

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council Members, My name is Brad Kaplan, and YOUR vote in committee and the City Council floor for CF 23-1339 and the Bonseph Helient proposal will either directly HARM the health and well-being of my family, OR collectively protect the citizens of this Valley. I ask you to vote to PROTECT the citizens! Over the past eight years, the growth of VNY has been exponential, without transparency, and without ANY thought to mitigation measures in billionaire-funded development deals. This City has FAILED its citizens (and our environment) by allowing millions of investors' funds to be WASTED by LAWA through their failure to ensure that development projects include critically needed and environmentally preserving modernization upgrades such as electrified hangars/ramps, jet blast and sound barrier walls, significant tree canopy borders meeting FAA height requirements, grey water infrastructure, and more. THIS MOTION WILL PREVENT SUCH NEGLIGENCE FROM EVER HAPPENING AGAIN. This motion should not be amended or watered down in any way, and NO aviation development should be approved by City Council until 23-1339 is realized! The Bonseph Helinet proposal is yet another development failure that does NOT include critically needed modernization upgrades to protect residents and the environment from immediate, direct and cumulative harm. We call on you to REJECT the Bonseph Helinet proposal and NOT to be naive and attempt to "negotiate" modifications that can NOT be realized in this deal. CEQA historically has FAILED residents without providing VNY development protections. Reject it. It is OUR health and quality of life that is impacted by your vote. City Council should be following Council District 6's lead! If your district is not impacted, you have no moral standing to approve or even suggest modifications to approve developments at VNY, nor to vote against or amend a responsible Plan mandate. If your district IS impacted, then please honor your constituents' health, quality of life and environment in your district and support CD6's efforts! Say YES to the right actions. My life and the lives of my children depend on it.