

## MOTION

## TRADE, TRAVEL AND TOURISM

Van Nuys Airport (VNY) is one of the busiest general aviation airports in the country, located in the San Fernando Valley. General aviation includes all aviation services except for commercial air travel, including services for the ultrawealthy utilizing private jet services. Over the past few years major development and modernization has come to VNY, both in the form of infrastructure upgrades to flight facilities like runways, and via reconstruction of hangars for fixed based operators (FBOs) providing private jet service. During the pandemic, when commercial airlines experienced some of the most severe impacts to their industry, private air traffic into and out of VNY grew. Though this growth has brought financial gain to the airport and to 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.

Throughout this period of growth and modernization at VNY, groups that help advise the airport on modernization like the Citizens Advisory Council (CAC) have not consistently been included or briefed on Requests For Proposals and contract awards for major airport projects. Just a few weeks ago, a significant proposal for modernization of helicopter facilities at VNY was sent to the Board of Airport Commissioners (BOAC) for their approval without any action or discussion at the CAC. The night before that BOAC meeting, the item was pulled. There are other projects pending action, and no clear standards of community outreach from the Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA).

It was in this context that the VNY Citizens Advisory Council, at its Tuesday, November 1st meeting, passed a motion asking for a moratorium on all development projects at Van Nuys Airport until a communications plan for impacted stakeholders and community members is put in place, and until they receive a detailed accounting of development projects that LAWA acted on since 2017.

Especially at a time when the City of Los Angeles is transitioning to new leadership, thoughtful action is required to restore the public's trust. For LAWA, this means ensuring activities at VNY are good for all stakeholders, including those who work and benefit from the economic activity at the airport and those who deal with the fallout of that activity in the form of increased noise and pollution.

**I THEREFORE MOVE** that the Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) report back to Council within 90 days on the following:

- **List of Projects and Awards** – A complete list of all redevelopment projects with corresponding RFP documentation and project award details at VNY including, but not limited to, infrastructure improvements to the airfield and common air support facilities, hangar and FBO facility redevelopments for jets, propeller planes, and helicopters, and any educational or auxiliary support facilities for the airport since January 2017.
- **Community Engagement** – For the aforementioned list, details regarding the community engagement plan LAWA undertook to ensure the public was made aware of these projects and their potential impacts to the community. This should include all major stakeholder groups engaged for each project like neighborhood councils, homeowners associations, the VNY Citizens Advisory Council, chambers of commerce, business improvement districts (BIDs), council offices, and the mayor's office. It should also include a description of the documentation and briefings that were provided to these stakeholders on a per-project basis.

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- **Compliance with the 2005 VNY Master Plan** – A detailed description of the compliance or non-compliance of the aforementioned projects with the 2005 Van Nuys Airport Master Plan;
- **Environmental Impacts** – An accounting of the environmental review of these projects, including which projects had detailed California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)-compliant Environmental Impact Reports (EIR), which projects sought and obtained CEQA exemptions, which projects had detailed National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)-compliant EIRs, which projects sought and obtained NEPA exemptions, and which projects had ground source emissions impacts detailing any oversight from the South Coast Air Quality Management District (ScAQMD); and
- **Proposal for Future Community Engagement** – a detailed description of LAWA's plans for future community engagement for all VNY projects, covering how LAWA will engage impacted communities via community meetings, the Board of Airport Commissioners, neighborhood councils, homeowners associations, the VNY Citizens Advisory Council, chambers of commerce, BIDs, council offices, and the Mayor's office.

**I FURTHER MOVE** that the Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) ensure all future VNY Citizens Advisory Council meetings are recorded and available for the public on LAWA's website within 60 days, or provide a report back to Council on ways to record these meetings to ensure greater transparency to the public.

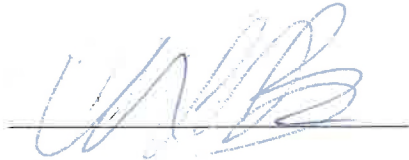
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