

First Name	Last Name	Item	Comment
Kern	Konwiser	IV. Public Comment Period	noise complaint
Christopher	Boudakian	VI. b. VNY CAC Procedures – Discussion/Action	<p>Dear Members of the Community Advisory Council,</p> <p>I am writing to express concerns about the current noise abatement procedures at Van Nuys Airport and their impact on the surrounding community. As a resident of this area, I have witnessed firsthand the increasing noise levels and their detrimental effects on our community's quality of life. While the airport plays a vital role in our local economy and serves a significant number of passengers and private aircraft, it is crucial that we find a balance between the airport's operations and the well-being of our residents.</p> <p>The existing noise abatement procedures, though well-intentioned, have not been sufficient in mitigating the impact on nearby neighborhoods. Residents have reported increased noise disturbances during both daytime and nighttime hours, affecting our daily lives and, more importantly, our health. Studies have shown that prolonged exposure to excessive noise can lead to a range of health issues, including sleep disturbances, cardiovascular problems, and stress-related conditions. These concerns are particularly pressing for vulnerable populations, including children and the elderly, who may be disproportionately affected.</p> <p>I urge the Community Advisory Council to consider amending and enforcing stricter noise abatement procedures at Van Nuys Airport. This could include limiting flight operations during nighttime hours, enhancing the monitoring of noise levels, and implementing fines or penalties for violations. Additionally, promoting the use of quieter, environmentally-friendly aircraft and exploring alternative flight paths to minimize the impact on residential areas could be viable solutions.</p> <p>Our community deserves to live in an environment where health and peace of mind are prioritized. By working together, we can ensure that the operations of Van Nuys Airport are balanced with the needs and well-being of the residents it affects. I appreciate your attention to this matter and look forward to seeing meaningful changes implemented for the betterment of our community.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration.</p>
Linda	Gravani	IV. Public Comment Period	On March 3, 2023, LA City Council APPROVED Council File 22-1489 (which CAC did not support at its 10JAN2023 Meeting) "relative to the Van Nuys Airport (VNY) covering topics including but not limited to, list of projects and awards, community engagement, the 2006 VNY Master Plan, environmental impacts, a proposal for future community engagement, and the recordation of VNY Citizens Advisory Council meetings."
Linda	Gravani	IV. Public Comment Period	The city of Los Angeles has an early notification system whereby stakeholders can automatically receive notifications of city meetings, including bureaus, commissions, and Neighborhood Councils. CAC is not listed. Please ensure that this is rectified. Thank you.
Linda	Gravani	VI. b. VNY CAC Procedures – Discussion/Action	Many stakeholders have attended CAC and identified issues in their community, ie Toxic Fumes. I have yet to see this issue being addressed at a CAC meeting. Why not? What is your procedure to bring forward issues to LAWA? I also don't see any STAFF REPORTs on the air quality. Why not?
Linda	Gravani	VI. b. VNY CAC Procedures – Discussion/Action	LA City Ordinance #184243 provides Neighborhood Councils with additional time, not included with PUBLIC COMMENTS, to address the board or commission on the NCs official position. It would be nice to have that policy extended to Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council at CAC
Linda	Gravani	IV. Public Comment Period	According to Council District 6, the Sherman Way tunnel falls under the responsibility of VNY. Graffiti is rampant in the tunnel and a blight on our community. Cameras have been installed in the past, what is being done to catch these taggers? Perhaps anti -graffiti paint would work?

