

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: To Whom It May Concern: Greetings. This letter is to describe genuinely, most honestly, and as much as words can, the tormenting situation that communities surrounding VNY airport undergo every day of week and every hour of a typical day, weekends and holidays INCLUDED. We live under roofs that we call "home". We worked very very hard to be able to afford a place of our own, and work even harder to be able to pay our loans and mortgages. We cherish our homes, we raise our kids under these roofs and hope they will, one day, become a nest for our grandkids. We have dreams for our homes, we paint our front yards and backyards with flowers and plants with the hope of enjoying the sunshine, heat, rain, and breeze in our front yards or backyards on weekends, after days of hard, selfless work. But it's extremely sad to say that the unchecked, and uncontrolled expansion of the VNY airport has taken away our simplest, most primitive rights to enjoy privacy and quality of life in our properties. VNY airport's priority is to serve the self-centered desire of people (probably 1% of celebrities and rich) who, in my opinion, make good use of the VNY airport's weak, self-serving, and incompetent management. Jets fly over our roofs at a horrifyingly low altitude, they make incredibly vast, and massively disturbing noises; they fly whenever they want: 24/7. We highly doubt they follow the protocols to take off or approach the airport using noise abatement techniques, and we highly doubt they are essentially necessary to fly this frequently. We often see and smell the dark emission of their exhaust over our backyards, or -even more terrifying- over the nearby schools when kids are outdoors, often once every 90 seconds. The VNY airport's management conveniently does not report propellers' constant touch-and-go operations which have become exponentially disturbing and damaging to our mental and physical health. The propellers fly whenever they want and in the directions they desire. They frequently circle over our roofs, and again, we highly doubt they follow the protocols to make less noise. I have measured the noise they create and surprisingly the noise level often reaches a level as high as 80 dB. If you think that this is exaggerated, we welcome you to visit the neighborhood on Saturday and Sunday all day long, bring your equipment and measure the noise. We demand you to do so, for you to have a

realistic idea of the harm and torture the VNY airport's operation causes. The airport declines complaints saying they are ONLY responsible for when the planes (jets or propellers) take off or land in the airport, and the rest is not part of their responsibilities. Sounds strange, doesn't it? We beg you to consider the situation as force majeure, and form a task force, a working body consisting of experts who could assess the situation, investigate the VNY airport's operations and policies, its reports, its finances, its managers' conflicts of interests; to study and report the extremely negative effect of its operations on the surrounding communities, which is densely populated. We beg you to consider the over 11,000 noise complaints the airport receives EVERY MONTH. We beg you to investigate what the airport did to mitigate over 132,000 noise complaints in 2023. Did they do something about it? We beg you to assign experts and examine the quality of the air all of us residing in the neighborhood, parents, kids, newborns, and elderly inhale. We beg you to assign experts and assess the impact of jet noise flying at 11pm, 12:30 am, 2:15 am, 3:20 am on and on. The above is just a brief description of our life conditions. If the authorities are not able to remedy the situation due to political reasons, I'd suggest the city, the airport, FAA, LAWA, or whoever could buy our properties at a premium so we could afford to buy houses elsewhere, while transferring the mortgage. The situation is intolerable, it has become intolerable, it wasn't this terrifying when we bought our houses a few years ago. As mentioned earlier, VNY airport is out of control and is not a good neighbor. It must be investigated and put under scrutiny.