

## Communication from Public

**Name:** SAVE OUR SKIES LA

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**Comments for Public Posting:** We need LAWA / VNY to be transparent about proposed projects — IT HAS NOT BEEN FOR MANY YEARS IN SERVICE OF CORPORATE INTERESTS AND EXPANSION THAT IS HURTING HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS with particulate emissions and heavy metals pollution, assaultive blight, blitzkrieg noise. Schoolchildren, staff, and families at almost 30 schools impacted by the airport are unable or afraid to speak up about how increased operations, both in numbers and kinds of air traffic (large commercial size jets flying low over them) have dramatically impacted their daily lives -- with incessant noise, fumes, particulate emissions, and heavy metals. And now--since 2018--when one goes to the Sepulveda Flood Basin, residents, plants, birds, and wildlife have been and are being harmed more and more by the growth and mutation Van Nuys Airport from a small GA airport that served primarily private recreational pilots and schools, to a commercial jet airport catering to the wealthy and the 1%. LAWA says they can't restrict operations there because the FAA won't allow it. Well, LA City Council CAN draw down operations at VNY by NO LONGER ACCEPTING FEDERAL FUNDS at that airport. Please do it now. Pass a resolution to STOP TAKING FEDERAL FUNDS at VNY, and then move to shut down commercial type and charter operations at VNY. It's bad for the communities, schoolchildren, parks and wildlife around the airport; bad for our environment; and bad for our climate. Return the airport to what it used to be. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Eliza Pier

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**Comments for Public Posting:** RE: #22-1489 and #22-1125 01) #22-1489 Motion (Blumenfield, et al. – Bonin) relative to the Van Nuys Airport covering topics including, but not limited to, list of projects and awards, community engagement, the 2005 VNY Master Plan, environmental impacts, a proposal for future community engagement, and the recordation of VNY Citizens Advisory Council meetings. and 02) #22-1125 CONTINUED FROM NOVEMBER 22, 2022 Los Angeles World Airports to provide a verbal report on Motion (Martinez – Blumenfield) relative to actions to be taken to address the increase of scheduled charter operations at the Van Nuys Airport. My husband and I have been Encino residents since 2013. In this 10-year duration, the escalation of daily and nightly flights arriving and departing from VNY has become unbearable. It is impossible to spend 30-minutes outdoors without feeling as if a jet is going to land on top of me or my home. As someone who moved to Encino/San Fernando Valley in order to appreciate and spend a lot of time outdoors, it is becoming increasingly impossible. We are concerned about our health and the safety of our fruit and vegetable gardens since these constant jets are dumping heavy metals pollution. Hiking in the Santa Monica Mountains has become a nearly unbearable due to the constant, deafening noise from the jets arriving/departing VNY. This is my personal perspective, however, understanding the greater issues and impacts the unregulated VNY expansion has had on our Valley is sickening: school children of all ages, wildlife, flora, bird migration patterns, air pollution, ground and water pollution, etc. It is UNACCEPTABLE that the unregulated expansion of VNY has been allowed and it MUST BE CURTAILED NOW. The current state of VNY is HURTING HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS with particulate emissions and heavy metals pollution, assaulting blight, blitzkrieg noise. We do not support an increase in jet charter operations at VNY, a fully landlocked airport surrounded by densely populated neighborhoods and on the south by birds, trees, and wildlife of the Sepulveda Flood Basin. All LA City Council members (voted in by us, your constituents) need to represent the residents and business owners around the airport and show they care about the health and environmental impacts to surrounding communities of what goes on at VAN NUYS

AIRPORT by doing everything possible to draw down that airport. VNY does NOT serve the local population that is being harmed by its activities. To continue operations, it must become a "good neighbor" and adhere to "good neighbor" policies at all times of day and night.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Dave Abbitt

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Los Angeles City Council Members, I am writing to bring to your attention the urgent public safety issue of air and noise pollution caused by the charter jet air traffic over my house due to Van Nuys Airport. Charter jet traffic departing Van Nuys Airport often fly directly over my home measured at altitudes typically around 3,000 feet but sometimes as low as below 800 feet. The constant noise pollution and poor air quality caused by the airport's air traffic have negatively impacted the health and well-being of myself and my family. The noise pollution caused by the jets is not only disturbing, but also has a significant impact on our quality of life. It affects our sleep patterns, makes it difficult to concentrate on work or school, and has even caused stress-related health issues. Flights leave at all hours of the day and night, ignorant of the noise curfew "enforced" by the airport. Moreover, the air pollution caused by charter jets is a serious concern. The constant stream of aircraft emissions has a detrimental impact on our health, especially for children and elderly individuals. Regular exposure to the heavy metals in these emissions may cause serious illnesses, including cancer and respiratory disease. It is also worth noting the heavy charter jet air traffic through Van Nuys airport is a greater public safety risk considering the airport is landlocked and surrounded by small businesses, schools, neighborhoods, and the fire risk of the Santa Monica Mountains. As a resident of this community, I strongly urge you to take immediate action to address the air and noise pollution caused by Van Nuys Airport charter jet air traffic over my house. I believe that it is the responsibility of the City Council to ensure the safety and well-being of its residents, and I hope that you will take this matter seriously and prioritize the health of the community over corporate and community greed. I request that you take the following actions to mitigate the impact of the air and noise pollution: - Implement stricter regulations on the frequency of charter jet flights over residential areas. - Conduct regular air quality tests in the surrounding areas to monitor the impact of the air pollution caused by the airport. - Explore alternative routes or methods of air transportation to reduce the impact of air and noise pollution. - I urge you to take immediate action to address this issue and work towards a solution that will improve the health and well-being of the community. Thank you

for your attention to this matter. Sincerely, Dave Abbitt