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SAVE OUR SKIES	LOS ANGELES	III. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD	Business as usual at LAWA and VNY needs to change. Decisions are routinely being made that profoundly impact people and communities who live and recreate around the airport. Yet LAWA and VNY, including the CAC, continue to keep folks in the dark. LA City Councilmember John Ferraro's original 1985 motion that gave rise to the VNY CAC specifically called for a "Citizens Adcisory Council for VNY comprised of people who reside, work, and operate businesses in the surrounding area area..." not for people from and profiting from airport businesses to be a part of the Council. Without this, the CAC cannot perform the role it for which it was intended, which was to give the community a real voice and input into the future of Van Nuys Airport.	10/31/22 6:56 PM
Lisa	Vaughan	III. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD	First why aren't there ever any agenda items that have to do with local community interests? The CAC was created to be a voice for the community, but that doesn't seem to be what gets on the agenda. Second, after witnessing Nury Martinez's corruption, many think that that her corruption extended to Van Nuys Airport, why else was there so much expansion without community input? Why was Van Nuys Airport trying to push the Helinet to a vote at the BOAC without the CAC's input? And why did they say they had gone to the CAC already when they hadn't? There should be a moratorium on any expansion at the airport until these things can be audited and EVERYTHING needs to go through the CAC as the CAC was originally put in place to work with the affected communities. So I ask again, why isn't there agenda items that have to do with the community?	10/31/22 8:42 PM
Baz	Hendrix	III. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD	The CAC is failing to represent the public, and the public outrage over the unfettered expansion of VNY is growing. Jet Park, Helinet's proposed 77,000 sf expansion, long term lease amendments, and the two recent City council motions regarding the morphing of VNY into a commercial airport are not on the CAC agenda. Homeowners are demanding accountability. The recent LA Times article is just the tip of the iceberg.	10/31/22 10:18 PM
Sue	Steinberg	III. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD	VNY trying to rush the Helinet lease agreement through with no COMMUNITY INPUT or CAC oversight is another example of how the public is being deceived and not having a voice in what happens there. The 2 motions that Nury Martinez proposed (22-1125 & 22-1127) regarding the Planning and land management, along with the need to reign in and hold the 3rd party charter companies accountable need to go forward and not be lost in the "Nury Flurry" and City Council stalemate at this point. These 2 motions are just the start of the public getting a say in what happens at VNY. The CAC is there to REPRESENT and have a voice in these matters. PUT THE MOTIONS ON THE AGENDA and let the CAC discuss what the public is demanding have happen.	10/31/22 10:57 PM
Lisa	Cerone	IV.C. Determination to Continue Holding CAC Meetings via Teleconference and/or Videoconference: Under Assembly Bill 361 Section 3(e)(3). Discussion/Action	I'm confused and shocked to see the most important issues missing from your agenda. Why is the Jet Park VNY expansion and the recent city council motions about turning the VNY into a commercial airport NOT ON THE AGENDA?!	11/01/22 3:59 AM

Lisa	Cerine	IV.B. Update on EPA Proposed Endangerment Findings on Leaded Aviation Gasoline	Why put this item on the agenda yet avoid all the other pressing issues regarding the recent city counsel motions to turn VNY into a commercial airport and the massive Jet Park expansion? This one agenda item update does not fulfil your duty to inform. It is still blatantly obvious that the public is being kept in the dark about the VNY plans to move ahead with the expansion without transparency.	11/01/22 4:06 AM
Daniel	Howard	III. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD	This meeting is not fulfilling it's duty to inform the public about what's really going on with the VNY developments. Where are the agenda items concerning the real issues- the expansion of the Jet Park and the VNY commercial airport plans? Are you intentionally trying to keep the public in the dark? This is a sham. This is an attempt to distract and placate. There is no transparency in this process and you are not doing your job and allowing for public access to information. We demand accountability.	11/01/22 4:12 AM