QSWH	Advocacy Community Group	IV. Public Comment Period	<p>Moral and ethical rule should guide humans however, CAC has been shown to operate out of spite for many years. The attitude has resulted in missed opportunities in preventing poor land use developments at VNY that resulted in a NON-modernized airport. The lack of oversight, which begins with vested citizens, has contributed to LAWA wasting a \$100 million dollars of capital investment funds WITHOUT ensuring those dollars were spent on critical infrastructure upgrades that have been common since the 1990's. As QSWH pointed out in 2021, LAWA's lack of development and RFP policy has failed to protect the City's investment and has resulted in severe public nuisance liability that is a real and growing health crisis for employees and residents adjacent to the airport. In fact, the development failures that were void of power capacity upgrades for electrified ramps, conscientiousness auxiliary power unit rules and mitigation applications on the perimeter of airport property has proven to also harm airport tenants. Even the FAA's air traffic control tower threatened a walk-out over toxic fume exposures that prevented them from functioning on the job at VNY.</p> <p>Jason Price's pattern of refusing to place community concern items of crucial topics on a citizen's advisory council agenda is a clear indication of his inability to lead and why a profiteer of VNY should not reside over the legislative body. Price's years of repeated behavior demonstrates why CAC members are doing themselves, their communities, our shared environment and businesses both on and off airport property a disservice by defying ethical rule and retaining a profiteer as Chair. Whether real or perceived, a stubborn act of voting against change leads the public to conclude that individuals are deliberately seeking to make a mockery of the CAC.</p> <p>Historically, commerce groups like VICA and the Economic Valley Alliance, both who's principals are ex-officio members of the Van Nuys Airport Association, have used their influence and/or partnerships with LAWA and elected officials to ensure development sympathizers were appointed to available seats. This would not be an issue if these individuals actually demonstrated that they cared about responsible development. Considering the shortcomings witnessed over the years and the fact CAC failed to intervene or put forth a continued stream of recommendations of substance, one can question if these appointees function as little more than shells or aggravants. QSWH would like to encourage change in behavior and leadership on the CAC moving forward.</p>
QSWH	Advocacy Community Group	V. Report from the Chair	<p>QSWH would like the Chair to recognize and report that the CAC bylaws state: ARTICLE V – MEETINGS, Section 1. Regular Meetings a. The Council shall meet monthly... b. A regular meeting of the Council may be cancelled by a majority of the Council.</p> <p>No where does this section stipulate that the Chair may unilaterally cancel a meeting. There was no legitimate cause to cancel the August 6th meeting. Had the Chair wished to attend another event, which LAWA and Price stated in various emails, then the Vice-Chair was prepared to reside over the meeting, per the bylaws.</p> <p>To correct one egregious error after notable backlash, the Mayor's appointee then commits another inconsiderate error of calling for an unjustified "special meeting" - catching both CAC members and the public off-guard and at a disadvantage.</p> <p>The regular CAC calendar allows citizens to plan far in advance should they wish to attend a meeting on topics that impact their health and quality of life. Many citizens must plan for child care, elder care, juggling of work schedules, and ensuring not to book an event in conflict. Jason Price's actions created a discriminating environment for those who could not accommodate an unexpected and unplanned meeting. It was unfair, unnecessary and both the cancelation and "special meeting" were arbitrary, capricious and selfish acts.</p> <p>Worse still, Price acknowledged that he was cc'd on several emails in distain of his behavior. Those emails listed a number of critical agenda items the citizens wished to be agendized. Price proved critics right once again by refusing to include any of those items on today's agenda including but not limited to: the Part 13 Complaint, update for the Sherman Way Tunnel report back, and LAWA's conflicted and damaging April 5, 2024 response to the Part 13 Complaint. None of the above demonstrates unbiased or proper behavior of a Chair. Jason Price's behavior prevented citizens from speaking timely on a concerning event that was announced to have occurred the week of August 12. Jason Price effectively suppressed citizen voices.</p>

QSWH	Advocacy Community Group	VI. a. VNY Tenant Briefing (Clay Lacy) – Presentation	<p>QSWH finds Jason Price's choice of omitting requested, timely and critical items brought to his attention by several citizens via email concerning in light of the Chair instead choosing to agendize a promotional presentation. VNY businesses promoting themselves is welcome however, there are critical items pending that currently demand the council and public's attention.</p> <p>While we appreciate and even celebrate the historical contributions of Clay Lacy, CAC's purpose is to be presented with operational, policy and land use actions at the airport that have the potential to impact the region. It is the CAC's purpose to then discuss what is intended to be proposed, before it progresses to the Board's agenda, so that CAC can provide timely recommendations to the Board on any given project, policy or study. Considering there are several items of substance that have yet to be addressed, a promotional presentation at this time proves counterproductive and may prove to gaslight the public.</p> <p>QSWH wishes to applaud Clay Lacy for recognizing that LAWA and/or Price's solicitation for them to present was not in anyone's best interest. The City is in the midst of beginning to develop a new Specific Airport Plan and reevaluate development policy and minimum standards. The City (airport sponsor) is also battling LAWA's (airport proprietor) damaging initial response to a meritless Part 13 Complaint filed by the disgruntled Van Nuys Airport Association (VNAA) President, Curt Castagna. Castagna, who was fired and sued by Aeroplex Aerolease Group this year and who's Bonseph Helinet LLC partnership was justly and timely denied a leasehold based on insufficient standards proposed, may be using his position as VNAA President in a manner that could prove harmful to the VNY tenancy, to the airport and to the City. We greatly appreciate Clay Lacy being cognizant of a critical time.</p> <p>By choosing to cancel, Clay Lacy demonstrated consideration for community's interest and respect for the purpose of CAC. We thank Clay Lacy's leadership. QSWH looks forward to future presentations by Clay Lacy, whether celebrating their legacy or informing the public of proposed changes to their property and/or leasehold.</p>
