

Van Nuys Airport CAC Public Comments May 2023

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| Bob        | Bramen    | VI a. Vision Study Presentation | <p>The City Council in CF 22-1127 requested the Department of City Planning in consultation with LAWA create a Specific Plan and/or other land use tools for Van Nuys Airport to replace the existing Van Nuys Airport Plan and zoning ordinance. As the initial step in this process LAWA is conducting a "Vision Study" to identify what land uses at VNY should be incorporated into the Specific Plan.</p> <p>There have been two rounds of open house public meetings seeking community input. Both open houses however were severely flawed and require a reset of the Vision Study for it to be truly response to community concerns. and to develop real land use alternatives rather than the one-sided options that LAWA presented which all involve the continued conversion of VNY to a major jetport for the very wealthy.</p> <p>Flaws with Vision Study.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. LAWA hasn't earned the trust from impacted communities. Feel like we're being manipulated.</li> <li>2. No real dialogue with stakeholders, including CAC ad hoc committee in Vision Study process to date. The process has been top down driven with the appearance that LAWA is just checking boxes to meet the City Council's mandate.</li> <li>3. Putting cart before the horse by asking us to comment on alternative land use plans without giving us any background data on existing land use allocation and forecasts of future demand by aircraft type.</li> <li>4. Never asked for our big picture goals for VNYs future before giving us limited choice alternatives to react to.</li> <li>5. The alternative land use plans appear to be thrown together at last minute and lack any definition of what goals they are trying to solve.</li> <li>6. Also, alternatives don't allow for different futures based on known unknowns such as impact to VNY of SMO airport potentially closing.</li> </ol> | 04/28/23 3:35 PM |

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| LORIL   | HIRSCH    | IV. Public Comment Period       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There's no real dialogue with stakeholders! This Vision Study is the vision of LAWA and NOT the surrounding communities.</li> <li>• Vision Study process is being rushed when CD6 has no elected Councilperson to represent the neighborhoods nearest to VNY.</li> <li>• There's no real dialogue with stakeholders! This Vision Study is the vision of LAWA and NOT the surrounding communities.</li> </ul>   | 04/29/23 7:29 PM |
| Barbara | Malin     | IV. Public Comment Period       | <p>I am 83 years old and the constant noise from planes flying over my home is so loud I can no longer use my backyard for gardening or entertaining. I've lived in Granada Hills for 42 years near Hayvenhurst and that street is in the landing pattern. This has caused my quality of life to decline as I remain indoors most of the time now. Also I notice that the dust is dark and heavy from jet exhaust, not grey and fluffy. Please make the planes quieter, much quieter and less frequent, sometimes it sounds like a war zone outside. That would be my suggestion to you.</p> <p>Thank you,<br/>Barbara Malin</p>  | 05/01/23 5:03 PM |
| sue     | steinberg | VI a. Vision Study Presentation | <p>LAWA's disingenuous idea of "COMMUNITY OUTREACH" is frustrating, and only proves that they don't really care about the impact of VNY on residents, schools &amp; local businesses.</p> <p>Neither the AD HOC committee, nor the CAC were informed of the "Alternative choices A,B &amp; C" presented at the Open House on 4/19. So where exactly DID they get their input and ideas from? Certainly not the communities who are being impacted and who SHOULD BE INVOLVED in the decision making process.</p> <p>The majority of people attending on 4/19 were there to show their concerns and displeasure of what's happening at VNY - not because they love the idea of the changes that are being forced down our throats.</p> | 05/01/23 8:12 PM |

