and abuse of power, and holding guilty parties accountable. The author of this Motion is brilliant and I hope whichever council office s/he works for appreciates her/his value and continues to support the effort to protect the Valley environment and citizens, and to protect our rights, health and shared natural spaces. This is one enormous start to what should be an ongoing and in-depth investigation into LAWA's practices and actions. We also need audits across the board at VNY airport. Finally, shame on BOAC for rubber stamping what appears to be a "back door" deal with Bonseph Helinet. This corruption must be exposed and reversed!

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Name: Sapia, RN (RE: Nurse - ER schedule)

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Comments for Public Posting: To whom it may concern, in a prior comment I neglected to state that I am an ER nurse. I work nights and the egregious overgrowth of VNY has resulted in a complete inability for essential workers that work the graveyard shift to sleep if they happen to be Valley residents. I live in Woodland Hills south of the 101. Bob Blumenfield is my council member. I was very pleased to see his name on this motion 22-1489. I implore Council member Blumenfield to take whatever action is within his power to VETO the Board's negligent decision to approve a lease (Bonseph Helinet) that outlined an additional expansion at VNY that is outside the citizens best interest. It makes no sense that any lease at the proposed scale of land use development should be considered or approved. It clearly is NOT about modernization but rather expansion, huge profit returns for FOREIGN investors and for a party that appears to have far too much influence over LAWA and VNY airport growth. I refer to a gentleman who has been identified as Curt Castagna, and who is the President of the Van Nuys Airport Association and who's legal representative at a November BOAC meeting admitted in public comment that Bonseph Helinet had ADVANCE NOTICE, by more than 2 years, of the 2021 RFP. This is why people are calling for a deep dive investigation. SoCalSFV.com community group has posted on social media venues video clips from BOAC meetings for the public benefit. As an essential working in the emergency room, people's lives depend on my ability to function in my job. I can NOT function off ZERO sleep, or sleep that is consistently interrupted. "Ear plugs" are not an option as they cause tinnitus for me, and put too much pressure on my inner ear. I take every available means to "sound proof" my room but it simply is not practical on my budget and the airport fails miserably in any level of inclusiveness for victims of VNY operations in soundproofing programs because they self-servingly do nothing beyond the inadequate federal standard of "immediate areas". Additionally, these VNY expansions are NOT to accommodate emergency, medical or essential air traffic. They are a profit ambition for the investors at the complete burden of Valley residents and our resident. Any monies earned by LAWA from egregious leaseholds do NOT benefit the city, per say, or community, at all, they benefit the airport and aviation interests. As a nurse, the

pollution impact for these non-essential aircraft is devastating for the public's health, both short-term and long-term. This is why VNY should have NEVER been allowed to expand to the degree it has by the irresponsible "piece-mealing" of contracts, addendums and leases. 2009 audits prove LAWA staff is inept and incapable of running a general aviation airport, and so it is clear that they allowed the Billionaires and millionaires and persons like Mr. Castagna to "run the show" by dictating their own VNY vision. That criminal negligence needs to be thoroughly investigated, and with repercussions. Please VETO the Bonseph Helinet lease that appears to have had a corrupt RFP (dog and pony show) process. And please move this motion out of committee and back to LA City Council to APPROVE as soon as possible. Thank you.

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Name: Scott Goldman

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Comments for Public Posting: Expansion of any air traffic using Van Nuys Airport would be a travesty. The BOAC is putting the safety, peaceful enjoyment and property values of everyone within a 25-mile radius at risk for the benefit of a handful of privileged individuals. I implore you to STOP any expansion of traffic at VNY, whether airplane or helicopter, and to plan to REDUCE the amount of private air traffic flying over our neighborhoods. Scott Goldman Calabasas