David	King Lassman	III. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD	I have a major concern about development at VNY. It seems proposals such as Jet Park VNU, Helinet's proposed 77,000 square foot expansion and other developments are being considered without public involvement. Expansion at VNY over recent years is having a catastrophic effect on the community in terms of widespread pollution, environmental risk and our damage to our health, not to mention 24 hour noise. Expansion needs to be checked and the needs of the community should be at the forefront of any decisions taken regarding growth at VNY.	11/01/22 7:28 AM
Timi	Romolini	III. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD	<p>As someone who puts importance on accountability, for myself and most especially for those in a position to abuse authority, I wish to be blunt in this comment to hold LAWA staff (and select CAC members) accountable. There are those that have demonstrated condemnable behavior that has betrayed common sense, common decency and the common good. Samatha Bricker and Flora Margheritis have not been receptive to kind or honorable requests for transparency or cooperation when it comes to detriment that has unnecessarily and disproportionately been thrust upon a Valley population. While they may only be small cogs in this machine, in my own experience they are two persons that have insisted on dictating that if the public wants LAWA to play by the rules and act with honor, then we must act aggressively and publicly to fight for change. It is select LAWA staff's actions and choices that (regrettably) dictate the need for these type of comments.</p> <p>The blatant defiance of LAWA's own "code of ethics" by certain staff warrants a review of LAWA's employee roster and conduct, which is something Valley residents have been discussing with Mayoral candidates Karen Bass and Rick Caruso. The former expressing her willingness to replace BOAC members, and take a hard look at CAC, bringing us to CAC. Valley residents are determined to ensure that the new Mayor acts honorably and restores CAC to its original integrity, which means participants demonstrating questionable motives (Jason, Robert Rodine) might choose to walk away before being publicly pushed and considered for removal.</p> <p>I typically only like to publicly speak on behalf of the underdog, literally - animals over humans, but in this instance, the Valley population is the underdog being abused by Billionaires' FBO profit ambitions, and Corporate Greed. The 2015 VNY Economic Impact Analysis, as commissioned by LAWA, has been exposed as propaganda. Propaganda typically includes some fact mixed in with a whole lot of self-serving rhetoric, assumptions and inflated "round ups", and that is what this "purchased" report demonstrates. It may take a hot minute, but we will push for forensic audits of everything VNY.</p>	11/01/22 8:20 AM

Roy	Lyons	III. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD	Public is being kept in the dark. Why are VNY development proposals such as Jet Park VNY (expanding Prop Park VNY to include jets), Helinet's proposed 77,000 sf expansion, lease amendments (that expand and extend VNY tenant leases for long terms without public input), and the two recent City council motions regarding the morphing of VNY into a commercial airport. Business as usual at LAWA and VNY needs to change. Decisions are routinely being made that profoundly impact people and communities who live and recreate around the airport.	11/01/22 8:29 AM
R	M	III. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD	Lack of transparency regarding VNY development. What's the charter of the CAC? I thought part of the purpose was to be a vehicle for community input to the surrounding airport? Yet, this is sadly not the case. This council continues to allow the VNY airport to continue development at a rapid pace, without ANY consideration for the community. LAWA is equally complicit in this matter. Is it true that a LAWA developer is the head of the Van Nuys Airport Association? How is that allowed? How is that right? LAWA and the CAC need to stop cowering to the rich, big business, developers etc. and start being transparent with the community. The reckless behavior and decisions are destroying the community, not to mention our children, the wildlife and our delicate climate. Stop the development of the VNY airport NOW! It was never meant to be a commercial airport, yet, that is EXACTLY what it is! This was done in secret, without informing the community. Stop being sneaky! If it's the right thing to do, then why won't you inform the community beforehand? Why do you refuse to put this issue on the agenda? It's time to start doing the right thing!	11/01/22 9:40 AM
Sarah	Engelman	III. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD	I am a homeowner in Sherman Oaks since 1980. I am upset with the increase noise from airplanes taking off and landing at Van Nuys airport. This past year has been dramatically worse. I would like to exercise my voice to block any further expansion of the airport that would allow more or larger jets to fly over Sherman Oaks. I feel like we have been left in the dark, with no opportunity to oppse this expansion.Thank you, Sarah Engelman	11/01/22 9:46 AM