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| Kimberly | Turner | IV. Public Comment Period | <p>On April 29, a Cessna 172S Skyhawk SP was reported missing near Sherman Oaks. The wreckage of the airplane was located in a steep hillside at the Beverly Glen Circle. The pilot died and the aircraft was destroyed. By a stroke of luck, no one on the ground was injured and homes were not destroyed.</p> <p>This crash shines a light on the dangers of low-flying aircraft in elevated mountainous terrain, and how it greatly increases the risk to those on the aircraft and in the communities below.</p> <p>The pilot was using Visual Flight Rules (VFR) to fly his aircraft. When using VFR, the pilot does not have the assistance of instruments and must maintain visual vertical separation at all times. The pilot must be able to operate the aircraft solely with visual reference to the ground, and by visually avoiding obstructions and other aircraft. Rising mountains and elevated terrain make it difficult to gauge, and especially dangerous with fog and/or when it's dark.</p> <p>Contributing to the danger is that the Santa Monica Mountains are located in a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone. Wildfires are getting more and more out of control and there is limited egress in case of emergency. Low-flying aircraft, of any type, are dangerous in the foothills and mountains, and those areas should be avoided. Please make sure aircraft that overshoot VNY Redesign's WP3 do not head into the Studio City hillsides and Hollywood Hills.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> | 05/01/23 8:56 PM |
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| Justin  | Dickerson | IV. Public Comment Period | <p>I am writing regarding the VNY flight path Redesign in progress and in particular WP3. It is critical for safety that aircraft heading to new waypoint WP3 complete the turn to the north at that time. Aircraft should not be flying toward ascending terrain in the Santa Monica Mountains before completing their turn. Flight paths over the mountains should be limited, both for safety and to preserve the natural environment, protected parklands, and wildlife.</p> <p>Recent events show the importance of avoiding hillsides and mountain areas as part of the WP3 waypoint in the VNY Redesign. On April 29, a Cessna 172S Skyhawk SP was reported missing near Sherman Oaks. The wreckage of the airplane was located in a steep hillside at the Beverly Glen Circle. The pilot died and the aircraft was destroyed. By a stroke of luck, no one on the ground was injured and homes were not destroyed.</p> <p>This crash shines a light on the dangers of low-flying aircraft in elevated mountainous terrain, and how it greatly increases the risk to those on the aircraft and in the communities below.</p> <p>The pilot was using Visual Flight Rules (VFR) to fly his aircraft. When using VFR, the pilot does not have the assistance of instruments and must maintain visual vertical separation at all times. The pilot must be able to operate the aircraft solely with visual reference to the ground, and by visually avoiding obstructions and other aircraft. Rising mountains and elevated terrain make it difficult to gauge, and especially dangerous with fog and/or when it's dark.</p> <p>Contributing to the danger is that the Santa Monica Mountains are located in a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone. Wildfires are getting more and more out of control and there is limited egress in case of emergency. Low-flying aircraft, of any type, are dangerous in the foothills and mountains, and those areas should be avoided. Please make sure aircraft that overshoot VNY Redesign's WP3 do not head into the Studio City hillsides and Hollywood Hills.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> | 05/01/23 11:01 PM |
| Suzanne | Gutierrez | IV. Public Comment Period | <p>Last weeks VNY Vision Study Open House was nothing but LAWA's agenda. And the three "alternatives" were all about expansion, expansion, expansion. We need a MORATORIUM on all development at Van Nuys Airport until there is a City Council-approved updated Airport Plan/Specific Plan that addresses the community's concerns including the increase in jet activity, air pollution and all other impacts from Van Nuys Airport. LAWA's "public engagement" is truly a disgrace. Shame on LAWA!!</p>   | 05/01/23 11:19 PM |

