Communication from Public

Name: Alicia Avery
Date Submitted: 10/22/2026 04:14 PM
Council File No: 26-1480
Comments for Public Posting: My name is Alicia Avery. I am a Lake Balboa resident and CD6-appointed member of the Van Nuys Airport Citizens Advisory Council (CAC). I am submitting this comment to express serious concerns regarding the proposed VNY Development II (Sky Harbour) lease, involving approximately 8.83 acres of airport property and a potential commitment extending up to 32 years. This proposal includes significant redevelopment and a potential land-use zoning change. These considerations make comprehensive airport-wide planning especially important. A development commitment extending potentially three decades should be evaluated within an updated airport-wide planning framework, not solely through the review of an individual lease. The existing Van Nuys Airport Specific Plan dates back approximately 20 years. During that time, airport operations, surrounding neighborhoods and community conditions have changed significantly. Through my involvement with the CAC, I have consistently heard concerns regarding aircraft noise, emissions, land-use compatibility, community health and the impacts of continued airport growth. At the October 19 CD6 Town Hall, I directly questioned VNY/LAWA representative Jacob Haik about the most recent comprehensive airport-wide environmental and community impact studies. I specifically requested dates, distinguishing these studies from individual lease-by-lease environmental reviews. Unfortunately, I did not receive the clear answers requested. This is precisely why additional long-term development commitments deserve closer scrutiny. I recognize that the proposed lease does not itself authorize construction and that additional environmental review would be required for redevelopment. However, the community is asking a broader question: How are the combined impacts of this proposal, the other proposed leases, existing operations and reasonably foreseeable airport growth being evaluated together? I respectfully request that the TTT Committee defer advancement of this proposal until comprehensive airport-wide environmental studies are completed, cumulative impacts are evaluated (EIR) and the VNY Specific Plan is updated with meaningful community participation. We should not commit airport property to potential development extending decades into the future without first understanding the airport's overall environmental and

community impacts. Responsible planning must precede long-term development commitments. Thank you. Alicia Avery CD6 Appointee, VNY Citizens Advisory Council Lake Balboa Resident

Communication from Public

Name: Fumefighters United VNY
Date Submitted: 10/22/2026 12:51 PM
Council File No: 26-1480
Comments for Public Posting: Fumefighters United VNY Comment

FumeFighters United VNY

A marginalized community seeking responsible airport mitigation

Dear Trade, Travel, and Tourism Committee Members,

On behalf of FumeFighters United VNY, we urge this Committee to immediately **defer action on the current Van Nuys Airport RFPs and development proposals until a comprehensive, airport-wide study is completed.**

Our advocacy group represents thousands of families in "The Pocket" and surrounding neighborhoods who bear the brunt of VNY's rapid expansion. For years, residents have documented an exponential surge in jet traffic, relentless noise, and toxic fumes. Yet, the city has not conducted a comprehensive, airport-wide study on environmental, health, or cumulative community impacts in over two decades. Advancing massive redevelopments under an "approve now, study later" approach is a severe threat to public safety and neighborhood health.

The broken nature of this process was fully exposed at the October 19th VNY Town Hall. Despite community members attending in good faith, the meeting actively suppressed public participation:

- **Silenced Panelists:** Strict speaking limits were enforced on community advocates, while LAWA and airport officials were permitted to speak without restriction.
- **Shut Out Public Input:** The event was intentionally organized with a rushed four-day notice to local residents, severely limiting community turnout.
- **Dismissed Community Harms:** Leadership explicitly minimized our collective fight for safety and property values, publicly mischaracterizing a large, organized community movement as merely "a few stakeholders."

Furthermore, LAWA continues to push questionable, unverified projects—such as pushing a 10-year lease for experimental, non-FAA-approved eVTOL aircraft under the deceptive label of a "showroom." Moving jets away from one street simply to pack the airport with more aviation space and higher traffic volume does not solve the underlying crisis.

We respectfully request that the TTT Committee protect Valley families and take the following direct actions:

1. **Halt all pending RFPs and lease approvals** until all community safety and environmental questions are answered.
2. **Mandate an independent, cumulative study** on airport-wide noise, toxic emissions, land use, and local health impacts.
3. **Require an updated VNY Specific Plan** to be finalized as a mandatory prerequisite before any future development is considered.

Thank you for your leadership and your commitment to community accountability.