Joanne	Lichtman	III. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD	<p>As I sit here writing this comment, there have been at least ten jets overhead from VNY. I am inside. I can barely carry on a conversation inside, and there is absolutely no way to converse outside. The airport is a public nuisance. It is essentially a commercial airport that has destroyed our quality of life in every way. And I don't live near the airport, I live approx. 13 miles away. We have no enjoyment of our home at all. IT has changed dramatically in the past few years. There is no public input, and whatever public input is taken is 100% ignored. It affects a massive area, not just next door neighbors. Everyone knows it makes no sense to have a landlocked airport with jets and all kinds of air traffic day and night over a massive urban area with flight paths that fly so low we can see the bottom of the planes 15 miles away. There is no transparency or community input regarding VNY development. It is motivated purely by greed and corruption and pandering only to wealthy individuals and business interests, while the airport is surrounded by one of the most populated communities in the state, let alone the country. We can't use our homes, we have no peace and quiet, we can't enjoy our families and friends outside, and again, I live far away from the airport. The planes literally fly low for miles before they ascend. And some are so massive it's literally like living on a tarmac. There is no attempt to communicate with or consider the overall quality of life in the area or allow input. Even these comments are limited so as to allow nothing but generalities.</p> <p>The public is being kept in the dark about development at Van Nuys Airport. The Citizens Advisory Council is not functioning as it was intended, which was to be a vehicle and voice for community input from folks surrounding the airport.</p> <p>The proof is in the pudding. Changes to airport leases are not disclosed to the public prior to being approved. The public was not notified or involved in the decision to open a customs office at VNY. The public was not notified or involved in decisions to open Gulfstream VNY or the many charter companies now doing business at VNY.</p> <p>Development proposals such as expanding the Prop Park to include jets was not disclosed to the public. The proposal to grossly expand Helinet's hangar space by another 77,000 sf was not shared via the VNY CAC.</p> <p>To thrive, the airport needs to be a good neighbor with people who live around it. This requires transparency and a mechanism for real community input. The Council needs to be reformed, and LAWA needs to change its mode of doing business so that the people who live around and under the planes can once again have a safe, quiet, and healthy environment.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>	11/01/22 9:58 AM
Cathy	Kay	III. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD	<p>The traffic from VNY has exploded again in recent months, at all hours of the day and night, and I keep seeing news about even more expansion plans. And the VNY CAC is not monitoring or providing information to the community about any of it. LAWA and VNY have failed in their obligation to be transparent with the community of affected citizens. The VNY CAC has failed to fulfill its charter by refusing to take up these public health and safety issues on its agenda. Reform the CAC and return it to its original purpose.</p>	11/01/22 10:34 AM
Chloe	Burnett	III. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD	<p>Needless to say, I am incredibly concerned about development at VNY. It seems proposals such as Jet Park VNU, Helinet's proposed 77,000 square foot expansion and other developments are being considered without public involvement. Expansion at VNY over recent years is having a catastrophic effect on the community in terms of widespread pollution, environmental risk and our damage to our health, not to mention 24 hour noise. Expansion needs to be checked and the needs of the community should be at the forefront of any decisions taken regarding growth at VNY. Beyond that, the resounding question remains: who's getting rich here? It certainly isn't the airports neighbors or communities! To that I say, follow the money! The is about greed, pure and simple.</p>	11/01/22 10:53 AM

