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Los Angeles City Council
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Re: Letter of Support, Bonseph Helinet

Dear Honorable Councilmembers:

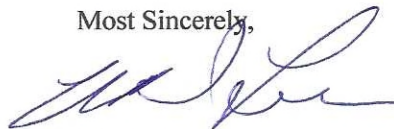
I write to support the proposed Bonseph Helinet lease at the Van Nuys Airport. I am a former member of the Helinet Board of Advisors, and wish to convey in the simplest of terms how critical this location is with regard to the daily operations they perform in support of the local community on several mission fronts, more specifically:

- ***Support for health services.*** Bonseph Helinet will provide important public health services through Helinet's delivery of 24/7, 365/day aviation operations services to Children's Hospital at no cost to patients, as well as medical missions on behalf of UCLA, USC, Cedars-Sinai, UCSD, and UC Riverside.
- ***Creating a community space.*** Bonseph Helinet will provide much needed renovations to the VNY Observation Area which provides enrichment opportunities for children and other community members.
- ***Support for public safety.*** The proposed lease will facilitate Helinet's partnership with firefighters, law enforcement, and news media.

During my time on the Helinet Board, I was proud to be part of something that contributed in a tangible way to the community it serves. There is no greater service one can perform than that of critical life-support services to the surrounding hospitals and the citizens they serve. In short, when one considers the positive impact they have on just-in-time delivery of patients and organs, a caring person can only conclude that their plans to upgrade the facility to meet modern-day mission requirements outweighs any objections of those opposed.

I therefore urge you to do the right thing here. Consider the services rendered, the people impacted, and lives that are literally saved by this already well-established company. They have proved their worth in droves. Please approve this project.

Most Sincerely,



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