

## Communication from Public

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Citizens of Los Angeles count on the city to fix the lack of oversight that has allowed Van Nuys Airport to turn into a commercial jet airport that now caters to the wealthy 1% at the expense of actual residents- residents who were not included in decisions that directly affect their health and the health of their families. This change of the actual purpose of this airport is in direct conflict with its original intent as a General Aviation airport and also at the expense of the global environment. Van Nuys Airport is a General Aviation airport that is in the densest populated residential area of all GA airports in the U.S., and is now being touted as the busiest General Aviation Airport in the US. This is obviously not a good idea, reflecting poor planning that caters only to generating more revenue for the airport itself at the great expense of citizens of Los Angeles, and the lack of oversight allowing this to occur is going to only make this situation even more untenable. In addition to an over 50% increase in fixed base operations — coinciding with an over 50% increase in jet ops since 2016, LAWA's lack of policy and a relevant Specific Airport Plan has resulted in the City's wasting nearly \$100M of capital investment funds to turn VNY into predominantly an airport for private and charter jets interests without mitigation mandates or foresight as to environmental and health costs, and without including common sense environmental protections to protect neighbors from air pollution and to protect land and water from long-term contamination from jet fuel. Vehicle plug-ins, solar panels, and talks about bio fuel are not enough to offset the private charters. It is long overdue that City Council paid attention to the decades-long issues surrounding VNY stewardship — documented in a variety of council files over the years and in the 2008 Industrial, Economic, and Administrative Survey (IEA). Residents stand united in calling for City Council to do the following: 1. Support Motion 23-1339 and its criteria as written and without amendment. 2. Reject the Bonseph Helinet LLC proposal. This controversial proposal — presented by the primary developer who already has a massive influence and presence at VNY -- was presented in the continuing vacuum of a lack of long-term Plan and is void of critical environmental components. For these reasons alone this project should be rejected. Upon rejection the City should conduct an

IEA under City Charter Section 266(a) and as referred to in number three (#3) below. There are BETTER options available on that lot and now that the RFP process has completed and failed to produce an acceptable proposal, the City should explore more compatible and thoughtful options that benefit the entire region and not just the developer. 3. Support a moratorium ordinance prohibiting building permits on specified aviation land at VNY until a forensic audit and Industrial, Economic and Administrative Study (IEA) have been conducted, as well as all necessary environmental, health and cumulative impact studies on VNY land use and until said studies have been utilized in the creation of a new Specific Airport Plan. Councilmembers of impacted districts should without hesitation turn a deaf ear to lobbyists and paid employees of VNY businesses and — instead and for the first time — protect their constituents in actions regarding Van Nuys Airport. Councilmembers of non-impacted districts should defer to the interests and health of CD6 residents and other impacted CDs efforts on the above three necessities.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Joanne Lichtman  
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**Comments for Public Posting:** VOTE YES ON THE MOTION, PLEASE!!!! I am a resident of LA, specifically Sherman Oaks California, who has been massively affected by the increased frequency and size of planes taking off and landing at VNY airport. It has truly devastated our lives. We cannot use our outdoor spaces without unrelenting airplane noise, often every few minutes. We cannot hold a conversation — we must stop speaking every couple minutes b/c you cannot hear one another with the airplane noise. They are low, they are frequent, and it is unreasonable that private jets should be allowed to use a landlocked airport in one of the densest urban areas in the country. And I am not adjacent to the airport. I am at least 10-15 miles away. We were told that our representatives would do something about it, but apparently there are few people that represent anyone but the business and individual private plane users. Please change that. LA residents look to you to rectify the lack of oversight that for years has allowed controversial land use development to occur at VNY that turned it into a commercial airport for the wealthy elite and that continues to profit the business interests at VNY at the expense of the local and global environment and the health of people who live, go to school, and work around the airport. In addition to an over 50% increase in fixed base operations — coinciding with roughly 50% increase in jet ops since 2016, LAWA's lack of policy and a relevant Specific Airport Plan has resulted in the City wasting nearly \$100M of capital investment funds to turn VNY into predominantly an airport for private and charter jets interests without mitigation mandates or foresight as to environmental and health costs, and without including common sense environmental protections to protect neighbors from air pollution and the incessant deafening noise pollution, even as we and our children sleep at night!!! It is long overdue that City Council paid attention to the issues surrounding VNY stewardship. Residents stand united to calling for City Council to do the following: 1. Support Motion 23-1339 and its criteria as written and without amendment. 2. Reject the Bonseph Helinet LLC proposal. This controversial proposal — presented by the primary developer who already has a massive influence and presence at VNY -- was presented in the continuing vacuum of a lack of long-term Plan and is void of critical environmental components. For these

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