Denise	Gruska	III. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD	<p>There is no transparency or community input regarding VNY development. VNY has become a commercial airport that is seriously hurting the people and communities around it.</p> <p>The public is being kept in the dark about development at Van Nuys Airport. The Citizens Advisory Council is not functioning as it was intended, which was to be a vehicle and voice for community input from folks surrounding the airport.</p> <p>The proof is in the pudding. Changes to airport leases are not disclosed to the public prior to being approved. The public was not notified or involved in the decision to open a customs office at VNY. The public was not notified or involved in decisions to open Gulfstream VNY or the many charter companies now doing business at VNY.</p> <p>Development proposals such as expanding the Prop Park to include jets was not disclosed to the public. The proposal to grossly expand Helinet's hangar space by another 77,000 sf was not shared via the VNY CAC.</p> <p>To thrive, the airport needs to be a good neighbor with people who live around it. This requires transparency and a mechanism for real community input. The Council needs to be reformed, and LAWA needs to change its mode of doing business so that the people who live around and under the planes can once again have a safe, quiet, and healthy environment. Thank you.</p>	11/01/22 11:25 AM
West Hills	Resident	III. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD	<p>I have an autistic child. I specifically moved to the far west end of West Hills because it offered the quiet and nature inspired environment my special needs child requires. Air traffic was never an issue for us from any airport before 2020 but now, thanks to irresponsible actions over land use at VNY where city council put corporate greed and rhetoric over people, my home is like living in a WAR ZONE! My child is self harming because of all the f*.... and preventable noise. My child, who already must struggle with a handicap, is being subjected to an influx of toxic lead and other chemical cocktails raining down all us for NON-essential air travel that VNY expansion lured in with accommodations. And who are they accommodating? Billionaires' profits, the 1%'s convenience and hobbyist jerks that don't show an ounce of respect for human or animal life on the ground. Why is JASON PRICE on CAC, let alone President? He's President of Mach 1 Aviation at VNY. This is the bias LAWA created on CAC as a farce to pretend this is a body to represent community voice! Price's bias is shown by his REFUSAL to put two City Council motions on the agenda. These are relevant and timely issues that he refuses to honor public demand and include?! And also, why is someone who does NOT live in CD12 holding a CD12 seat? He doesn't represent us! And LAWA after you got busted, why have you omitted the Helinet contract from the agenda? Too much heat? Too much negative attention?! Trying to "buy time" to sneak it past the public a second time? Why did LAWA claim they previously presented the contract to CAC when you know that was a LIE?! And don't tell us this stuff is on RAMP because broad searches do NOT produce these RFP's. RAMP demonstrates LAWA does not use a uniform process for airport related RFPs, which I believe is a tactic to make their presence obscure to the layman. Time for the NEW mayor to change BOAC and initiate an investigation into how LAWA operates.</p>	11/01/22 11:40 AM

MR	ORSINI	III. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD	Why has there been no process for public input into such monumental change to the communal environments of the Valley? No one is naive enough to believe that the Helinet contract is the first time LAWA attempted to "scratch someone's back" (Curt Castagna??) and hide public interest contracts from the public. And what about Bill Gate's proposed (increased) Signature detriment in wanting to consume another 2.5 acres to add to the PROBLEM and collective DETRIMENT of the Valley? LAWA has demonstrated that is either run by morally bankrupted individuals. The Citizens Advisory Board is a joke considering it is overrun by airport interests. LAWA and City Council has effectively SUPPRESSED resident voices and votes toward land use that impacts us. Why aren't motions 22-1127 and 22-1125 on the agenda? This corruption protecting special interests is why Jason Price has to go!	11/01/22 11:55 AM
J.	Matthews	III. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD	The nonsense about VNY being a necessary economic engine for the Valley isn't going to work any longer. Poor management of the airport that defied the public's trust has proven that a landlocked airport expanded and exploited for greed while turn public view and receive warranted attacks for the disproportionate detriment it has become on society. Why isn't motions 22-1125 and 22-1127 on this agenda? You know Mr. Price and LAWA personnel, it is not that hard to be a good person, in fact there are many soulful rewards. \$\$\$\$ and/or perceived "power" is not an excuse for obnoxious behavior. Perhaps you might make a New Years resolution to be a better person in the coming year, and for the years that follow