

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council Members, My name is Alicia Avery. I have been a resident and community member of CD6 since 2015 and I am a direct neighbor to the Van Nuys Airport living within steps from the tarmac. I live with my husband and two small daughters (4 and 7). We fell in love with our home and our community immediately. We were more than aware that we were purchasing a home next to an airport and looked forward to all of us being great neighbors to each other (VNY and the community). Unfortunately, over the past five years, the growth of VNY has been exponential and the air traffic has increased dramatically with total disregard to the surrounding community and without ANY thought to moderation measures in the development deals. VNY has now introduced this Vision Study without doing any of the necessary and vital studies that need to be done prior to moving forward with any type of talks of development, expansion and/or updates to the VNY airport. This is gross and negligent and is backwards to how a business is to move forward. Activity at VNY gets worse by the day. There seems to be no regulations in place whatsoever with only recommendations and voluntary programs in place, which are not taken seriously by aviation businesses and operators. Jet and prop plane flights take off on an average of every 5 minutes, anytime throughout the night, and now within the past 6 months planes changing their flight paths to fly directly over our home. Directly over densely populated residential areas. And now VNY and LAWA are looking to develop further without addressing the issues at hand. This causes not only great concern to the health of my children but also an even greater concern of safety. This increased number in air traffic and now changes of flight paths directly over densely populated residential areas only increase the ratio for an accident to happen not on VNY property but in these neighboring residences. Just like any business, VNY has a responsibility to do the necessary steps prior to any thoughts of moving forward with this Vision Study or any new developments. VNY has even more responsibility to take these necessary steps given the direct impact it has on the surrounding communities. Moving forward any other way is grossly negligent. What would you do if you lived in such close proximity to VNY knowing that your entire family and beloved community is in harm's way and that the City can

mitigate this health crisis, but to date LAWA refuses?! All businesses need accountability and VNY and LAWA should not be held to a different standard. The current lack of accountability and regulations has already negatively impacted the community and will continue to do so...only to the detriment to the residents and your constituents. Los Angeles World Airports and VNY must take responsibility. I truly implore you to listen to us. By saying Yes to this motion, you are giving pause, while the City of Los Angeles, with due diligence, can remedy these issues and protect your constituents. Please, please, a responsible please to reassess negligent land use developments harming this Valley. My husband and I fully support this motion. This motion supports taking the proper action to move forward with studies and concrete factual data to support where VNY and the community as a whole stand currently stand and creating a decisive Airport Plan in regards to UPDATED and CURRENT data and information. All information regarding VNY as is currently stands is outdated and cannot and should not be used as proper data in any future VNY developments. City Council should be following Council District 6's lead! If your district is not impacted, you have no moral or ethical right to approve developments at VNY or vote against a responsible Plan mandate. If your district IS impacted, then honor your constituents' health, quality of life and prosperity in your district and support CD6's efforts! Please say YES to the right actions. The health and wellbeing of my family depends on it.