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Summary: RE CF22-1489 Van Nuys Airport (VNY) / Development Projects / Community Impact / VNY Citizens Advisory Council The Woodland Hills-Warner Neighborhood Council Board SUPPORTS the Los Angeles City Council enacting the actions in Motion #22-1489 with swift and immediate enforcement. Van Nuys Airport (VNY) has grown to rank as one of the world's busiest general aviation airports. Even though the airport's growth has brought financial gain to the airport and the City of Los Angeles and additional jobs for Angelenos, it comes at a real cost to San Fernando Valley residents. Increased noise, pollution, and air traffic complicate our regional efforts to address environmental justice concerns and our climate crisis. Please see our posted CIS for additional details.

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Action Passed on 12/12/2022

Members Present: 23
Quorum: 12

Members voting Aye: 16
Members voting Nay: 02
Members Abstaining: 0

Members Ineligible: 05
Members Recused: 0

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RE CF22-1489 Van Nuys Airport (VNY) / Development Projects / Community Impact / VNY Citizens Advisory Council

Van Nuys Airport (VNY) has grown to rank as one of the world's busiest general aviation airports. It is one of two airports owned by Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA)--including Los Angeles International Airport (LAX). Its location in the center of the San Fernando Valley had been a significant departure and arrival point for legions of small private and corporate prop aircraft for decades. But year after year, it has seen many small single-engine aircraft users replaced by newer, bigger, and noisier corporate jet aircraft. And, during Covid, VNY traffic increased, and operations expanded, providing private air traffic an alternative to LAX. That has substantially increased the volume of air traffic over densely populated Valley communities.

Even though the airport's growth has brought financial gain to VNY and the City of Los Angeles and more jobs for Angelenos, it comes at a real cost to San Fernando Valley residents. Increased noise, pollution, and air traffic complicate regional efforts to address environmental justice concerns and our climate crisis.

The airport system operates under the direction of a policy-making Board of Airport Commissioners [BOAC] appointed by the Mayor of Los Angeles. In 1985, the Los Angeles City Council established the Van Nuys Airport Citizens Advisory Council [CAC] for community examination and input around all aspects of general aviation operations, facilities development, and land utilization at and around the airport. But during the recent Covid crisis, the perceived urgency facilitated an easy way for VNY to bypass the Van Nuys CAC and other advisory bodies, to ignore their input and process, and just submit project proposals directly to the BOAC.

Due to the circumvention of the Van Nuys CAC, year-over-year *after-hours operations* at VNY have increased by 40.24%--directly impacting nearby residents with additional noise, pollution, and traffic. Overall, FAA traffic control and after-hours operations have risen 40.06% since 2017.

This moment is critical for the City of Los Angeles when transparency and credibility are needed to restore public trust. As such, LA City Council Members from Valley District 3, District 2, and District 4 created Motion #22-1489 that mandates input from the Van Nuys Airport CAC and sets clear standards of community outreach from the Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) regarding updates made to the Van Nuys Airport. Additionally, the Councilmember for the LAX area supports the motion.

As such, the Woodland Hills-Warner Center-Neighborhood Council must endorse this City Council action and encourage our City

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Councilman, Bob Blumenfield, to continue his vigilance over increasing noise, pollution, and air traffic impacts on the residents and businesses of Council District 3.

Therefore:

WHEREAS, the residents, businesses, and property owners of the Woodland Hills-Warner Center area, as do all other VNY impacted communities deserve a meaningful opportunity for input about any proposed changes and projects under consideration by VNY and evaluation by the BOAC; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles has chartered the Van Nuys Airport CAC with providing stakeholder input and outreach that VNY and the BOAC must in good faith adhere to; and

WHEREAS, the WHWCNC desires to completely support the actions of City Council Motion #22-1489 and urge the Council President that it be brought out of Committee to the Council floor for a complete vote of the LA City Council as swiftly as possible;

THEREFORE, the Woodland Hills Impacts and Policies (WHIP) Committee recommends the Woodland Hills – Warner Neighborhood Council Board accept this Impact Statement as its own and request the Los Angeles City Council to enact the actions in Motion #22-1489 with swift and immediate enforcement.