because deliberately contributing to corporate greed at the suffering of an innocent public and our natural spaces is a pathetic existence. VNY should be used for predominately societal benefitting operations, and it is time to rollback the detriment by increasing fees at every available opportunity to generate more money to mitigate the astronomical destruction to our ecosystem and home environments. The airport may have existed before communities, but that doesn't mean it as required to remain. It's current existence is a privilege and indulgence at this point, not an economic necessity nor benefit to the Valley population. The Valley communities existed BEFORE recent expansions of the FBOs. NO more hangar or ramp expansions at VNY and all new contracts should include hours of operation between 7am - 9pm. Exclusions and accommodations can be established for emergency flights. There is a way to make VNY make sense. Greed, incompetence and rhetoric has dictated VNY management.	11/01/22 12:07 PM
Maya	DeBus	III. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD	Why was the community not considered/consulted before the upgrade and massive expansion of the airport use took place? We should build an airport close to the Hidden Hills so the residents won't have to drive so far.	11/01/22 2:19 PM

Suzanne	Gutierrez-Hedges	III. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD	<p>WHY DON'T THE CONCERNS OF THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES EVER GET ON THE AGENDA???? EVER?????? How many times do I have to write a comment in these CAC meetings? 5? 10? 100? Seriously, an answer would be appreciated. The creation of the CAC is to represent the PEOPLE of Van Nuys and surrounding communities, yet people's voices are NOT put on the agenda...WHY!!!</p> <p>1.) When will LAWA speak with FAA regarding the helicopters completely ignoring the designated flight path? I have emails with Ryan Page since MAY. Yet, the best response I get is "Unfortunately, I do not have any additional details to share". I have many videos of helicopters flying over my home and my neighborhood. They actually shake my home. Yes, shake. How is this even allowed? Here is a montage of these helicopters: https://vimeo.com/manage/videos/659203020</p> <p>2.) How can VNY not afford an air quality study? I've been asking for years along with many of my neighbors. I have made claims with AQMD, with EPA and with VNY along with many of my neighbors. Yet, "we don't have the budget" is the response I get. However, the economic impact study tells me otherwise. https://www.iflyvny.com/news-and-facts/economic-impact</p> <p>3.) Why was the CAC not part of the Helinet contract? Again, how can there be community input when BOAC and LAWA makes these decisions with NO community input?! Not even the CAC and this is their purpose?</p> <p>4.) The amount of increase of these jets is horrendous. Here is videos of jets flying over Valley Charter Elementary School as they are coming in for landings. FYI, the students and teachers literally stop teaching as they pass because no one can hear. How is this even allowed? https://vimeo.com/manage/videos/746657311</p> <p>5.) How are jets allowed to drive up to the hangars and run their engines? Here is a jet driving itself to Castle & Cooke. Per the manager of C&C "It wasn't 'driving' to a hangar. It was turning at the yellow line to angle in on our main ramp where it parked. Parking on our main ramp is permitted". Watch the video. This jet doesn't "angle and park", it drove itself. There is no tug. This is not an isolated incident. https://vimeo.com/manage/videos/749039881</p>	11/01/22 3:32 PM
Mr. and Mrs. Chow	West Hills	III. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD	<p>Hello. I want to say that I agree with neighbors and social media posts that complain about the irresponsible stewardship of VNY. I am hearing some person talk nonsense about a "decrease" of noise complaints and I am here to say that there is no decrease in reality, only a lack of willingness of the public to waste time submitting complaint to a biased authority. I don't know anyone in my neighborhood that doesn't complain on a daily basis, and that is typically indicative of other communities. As a West Hills family, we did not purchase a home near a airport, and prior to 2020 we had no notable invasion of air traffic. It was irresponsible for LAWA to sneak contracts onto the commissioners agenda and bypass the public. It was irresponsible for City Council to allow this level of expansion at the detriment of communities that existed before the recent contracts of 5+ years. And now I hear some horrible man announcing they will sneak the expansion contracts back onto the agenda with NO detail. This is not ok. I will call upon John Lee to stand up and do something and stop this injustice. LAWA is a terribly dishonest agency.</p>	11/01/22 7:48 PM