Sincerely,

FumeFighters United VNY

Communication from Public

Name: Suzanne Gutierrez
Date Submitted: 10/22/2026 12:17 PM
Council File No: 26-1480
Comments for Public Posting: The 16425 Hart lease would substantially expand jet activity and related air pollution by introducing large jets onto a site that is currently intended primarily for propeller-aircraft operations. Instead of openly seeking a rezoning of the commercial parcel through the established public process, LAWA has effectively embedded that land-use change within the proposed lease. Despite the significant implications of this action, NO STUDY HAS BEEN CONDUCTED TO ASSESS POTENTIAL AIRSPACE-SAFETY, ENVIRONMENTAL, OR COMMUNITY IMPACTS. LAWA contends that these evaluations can occur only after the lease is approved. Even if the City later denies the requested rezoning, the lease could nonetheless facilitate a de facto conversion of the property by allowing the aviation tenant to control and utilize the commercial parcel for aviation purposes, thereby expanding airport operations without formal approval of the zoning change.

Communication from Public

Name:	Taylor Young
Date Submitted:	10/22/2026 11:45 AM
Council File No:	26-1480
Comments for Public Posting:	My name is Taylor Young. I live with my husband at 20110 Delita Drive, Woodland Hills, CA. South of Taft High School. Since the pandemic, it seems as if all airport traffic has been funneled to fly over our neighborhood. Our neighborhood is assaulted on a daily basis by the air traffic from Van Nuys Airport, with no break. Weekends and holidays are the worst. There is not a moment of the day when our skies are not filled with the sound of engines, either approaching us, directly flying over us or departing away from us. There are private jets, commercial jets, police helicopters and, worst of all, seemingly non-stop flights from one of the many, many flight schools. We moved here after losing our only child and specifically chose Woodland Hills because of the relative quiet. That has been destroyed. As our neighbor said, it isn't like we live next to an airport ~ it's like we live inside of one. My husband and have lived in many big cities and are used to a lot of noise. But what we live with 24 hours a days 7 days a week has to be experienced to be believed. Where are our representatives? What about all the jet fuel raining down on us? We would have been at the meeting a few days ago but couldn't because of the extremely short notice.

Communication from Public

Name:	Dee Ann
Date Submitted:	10/22/2026 12:29 PM
Council File No:	26-1480
Comments for Public Posting:	Good morning. I am writing to express my outrage and deep concern for the Van Nuys airport continuing to expand in our neighborhood, as well as the tremendous traffic and flight path disruptions that go directly over VALLEY CHARTER ELEMENTARY school, where my fifth grade daughter attends, with hundreds of other children, causing their teachers to have to stop multiple times during the day because the sound is too loud for instruction! My daughter has a right to public education without loud noise and constant pollution and gas fuel raining down on her and her fellow students. I employ you to stop all development of the Van Nuys airport until a serious environmental review is done, And published for the entire public! I attended the Monday evening townhall with Councilmember Padilla, and it is absolutely clear that she is in the pocket of the Van Nuys airport, as she had no interest in hearing public comments, and the community' s outrage and need for transparent answers to our many numerous questions. Please know that we will be just growing in numbers, and the money will not win out! The people below the airport deserve to have HEALTH, clean skies, a pollution-free environment, and a noise-free world for our children to play and learn! Sincerely, Dee Ann Newkirk

Communication from Public

Name: Justin Avery
Date Submitted: 10/22/2026 01:27 PM
Council File No: 26-1480
Comments for Public Posting: My name is Justin Avery. I have been a Lake Balboa resident and CD6 constituent since 2015. I am submitting this comment regarding the proposed VNY Development II lease, involving nearly 9 acres of airport property and a potential commitment extending up to 32 years. With the plans possibly proposing zoning changes. A lease of this duration, involving significant redevelopment and potential land-use changes, raises important questions about long-term airport growth and its cumulative impacts on surrounding neighborhoods. I recognize the economic contributions of Van Nuys Airport. However, before making long-term commitments that could influence airport development for decades, the City should evaluate how these proposals fit into a comprehensive plan for the airport's future. The current Van Nuys Airport Specific Plan dates back approximately 20 years (along with the last dated comprehensive airport-wide studies). Both the airport and surrounding communities have changed considerably since then. I am requesting comprehensive airport-wide environmental studies examining cumulative noise, emissions, aircraft operations, community health and safety, community impact land-use compatibility and projected future growth. Individual project reviews do not replace the need to understand the airport's combined impacts as a whole. I respectfully request that the TTT Committee not recommend advancement of this lease until comprehensive airport-wide studies are completed, cumulative impacts are evaluated, and the Van Nuys Airport Specific Plan is updated with meaningful community participation. My family has lived in Lake Balboa for 11 years. My two young daughters are growing up here, and the decisions being made today will directly affect their future. Responsible development requires current information, transparency and accountability to the surrounding communities.

