

Communication from Public

Name: Alicia Avery

Date Submitted: 12/08/2023 11:45 AM

Council File No: 23-1339

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.

Communication from Public

Name: Sue Steinberg

Date Submitted: 12/10/2023 12:46 AM

Council File No: 23-1339

Comments for Public Posting: Having lived in the neighborhood adjacent to VNY known as The Pocket here in Lake Balboa since 1986, I've seen how VNY was once compatible to the neighborhood, and a considerate "neighbor" to the surrounding communities. Unfortunately, this is no longer the case. VNY has been allowed to dramatically outgrow it's location and sustainability here in the heart of the SFV. Designated a "General Aviation" airport, it has essentially morphed into a "Commercial Airport" with Charter & private jet traffic flying 24/7 & several flight schools, spewing toxic fuel & excessive noise, with no consideration for the 1.8 million people here in the Valley who are being affected. The horrible environmental impact is taking a toll healthwise, as well as financially on thousands of people, young & old. Many of us cannot move - nor should we have to. The average resident in the area can't use the airport, unless you can afford to charter or own a private jet. We just suffer the pollution and noise and get NOTHING in return. The wealthiest 1% benefit while we pay the price...because none of them live in the area, it's just a "convenience" to fly out of here. This is ENVIRONMENTAL INJUSTICE at its worst. This motion 23-1339 comes at a critical time, as the need has never been more important than now to STOP the excessive air traffic and expansion at VNY. LA needs to take the necessary time to listen to the needs of the surrounding communities/schools/businesses/residents being impacted. The last Airport Master Plan was released in 2006, and it's long overdue for a new and updated plan to be researched, vetted and implemented. Thanks to Councilpersons Padilla, and Raman for filing this motion, as their districts are the most impacted. But ALL the City Council members need to support this motion. As community leaders you need to protect all constituents, understanding that the health, well being, and environmental impact of VNY affects everyone here in LA.