

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: I am vehemently AGAINST any expansion of activities or facilities at Van Nuys Airport (VNY) in regard to the file number referenced above. Respectfully, Los Angeles City Council members may have forgetting that people ACTUALLY LIVE HERE. The area around VNY including the entire San Fernando Valley, the West Valley, Calabasas, Agoura Hills and surrounding areas areas in the flight paths of the various private aircraft that are being (ab)used are affecting the quality of life in real, concrete terms. Dirt, polluted air, extremely dangerous levels of noise and more must be mitigated to save the local residents from actual harm. If the Council truly wishes to make real steps against inequality in the city this would be a fine place to start. Giving preference to a handful of celebrities and wealthy individuals over the collective lives and well-being of tens of thousands of tax-paying (and voting!) residents is emblematic of the height of inequality. Please do something about this NOW. Specifically: The ground operations and non-essential aircraft in and out of VNY adversely impacts the entire Valley floor including home environments, natural environments and places of business. In 2022 a local aviation advocate, QSWH, exposed the City's failure to hold the airport sponsor, Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA), accountable and ensure that policy was created in the best interest of the City and its citizens when it comes to land use developments at VNY. LAWA was exposed as wasting over \$100 million dollars of capital investment funds without ensuring responsible and critically necessary modernization upgrades including but not limited to: power capacity upgrades for electrified hangars and ramps, grey water infrastructure, jet blast and acoustical wall installations, and perimeter tree canopy borders meeting FAA height restrictions. The before-mentioned is critical in providing mitigation measures to protect adjacent and surrounding areas, and to help reduce VNY's carbon footprint and adverse impact on the region's air quality. Thank you, Scott Goldman 30-year resident of Calabasas