Communication from Public

Name:	Evelyn Gray
Date Submitted:	10/22/2026 01:52 PM
Council File No:	26-1480
Comments for Public Posting:	VNY Development II Inc TTT is being asked to consider several Van Nuys Airport (VNY) proposals, including matters involving Joby Aero, Paramount Global Corporate Aviation, and Sky Harbor-related developments. As a property owner living near VNY in Lake Balboa, I am negatively affected every day by the noise, pollution, and traffic caused by frequent air traffic. These disruptions threaten the physical, mental, and emotional health of local residents, as well as our right to enjoy our homes. I request that any decisions with potential long-term impacts on surrounding neighborhoods not move forward without adequate environmental review, updated airport-wide information, and meaningful public participation.

Communication from Public

Name: Tom Materna
Date Submitted: 10/22/2026 11:04 AM
Council File No: 26-1480
Comments for Public Posting: My name is Tom Materna. I live with my family in Sherman Oaks, under the flight paths of Van Nuys Airport. I am writing regarding Council Files 26-1478 (Joby Aero Inc.), 26-1479 (Paramount Global Corporate Aviation LLC), 26-1480 (VNY Development II Inc.) and 26-1481 (VNY Development LLC). I respectfully ask the Committee to delay advancing these leases and development approvals until updated, comprehensive, airport-wide studies are completed covering; emissions and air quality, air traffic and safety, land use, and community impacts. The Van Nuys Airport Specific Plan dates to 2005. The LA City Council asked LAWA a few years ago to update the Airport Specific Plan and include community input, but nothing has even started. The airport and the neighborhoods around it have changed dramatically in the 20+ years since, and approving project-by-project leases piece-meal without looking at the airport as a whole ignores the cumulative impact on the people who live here. I was unable to attend Monday's Van Nuys Airport Town Hall because such late notice and traveling. I appreciate this opportunity to share my concerns about , air pollution, safety, development, and noise. I ask our elected representatives to prioritize comprehensive airport-wide studies and meaningful community involvement before advancing additional development proposals. Crashes happen, people die on the ground too! Our airspace is one of the most crowded and dangerous in the country. Adding a new class of aircraft (eVTOL air taxis, Council Files 26-1478 Joby Aero Inc.) into this already congested airspace, sharing it with training traffic and Burbank arrivals, without a comprehensive safety and air-traffic study is not responsible planning. Rushing these leases with no opportunity for Neighborhood Councils to discuss and provide CISs is just unfair! Our communities need the opportunity to understand the impacts and provide you our leaders with our thoughts. This condensed timeline allows none of that.

Communication from Public

Name:
Date Submitted: 10/22/2026 10:48 AM
Council File No: 26-1480
Comments for Public Posting: Please! No expansion at Van Nuys airport- already the sound of the planes and the gas is ruining our sweet neighborhood- not to mention I work from home!

Communication from Public

Name:	Steven Leffert
Date Submitted:	10/22/2026 11:28 AM
Council File No:	26-1480
Comments for Public Posting:	Attached please find my statement about concerns about the future of VNY and the lack of concerns by the City and LAWA about the resident and businesses surrounding VNY. I feel the Town Hall failed to allow the concerns of the residents to be fully considered before any actions by LAWA, the City of Los Angeles, and VNY that might be detrimental to the health and well-being of the residents. I am also concerned that there has been no update the general plan for VNY in more than 20 years and one should be made before any new leases are made or the "land swap" is made.

I would like submit a statement about why I feel partially responsible for some of the noise and pollution experienced by neighborhood residents to the west of VNY. I will also include my opinion about future development at VNY.

Back in 2009 I was a Board Member of the Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council. Our CD6 City Council Representative, Linda Levitan (may she rest in peace) brought to our attention a proposed lease at VNY by Castle and Cooke for an FBO. We agendized the item at our July 1, 2009 meeting. Below is text from the minutes of that meeting and the subsequent Special Meeting on that subject.

