

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: I support Motion 22-1489 and I wish to share questions I recently asked my Council member Bob Blumenfield as my comment: I was told that all contracts and including expansion developments, or as they are sometimes misrepresented as "improvements", that exceed 5 years must receive City Council approval so if that is correct, why did city council permit Van Nuys airport to expand to the extent it has when the Valley communities pre-dated these expansions? City Council is obligated to protect the rights and well-being of their constituents, why was that not done? Why weren't restrictions put on the development projects at the airport? This is something that is certainly within the city's discretion and the community group says that such restrictions or size limitation on development such as hangars or ramps could have effectively worked to control volume at the airport. If the Board of Airport Commissioners are not paid, and have full time jobs outside of the commission, how can they possibly know, read or understand all these contracts being presented to them and if they are not reading them, why isn't City Council exercising due diligence so that someone is "watching the store" and knows what it is happening? Have you read all the contracts during your tenure? At the end of the day, these failures fall upon City council because if you approved every single one of these leases without comprehending how the airport was developing, then you are culpable. If I learn how to navigate the city website, am I going to find that you voted "yes" to all these expansion contracts during your tenure as our council member? The community group says that you should be submitting a motion that calls for the cease of all construction at Van Nuys airport until a new master plan has been updated with the participation of city council mandated oversight committee that includes knowledgeable residents from each council district. I understand that this action was responsibly taken back in the early 1990s so there is precedent and justification for such an action to take place again considering the widespread devastation to our Valley environments. Will you write and push such a motion asap? It is my understanding that another expansion project has been approved by the airport board, which I'm told is tainted by evidence of impropriety during some bidding process. Do you intend to investigate the impropriety claims? Do you intend to vote no and push for City Council to responsibly reject

this new lease? At this point, I think it is pretty clear that the management of Van Nuys airport has failed miserably and have not been forthcoming or truthful along the way. I trust, very much, the woman heading that community group because she points to and provides city documents that support statements she makes so I feel very confident in saying that I agree with that group and I would ask you to please correct the errors made in the past and ensure that no leases, construction or other aviation changes at Van Nuys airport occur this year at all, and not until you understand what is happening and have supervised, or delegated someone to supervise, an updated master plan. This gross violation of my family's rights and over all wellbeing is exasperating. We were here before these expansions. We have legal rights that our city council is not protecting. I do not agree that you can blame the FAA for this crisis. The city had control over the contracts and developments permitted at Van Nuys airport and the fault lies with city council, at least for anything that crossed your desks for approval. Please add the five members of my family to the voices calling for an immediate moratorium on all Van Nuys aviation related leases and construction. Also, I just learned that the lease City Council is asking to reject is called "Bonseph Helinet". Please stop this and all the irresponsible developments at Van Nuys post haste.