

Communication from Public

Name: Millie Rivero

Date Submitted: 02/21/2023 11:36 AM

Council File No: 22-1489

Comments for Public Posting: This is regarding the impact that Van Nuys airport has on our community; specifically my family. We moved to North Hills in 2000, about a mile north-east of the airport. Yes, we knew there was a civilian airport there, but our research showed that it was an operation of small private planes during daytime hours with the occasional military or emergency aircraft take off or landing during off hours. We also had an annual air show and that was really nice. We peacefully co-existed with the airport for many years. Fast forward to the last 2 or 3 years and the airport has become a real nuisance. The roar of large jets sitting on the tarmac and taking off wakes us up at all hours of the night and rob us of peace and quiet at all times. We replaced all our windows with double pane windows and installed R30 insulation in the attic, but it is not helping. Please, put a stop to any further expansion of the Van Nuys airport and enforce quiet hours from 10 PM to 6 AM so those of us who have to work, our children that have to go to school and the elderly among us can get some rest. Thank you.

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Name: Isabel Rosenbaum

Date Submitted: 02/21/2023 11:38 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: In the past several years VNY has grown exponentially. The FAA Van Nuys Airport statistics are eye opening and frightening. Van Nuys airport is a fully landlocked airport surrounded by densely populated neighborhoods, schools. The explosive uncontrolled growth over the past several years has massively increased the noise and air pollution on all the neighborhoods for many miles in all directions. The airport was dedicated to noncommercial air travel and has over 277,000 takeoffs and landings annually. Semi-private charter flights and "air taxis" are now selling individual seats to the public. The deafening sound over our homes makes it almost impossible to enjoy our S. Cal weather as we are pushed inside because of the sound. Why isn't the city council looking out for the citizens that elected them? I support a decrease in jet operations at VNY. Do not permit the airport to continue to rain pollution down on your constituents. Sincerely, Isabel Rosenbaum

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Name: Lorraine Jonsson

Date Submitted: 02/21/2023 12:16 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: My house is directly under the busy flights patterns departing and arriving from the Van Nuys Airport. It is a struggle to cope with the increased noise at all times of day and night. There is a fine light grey shoot that now lands inside my house and on my furniture. I am deeply concerned about the health hazards resulting from the pollution from these jets. I have lived in my neighborhood and owned my house for over 20 years. This bombardment is completely wrong, inhumane and unfair.

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Name: Christine

Date Submitted: 02/21/2023 10:29 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: There are WAY too many Jets and Helicopters flying over the area now. Now they want to add more? This a horrible idea. Happy to have some of you come to our home and witness what the current situation is with the Van Nuys airport traffic. TOO LOW and TOO MANY!!!! Our neighborhood does 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 LA City Council needs 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.

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Name: Robert Bramen

Date Submitted: 02/21/2023 10:32 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: LAWA has failed to be transparent with the public while advancing a major growth program at VNY over the past decade. This motion will shed daylight on LAWAs actions and hopefully lead to enhanced stakeholder/community inclusiveness in an updated airport master plan.

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Name: Theresa Cameron

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Comments for Public Posting: Since I bought my home 15 years ago the amount of takeoffs and landings has increased exponentially. When I first bought in the area I was told there was a curfew for take offs and landings which at this point is completely ignored. What was once a family friendly neighborhood where we could leave our windows open at night has become a noise pollution haven. I'm asking the curfew to be reinstated and enforced.

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Name: Chloe Burnett

Date Submitted: 02/21/2023 08:50 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to voice my serious and mounting concerns about expansion at VNY. I am not sure what the end-game is here, but surrounding communities are already impacted to a breaking point. I live many miles from the airport, but the assault is daily and relentless. Most of this traffic is private and private charter jets. Commercial charters, no less. Our environment can't handle this burden. Not our wildlife and flora, not us humans either. LAWA, moving forward must change course, and be transparent on every level. They must consider community input. VNY is a landlocked airport. There is no ocean to buffer the sound or the pollution. To this end I ask, when is enough enough? When do the lives, sanity and health of those on the ground mean more than the whims of the 1% up in the skies. And where does this airport profit go? Certainly not the communities impacted. That much is clear. Thank you, Chloe Burnett

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Name: John Bjerke

Date Submitted: 02/21/2023 10:22 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: RECENT EXPANSION AT VAN NUYS NOW SENDS HELICOPTERS AND JETS OVER THE SEPULVEDA BASIN AND THE WILDLIFE DISTRICT IN THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS 24 HOURS A DAY. 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 Birds, wildlife, trees, plants, and activities at the 2,150 acre Sepulveda Basin Recreational Center and Wildlife Reserve are being harmed by ever-increasing low flying jets from VNY with their noise, blight, fumes, particulate emissions, and heavy metals. LAWA / VNY need 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. LA City Council needs 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. The airport expansion has become such a negative impact on our family that we are exploring moving out Los Angeles and from our home of over 15 years. Please take action here!