What we Board Members, including myself, didn't know about at the time was that while jet planes were being serviced at the FBO they had their APUs (auxiliary power units) running, producing jet fumes and noise that were not going to be contained at the airport. We also didn't know that the jets coming and going were not being towed all the time, producing additional noise and fumes, seeming disregarding what Steve Friedmann said at our LBNC meeting. As for the Negative Declaration, it seems VNY and LAWA make that Declaration in spite of a 300 page report (that we never saw) because they feel business is more important than the health and well-being of the neighborhood residents being negatively affected.

I am firmly opposed to the "land swap" because it means there will be no mitigation of the noise and pollution coming from VNY for many, many years. I am sorry that I was a part of acceptance procedure for allowing the Castle and Cook FBO lease back in 2009.

Steven Leffert

From Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council Minutes of the July 1, 2009 Meeting

1. Discussion regarding proposed lease to Castle & Cooke Aviation at Van Nuys Airport and Negative Declaration of impact on the neighborhood - Leffert
    a. Castle & Cooke would service transient aircrafts (those not based at the Van Nuys Airport). LBNC requested an EIR to be done about the area and the proposal to lease to Castle & Cooke Aviation the Van Nuys Airport as FBO. The project has been given a "negative declaration," meaning that the proposal will have no effect on the area – no significant increase in number of airplanes, noise, or pollution. LBNC received no notification about the negative declaration, despite having written a letter requesting an EIR about the proposal. Public comment period is approximately 20 days.
        1. Steve Friedmann from Castle & Cooke is available to answer questions about the project. He says they have received information. 300-page environmental report has been completed. The No Taxi line will remain, and the planes will have their engines off and be towed into the facility. The plan is to build one hanger that will actually mask noise. Invites the council members to visit the proposed FBO and get more information. The numbers of jets using Van Nuys Airport is dropping. The local companies use these jets, so a loss of jets is a loss of potential revenue. The project cannot be built on the other side of the Van Nuys Airport because that area is in development by other companies.
        2. Lynda Levitan would like to visit with Castle & Cooke at the site; she recommends that the other board members attend.

    The LBNC members will go to the site at 10 a.m. tomorrow (July 2) to visit the Castle & Cooke location at 7415 Hayvenhurst Place. S. Leffert introduces motion that LBNC have a special meeting.

From the Minutes of the Special LBNC Meeting 7-7-2009, after the tour of the location on 7-2-2009.

D.Bernardoni opens the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

1. Discussion regarding proposed lease to Castle and Cooke Aviation at Van Nuys Airport and Negative Declaration of impact on the neighborhood.

a. Discussion by Board members including those that attended a tour of the current facilities.
b. Presentation and discussion with Craig Walker of Castle and Cooke Aviation.
c. Further discussion by the Board
d. Motion: I move that the Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council support the application by Castle and Cooke for the creation of an FBO at Van Nuys Airport (VNY) as long as these design changes are incorporated and write a letter to Los Angeles World Airports to that effect:
    i. The three large evergreen trees west of the current lease line of the Thornton site be retained when the lease line is moved eight feet west, a new cement wall is installed, and the area is landscaped.
    ii. That street trees be planted in the already designated locations along the sidewalk on east side of Hayvenhurst Ave., west of the Thornton project site, and additionally, for at least 100 feet to the south of the project site.
    iii. That on the western boundary of the Century site a concrete wall be installed instead of a tubular steel fence, so as to decrease noise traveling toward the residential area from aircraft taxiing in the FBO ramp area north of the control tower.

    Moved S. Leffert, Seconded C. McFarland, Passed 9-0

Photos from the Proposed Castle and Cook FBO site tour on 7-2-2009, showing the tow vehicle and the "Turbine Aircraft Shutdown Here" pavement markings would remain if the FBO was approved.


