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Comment:

Councilwoman Padilla, you are a Godsend to your district and this entire Valley and I applaud you! Thank you for the thoughtful and critically needed mandate for a VNY Specific Airport Plan and including valuable criteria for said Plan in the Motion. While the motion may only be the first step, it is a crucial step and establishes intent designed to protect this City and ALL its assets, which includes natural spaces and communities. The Dept of Airports (aka: LAWA) and the Dept of City Planning (LADCP) demonstrated with the 2005 Plan that, left to their own devices, they are incapable of ensuring that a responsible land use and VNY Master Plan is created that meets this City's long-term goals. The existing Plan is a disaster, it is vague and misguided, and it contradicts federal authority in many areas. The fact that LAWA tried to negate need for a new Plan by claiming the existing one is good for another couple years is absurd! The existing Plan was never adequate and public cites its intent was ignored by LAWA. CF 23-1339 is long overdue and finally includes intelligent and meaningful criteria to better protect this City's interests and those of its citizens, visitors and Valley businesses. PLUM and the Travel, Trade, Tourism committee should waive this out and bounce it right back to City Council for immediate vote to adopt! If further action is required to implement a new Specific VNY Plan, then so shall it be taken under the guidance of 23-1339. Councilmembers should review the COMMUNITY PRESENTATION:

<https://lawamediastorage.blob.core.windows.net/lawa-media-files/media-files/iflyvny/community-information/files/citizen-advisory-council/2023/20230905-presentation-community-airport-plan.pdf> — that is all you need to know to adopt 23-1339.

You know that a Motion is good when lobbyists are trying to fight it! As a publicist, I am all too familiar with the harmful spin and propaganda cultivated and used by lobbyists and PR firms working for Special Interests. My experience suggests that "professionals" working in that manner have a goal to manipulate the press, the public and elected officials. Half truths, selective and incomplete "facts" and straight out lies are norms that I've witnessed throughout my career. The public and Councilmembers might be suspicious of lobbyists Areen Ibranossian and John Ek who have been said to be hired by foreign investors (Bonseph) in partnership with Curt Castagna (and Helinet) and who are still fighting to push through an ill-fated Bonseph Helinet proposal that is wrought with exposed issues that communities across the Valley are calling for City Council to REJECT. These parties are SHAMELESSLY exploiting children and Children's Hospital in attempt to manipulate City Council, but who are they really fooling?! Councilmembers, have you been contacted by Areen or John? Are they now trying to attack 23-1339 too? Councilmembers - STAND BY YOUR CONSTITUENTS and the businesses in your districts and NOT these special interests!! Curt Castagna is President of the VNAA and public opinion appears to conclude he profits from disproportionate influence at VNY/LAWA. Ex Officio members of the VNAA are alleged to do Castagna's and/or LAWA bidding, perhaps like a recent article Nancy Hoffman (also CEO of Greater SFV Chamber of Commerce) wrote about Helinet (of Bonseph Helinet LLC) and VNY that appeared to be filled with propaganda as a counter to public sentiment and residents fight to restore integrity and balance in VNY developments. Stuart Waldman is another Ex Officio member of the VNAA and also President of VICA where he is accused of abusing the position to assert a voice for the organization that is blindly pro-VNY development regardless of exposed impropriety or ill-fated proposals and despite allegations of him not gaining majority consent of VICA's membership supporting his position at all times. So knowing the connections: John Ek, Areen Ibranossian -> Bonseph Helinet LLC: Bonseph, Helinet, Curt Castagna -> VNAA -> Nancy Hoffman, Stuart Waldman ... why would any Councilmember be listening to these voices???? City Council - adopt 23-1339 and then ensure you REJECT the Bonseph Helinet nightmare that is hiding behind medical transport hype, and conclude with a moratorium on aviation developments at VNY until this new Airport Plan is complete. DO RIGHT BY THIS CITY and ITS CITIZENS, not by special interests, limited parties profiting from irresponsible stewardship at VNY or 0.01% of society. There is GREATER revenue and job potential on those 730 acres and LAWA has failed to explore that potential as it blindly plows down the same path of mistakes. 23-1339 can put this City on the right path!!