Communication from Public

Name: Rick Hill

Date Submitted: 02/21/2023 09:55 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Schoolchildren at schools such as Valley Charter Elementary, Encino Charter Elementary, Hesby Oaks Elementary, Lanai Road Elementary, Magnolia Science Academy, Birmingham Community High School and many other public and private schools around the airport are being daily traumatized and poisoned by relentless low flying jets over them. The families at these schools need OUR CITY COUNCIL to protect them. They can't take the noise and fumes, and there's plenty of scientific documentation that shows ongoing and long-lasting health and psychological effects from this kind of exposure to airplane noise and pollution. Teachers routinely must pause their lessons to wait for plane noise to decrease!! 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 LA City Council needs 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 and to work with community groups to force FAA to fix the horribly flawed and dangerous NextGen implementation that has created a super-highway of low-flying planes day and night over the Valley.

Communication from Public

Name: Baz Hendrix

Date Submitted: 02/21/2023 09:59 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear City Council: "Dedicated to noncommercial air travel" (or so Van Nuys Airport says!), VNY now reports over 277,000 takeoffs and landings annually. But over the past several years the line between noncommercial and commercial has blurred, with semi-private charter flights and "air taxis" exploiting a loophole and selling individual seats to the public. It's time to put an end to this abuse. Encino and Sherman Oaks are being subjected to non-stop noise and toxic pollution from VNY jets, and it is way too much for residents to endure. And so I ask you: • What is the Master Plan for VNY Airport? • How much bigger will the airport get? • Why is the "curfew" (Quieter Nights Program) not enforced? • Will we have constant, noisy drone delivery aircraft buzzing over our heads to annoy us soon, too? • Why has the City allowed LAWA to ignore its most critical stakeholders, the citizens and communities surrounding and impacted most by Van Nuys airport? The CAC is a total joke. Rather than being a true sounding board for the community, it is mostly comprised of aging white men who make their living in aviation. Thank you for addressing these concerns.

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Name: Wayne

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Comments for Public Posting: I fully support passage of the Ramen motion to have LAWA report back in 90 days, on the excessive growth actions they have taken at VNY while bypassing the VNY CAC in a number of deceptive actions. VNY has grown far beyond its intended General Aviation environment and has become essentially a commercial scheduled Jet Port for the rich and powerful, while blocking input from the public that has all too heavily been impacted day and night by noisy and polluting charter jets and helicopters. As a member of the VNY CAC I can also attest that actions by LAWA management were also taken outside their per view to remove myself and others from the council without consulting the incoming CD-5 Council member as to their thoughts of continuing our presence on the VNY CAC. There is considerable concern on the part of many in the community and at the airport that large FBO's at VNY are not only looking to expand their facilities without public oversight, but also to remove other smaller FBO's from VNY for their financial jet services expansion. LAWA executive management also needs to be questioned regarding their conflicts of interest and communications with larger FBO's that are not in the public's interest of continued growth at VNY, a land locked airfield surrounded by hundreds of thousands of home and residents. It is long past time to put the brakes on VNY's growth and understand how the previous City Council President, exposed in audio recordings last year, was using VNY as a benefit to her own power, as well as specific business interests on the airfield, all to the detriment of the surrounding community.

Communication from Public

Name: Susan Collins

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Comments for Public Posting: Please support this motion and take action to decrease and contain jet operations at VNY. Current levels are not environmentally appropriate, safe, or compatible with life around the airport. 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 at schools such as Valley Charter Elementary, Encino Charter Elementary, Hesby Oaks Elementary, Lanai Road Elementary, Magnolia Science Academy, Birmingham Community High School and many other public and private schools around the airport are being daily traumatized and poisoned by relentless low flying jets over them. The families at these schools need OUR CITY COUNCIL to protect them. They can't take the noise and fumes, and there's plenty of scientific documentation that shows ongoing and long-lasting health and psychological effects from this kind of exposure to airplane noise and pollution. Birds, wildlife, trees, plants, and activities at the 2,150 acre Sepulveda Basin Recreational Center and Wildlife Reserve are being harmed by ever-increasing low flying jets from VNY with their noise, blight, fumes, particulate emissions, and heavy metals. Please oppose any 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. LA City Council needs 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 the hazardous effects of the Van Nuys Airport. Thank you, Susan Collins