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| Edward | H       | IV. Public Comment Period             | <p>I am a long time Lake Balboa resident. The increase in jet traffic has negatively affected my business. The loud jets that take off every few minutes and the helicopters that fly over my house and shake it are literally impacting my income. When will this be addressed? When will the community's concerns be the concerns of the airport? Here is a very interesting article showing how that "average Americans are not only suffering from the adverse environmental impacts of private jets, but also subsidizing that harm". Here is the link to the article: <a href="https://www.yahoo.com/news/ultra-wealthy-fly-private-costing-164523502.html">https://www.yahoo.com/news/ultra-wealthy-fly-private-costing-164523502.html</a></p>   | 05/01/23 11:50 PM |
| Lezlie | Lehmann | III. BOAC Agenda Items Concerning VNY | <p>I fully support Fumefighters United VNY in their efforts to halt the expansion of chartered jet aircraft and their increasing number of flights at Van Nuys Airport. As it stands now, the people who live within a mile radius of VNY are suffering substantially, physically and emotionally, from the all day and night fumes, carbon emissions, and the noise.</p> <p>This type of expansion will cause far more untold harm to thousands of its neighbors, whose homes and schools reside within a one mile radius of the runway.</p> <p>The Community Residents have brilliant ideas, non-threatening to human or animal, ideas, that will create jobs and bring just as much if not more revenue to the city of L.A. Is there anyone at LAWA representing the people suffering at the hands of the VNY's Private Charters? Seemingly, not so far.</p> | 05/02/23 1:56 AM  |
| Lezlie | Lehmann | VI a. Vision Study Presentation       | <p>I fully support Fumefighters United VNY in their efforts to halt the expansion of chartered jet aircraft and their increasing number of flights at Van Nuys Airport. As it stands now, the people who live within a mile radius of VNY are suffering substantially, physically and emotionally, from the all day and night fumes, carbon emissions, and the noise.</p> <p>This type of expansion will cause far more untold harm to thousands of its neighbors, whose homes and schools reside within a one mile radius of the runway.</p> <p>The Community Residents have brilliant ideas, non-threatening to human or animal, ideas, that will create jobs and bring just as much if not more revenue to the city of L.A. Is there anyone at LAWA representing the people suffering at the hands of the VNY's Private Charters? Seemingly, not so far.</p> | 05/02/23 1:58 AM  |

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| Lezlie | Lehmann | VI b. Overview of Federal Airports Law and Grant Assurances                         | <p>I fully support Fumefighters United VNY in their efforts to halt the expansion of chartered jet aircraft and their increasing number of flights at Van Nuys Airport. As it stands now, the people who live within a mile radius of VNY are suffering substantially, physically and emotionally, from the all day and night fumes, carbon emissions, and the noise.</p> <p>This type of expansion will cause far more untold harm to thousands of its neighbors, whose homes and schools reside within a one mile radius of the runway.</p> <p>The Community Residents have brilliant ideas, non-threatening to human or animal, ideas, that will create jobs and bring just as much if not more revenue to the city of L.A. Is there anyone at LAWA representing the people suffering at the hands of the VNY's Private Charters? Seemingly, not so far.</p> | 05/02/23 1:58 AM |
| Lezlie | Lehmann | VI c. Van Nuys Airport Scheduled Charter Operations Under Part 380                  | <p>I fully support Fumefighters United VNY in their efforts to halt the expansion of chartered jet aircraft and their increasing number of flights at Van Nuys Airport. As it stands now, the people who live within a mile radius of VNY are suffering substantially, physically and emotionally, from the all day and night fumes, carbon emissions, and the noise.</p> <p>This type of expansion will cause far more untold harm to thousands of its neighbors, whose homes and schools reside within a one mile radius of the runway.</p> <p>The Community Residents have brilliant ideas, non-threatening to human or animal, ideas, that will create jobs and bring just as much if not more revenue to the city of L.A. Is there anyone at LAWA representing the people suffering at the hands of the VNY's Private Charters? Seemingly, not so far.</p> | 05/02/23 1:59 AM |
| Lezlie | Lehmann | VII b. Vision Study Ad Hoc Committee - Wayne Williams, MaryKate Harris, John Parker | <p>I fully support Fumefighters United VNY in their efforts to halt the expansion of chartered jet aircraft and their increasing number of flights at Van Nuys Airport. As it stands now, the people who live within a mile radius of VNY are suffering substantially, physically and emotionally, from the all day and night fumes, carbon emissions, and the noise.</p> <p>This type of expansion will cause far more untold harm to thousands of its neighbors, whose homes and schools reside within a one mile radius of the runway.</p> <p>The Community Residents have brilliant ideas, non-threatening to human or animal, ideas, that will create jobs and bring just as much if not more revenue to the city of L.A. Is there anyone at LAWA representing the people suffering at the hands of the VNY's Private Charters? Seemingly, not so far.</p> | 05/02/23 2:00 AM |

