

## Communication from Public

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Subject: Addressing Aircraft Pollution and Expansion Concerns Near Van Nuys Airport  
Dear Council Members, I am writing as a concerned resident living near Van Nuys Airport, voicing urgent apprehensions about the escalating aircraft pollution. The amplified noise and emissions are not only detrimental to our environment but also jeopardize the health and quality of life for numerous residents, especially vulnerable populations like children, the elderly, and those with respiratory conditions. Historically, Van Nuys Airport, operational since 1928, was surrounded by sprawling farmlands. The current reality starkly contrasts this pastoral past, with our community now densely populated. This transformation intensifies the adverse effects of aircraft activities, accentuating the urgency to address and mitigate these impacts. Moreover, the proposed expansion of the airport presents additional hazards, including exacerbated noise pollution, increased emissions, and heightened risks to public health and safety. This expansion, if unchecked, threatens to further degrade our environment, compromise resident well-being, and undermine sustainability initiatives. I implore you to recognize and act upon the long-term ramifications of inaction. Implementing stringent regulations, conducting comprehensive environmental impact assessments, and fostering sustainable aviation policies are imperative steps to safeguard our community's health, environment, and future. Collaborative efforts involving relevant authorities, industry stakeholders, and community members can devise holistic solutions that address current concerns and mitigate potential risks associated with the airport's expansion. Thank you for your attention to this critical matter. I earnestly request your prompt response and concerted efforts to prioritize our community's well-being, environmental integrity, and sustainable development. Best regards, Polly Haas