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TURBINE AIRCRAFT
SHUTDOWN HERE

Communication from Public

Name:	Zachary Hunchar
Date Submitted:	10/21/2026 10:38 AM
Council File No:	26-1480
Comments for Public Posting:	To Councilwoman Padilla, As a constituent of Lake Balboa who experiences the impact of the Van Nuys Airport (VNY) on a near-hourly basis, I wish to convey my concern about what we be discussed at the Los Angeles City Council's Trade, Travel, and Tourism (TTT) Committee. Several business matters are expected to be considered at the meeting concerning tenants at the airport, and we strongly encourage them not to move forward without adequate environmental review, updates on the airport's long-term business plans, and meaningful public comment. I was lucky enough to learn about your Town Hall this past Monday the 20th, unlike most of your constituents, who learned about it afterward or still don't know about it. I was unlucky enough to be there, as I witnessed something both unprofessional on your part and utterly insulting to most of the participants. To clarify what I am asking for: 1. Defer action on relevant development proposals until outstanding questions and applicable environmental review requirements are addressed. 2. Request comprehensive airport-wide studies examining cumulative noise, emissions, air traffic, land use, and community impacts — not just individual lease or project reviews. 3. Provide a public timeline for updating the VNY Specific Plan, including planned studies, responsible agencies, and opportunities for public input. 4. Ensure meaningful community engagement, including adequate meeting notice, fair speaking opportunities, and substantive answers to residents' questions. Now is your time to show you are more concerned about your constituents' well-being than just jobs. Zachary Hunchar Lake Balboa

Communication from Public

Name:	Celeste Capaldo-Smith
Date Submitted:	10/22/2026 09:15 AM
Council File No:	26-1480
Comments for Public Posting:	My name is Celeste Capaldo-Smith and I have lived in CD6 with my husband and two children since 2021. Our home and our children's school are directly in the Van Nuys Airport flight path. Although I was unable to attend Monday's Van Nuys Airport Town Hall, I watched the recording and am disappointed in the disregard for residents. There were limited opportunities for residents to speak and receive meaningful answers. It feels as though the Town Hall was a box that was being checked in a process rather than a meaningful conversation with those of us who will be directly impacted by developments at the airport. My understanding is that environmental impact studies were conducted 20+ years ago and new developments are being considered based on these outdated studies. I am asking our elected representatives to prioritize comprehensive airport-wide studies and meaningful community involvement before advancing additional development proposals. I appreciate the chance to raise my concerns and hope that they do not fall on deaf ears. With Respect, Celeste Capaldo-Smith

Communication from Public

Name: sue steinberg
Date Submitted: 10/22/2026 12:54 AM
Council File No: 26-1480
Comments for Public Posting: I live in the area known as The Pocket – one of the most highly impacted neighborhoods of toxic fumes and noise being created by VNY. Yes, we DO need to have the jets moved away from being right across the street where we live. But moving them from Hayvenhurst, just to make room for increased aviation space and MORE JETS at the airport, is not in the interest or well being of the thousands of people who are affected. Having attended the Town Hall meeting on Monday night, it was frustrating to say the least for all concerned. Despite the last minute notice, several concerned community members came because as the flyer said, "Your voice helps shape the future of Van Nuys Airport" - and we were hoping that was the case. That our voices and concerns would be addressed and taken seriously. The main bit of information that came out that was most disturbing, is that NO comprehensive airport-wide studies have been done regarding noise, air traffic, air pollution, land use and community impacts have been done – for over TWO DECADES. Yet the RFPs have gone ahead, while so many questions remain. Having lived next to the airport since 1986, I've never noticed VNY being a BAD NEIGHBOR, until recently. VNY used to be a considerate neighbor – but that's no longer true. A good neighbor doesn't try to POISON you. Sound proof windows is a nice idea – but how is that going to help when you can't open them or breathe the air outside? When will you address the fact that children at nearby schools can't hear what their teacher's saying because the noise from jets is so loud – and kids often can't go outside because the fumes are so bad? And bringing in eVOTLS, although electric, are still experimental and not yet approved by the FAA. And LAWA wants to give them a 10 year lease, saying it's for a "showroom" and not for aviation use? We all know that's not likely to be the case. There have been too many aviation mishaps and casualties lately, and increasing the air traffic only increases the odds that something catastrophic can happen. Not a matter of "IF" but "WHEN." And WHERE. I implore the TTT Committee to defer action on the RFPs till these environmental, safety and health issues are addressed, and reliable studies have been made before LAWA proceeds with any further action. A new updated SPECIFIC AIRPORT PLAN should be done FIRST – not after RFPs are approved. As a co-founder of FumeFighters United

VNY, we've been representing the thousands of people in our neighborhood for years. It's not just a few "squeaky wheels" who care about the matters at VNY. It's a large, growing community who are seeking that legitimate concerns be addressed. I implore TTT to take our concerns into consideration when reviewing the RFPs. Sincerely, Sue Steinberg