QSWH	Advocacy Community Group	VI. b. VNY CAC Procedures – Discussion/Action	<p>In light of recent events, and Jason Price's controversial history presiding as Chair, we find thoughtful consideration of CAC procedures by the membership valid. We encourage CAC members to choose change moving forward so that the legislative body might be proud of its actions, and perform as conceived. Citizen oversight is typically the ONLY watchdog that can produce positive outcomes amidst negligence, status quo, corruption and/or corporate greed. Had critical items been agendized over the years and the conflicts of interest eliminated, CAC may have sounded the alarm and prevented the insufficient standards of developments to date. Instead, CAC missed its opportunity to recommend measures that may have prevented an out-of-date infrastructure and the daily exposure of toxic fumes now harming VNY tenants themselves, and adjacent businesses and residents. Please choose positive change.</p>
SUZANNE	GUTIERREZ	IV. Public Comment Period	<p>I am giving you all my email response to Jason Price after he said he called this special CAC meeting for the community. That's a lie. Take a look around the room. Do you see any community members here or just a couple representatives of community groups? That's because community was not informed of this "special CAC meeting", and despite LAWA increasing their PR firm's budget by \$500,000 with intention for community outreach. Community is very upset that Jason cancelled the August 6th meeting for NO VALID REASON because they planned in advance for it. Jason stated that it was because 1.) it was on the same night as National Night Out and 2.) the presenter for that day cancelled. For the record, CAC meetings have never been cancelled in the past for National Night Out. Why this time? And, not having a presenter? That is not a valid reason to cancel a CAC meeting. In fact, the presenter for this evening cancelled and look, this meeting still happened. Per the CAC Bylaws, CAC meetings may be cancelled by a majority of the council.</p> <p>Jason, then responded about the cancelled the Aug. 6th CAC meeting with, and I quote "It was made clear to me after the cancelation of the August meeting that it was imperative members of the community had an opportunity to have their voices heard. I received numerous emails expressing concern about the cancelation and determined that a special meeting should be called." Really? Did Jason respond to ANY of those emails to let these people know that he called for a "Special CAC Meeting"? Or, LAWA, did you reach out to any community members where their CEO was cc'd to let them know? Of course NOT! Because this "special meeting" was about damage control, only it made Jason's indiscretion worse.</p> <p>I closed my email to Jason by requesting that he please, stop manipulating the narrative that this meeting was for the community. It wasn't. It was to bring in propaganda from a VNY tenant. It wasn't for the many specific asks that community had asked, IN THESE EMAILS TO YOU (Jason), to include: 1.) 3rd party law firm Brown Act Q&A ***been asking since January 2024! 2.) Sherman Way Tunnel update and 3.) Part 13 complaint.</p> <p>This is a systemic problem of diminishing the community's voice. Bottom line, Jason, you are NOT fit to be the CAC chair.</p>

Margo	District 3	IV. Public Comment Period	<p>I was very surprised when I went to the CAC website today to find that there was this unannounced special meeting. I say unannounced because I sat at the BOAC meeting where LAWA and the lobbyist Nicholas Roxborough bragged about the benefit of upping the PR firm's budget another half million for "stellar community outreach" efforts. And yet there was no effort to announce this "special meeting" outside of posting it on the website that no one would know to check! Timmy from QSWH suggested three years ago for LAWA to create an E-blast mailing list where citizens can sign up to receive these types of notices and more. WHY HASN'T THAT BEEN DONE?! Even LA city planning is adept at sending out newsletters and updates via email from an email list. The fact that LAWA continues to ignore common sense and community seems to demonstrate its determination to suppress community voices. I only came to the site today because I wanted to listen to tape about something I thought I heard at a prior meeting. I am now very angry over the unjustified cancellation of the August 6 meeting, which I arranged babysitters for so that I could attend, and now to find out this special meeting is occurring tonight, when I have no babysitters and cannot attend! I can only assume that our trusted valley advocate and other community groups chose not to "advertise" this meeting because they are tired of doing LAWA's job for them. This organization does not seem on the up and up, considering it allows a Van Nuys business owner to suppress community voices by these endless antics. Why is someone profiting from the airport even on a citizens advisory council? Quite frankly, the CAC is a waste of time and should be dismantled at this point if no one cares to follow city council's intent and criteria for it.</p>
Eric	Belland	IV. Public Comment Period	<p>Flight school planes are noisily passing directly over our homes as many as 350 times a day rather than over the uninhabited Sepulveda Basin, due to pilots making early turns at lower elevations than they are directed by the FAA and VNY's own noise abatement procedures.</p> <p>This constant noise assault has drastically impacted the health, property values, ability to earn income and overall quality of life of many hundreds of households. When pilots are about to takeoff from Van Nuys airport, they are instructed by the control tower to climb to an altitude of 1800 feet before making any turns. In addition, there is signage at the takeoff runway end of the runway instructing them to climb to 1800 feet before making any returns.</p> <p>Pilots are routinely ignoring those control tower instructions and signage! And yet there is zero enforcement!</p> <p>My neighbors and I demand that the FAA and/or LAWA make their agreed-upon noise abatement procedures MANDATORY with appropriate fines for violations.</p>