

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: As a concerned Lake Balboa resident who lives blocks away from the Van Nuys airport, I urge the powers that be to vote YES on Motion 23-1339 to replace the outdated 18-year-old Airport Plan and zoning ordinance with a new, mutually beneficial (for all key stakeholders, including the local community) plan. The new plan should incorporate ongoing input from the Van Nuys Airport Specific Plan Citizens Advisory Committee, and neighboring residents/communities. In recent years, I have personally witnessed an increase in air traffic and noise pollution. Despite two sets of double-paned windows throughout the house, I am often awakened by planes taking off between the hours of 11pm and 6am. During weekend mornings and afternoons, as well as on weekday late afternoons, it is practically impossible to have a conversation outdoors because planes pass by every few minutes. The air traffic and noise pollution has become quite the nuisance for the neighboring community. I'd also like to express concern for the increase in aircraft deviating from the flight path. I live approximately one block west of the Van Nuys golf course, and constantly see planes fly over my house. Since I've been living in the area (over 10 years), there have been a few aircraft accidents on or near Hayvenhurst Blvd. and the neighbors and I live in constant fear that an aircraft can crash or make an emergency landing on our block resulting in a catastrophe, including human casualties. Last but not least, I worry about the toxic fumes being released into my community by the aircraft taking off and landing at Van Nuys Airport. Studies must be conducted to ensure that our community remains safe and is not exposed to any hazardous toxins resulting in any type of health issue. It is important to ensure these studies are legitimate, nonbiased and backed by science. Some may argue that I opted to live near an airport and should therefore deal with the consequences, but the situation has worsened over the years and this is certainly not what I, nor any of my neighbors, signed up for. I ask you to please hold all parties (including Los Angeles World Airports) accountable, and ensure that a new plan backed by extensive, impartial research, as well as community feedback replaces the existing Airport Plan and zoning ordinance.