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| Kimberley | Thure  | VI a. Vision Study Presentation | It seems to me the LAWA is ignoring and plowing through with expansion of the airport without giving the concerned citizens in residential areas DIRECTLY adjacent to the airport consideration. We DO NOT have an elected official to represent us and YOU ARE TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THAT AND FAST TRACKING your expansion development. We're already overloaded with fumes and noise. What's next? Been here 24 years and this past year was the worst ever with airport fumes and noise levels. Please hear our voices. | 05/02/23 7:56 AM |
| Jolene    | Fisher | VI a. Vision Study Presentation | Last weeks VNY Vision Study Open House was nothing but LAWA's agenda. And the three "alternatives" were all about expansion, expansion, expansion. We need a MORATORIUM on all development at Van Nuys Airport until there is a City Council-approved updated Airport Plan/Specific Plan that addresses the community's concerns including the increase in jet activity, air pollution and all other impacts from Van Nuys Airport. LAWA's "public engagement" is truly a disgrace. Shame on LAWA!!                      | 05/02/23 8:11 AM |

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| Bob  | Bramen | VII b. Vision Study Ad Hoc Committee - Wayne Williams, MaryKate Harris, John Parker | <p>There are serious flaws with the Vision Study as conducted to date. There needs to be a rethinking of the Vision Study to address impacted residents concerns. I believe the Vision Study could still be a valuable first step towards an updated Airport Plan if the following is done:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. For people to provide informed opinions on land use alternatives they need context and they need data that we know LAWA has but has not shared with us. LAWA needs to provide spatial and tabular documentation on how the acreage at VNY is currently allocated to each aircraft category (prop plane, helicopter, small jet, medium jet, and large jet) and non-aviation uses by location; and for each property: the lease status, facility condition and the percentage occupancy. These data would allow an overlay of potential redevelopment sites in selected time frames to be developed.</li> <li>2. We also need to see the 10 and 20 year forecasts of demand by type of aircraft that LAWA has prepared. These should include alternative forecasts to reflect known unknowns (e.g. with and without the closure of SMO, and possibly Whiteman airports).</li> <li>3. To help define alternative land use concepts LAWA should elicit input from stakeholders on what their “big picture” vision of VNY should be in the future.</li> <li>4. Using this information alternative land use plans should be prepared as a collaborative and iterative, bottom-up process (rather than the top down process used so far) that includes input from all stakeholder groups.</li> <li>5. LAWA should then use Consensus building workshops to obtain buy-in by the different stakeholder groups on what alternative or alternatives should advance into the Specific Plan/Airport Plan Update.</li> </ol> <p>Since the fate of each redevelopment site will not be known for certainty until the Vision Study and subsequent Specific Plan are adopted, there needs to be a moratorium on any RFPs and pending leases for redevelopment at VNY until the process is completed.</p> | 05/02/23 9:17 AM |
| Brad | Smith  | VI a. Vision Study Presentation   | <p>I am very disappointed in LAWA and the City in terms of the case they have attempted to make for a capacity expansion at VNY without a full EIR; as the histories of Glendale (Grand Central Airport), San Fernando Airport, and Santa Monica Airport all make clear, the need for civil aviation facilities in greater Los Angeles is arguable.</p> <p>The City needs a moratorium on ALL development at Van Nuys Airport until there is a City Council-approved and fully updated Airport Plan/Specific Plan that addresses the community's concerns including the increase in jet activity, air pollution, health impact (including premature births), surface and air traffic, and all other impacts from Van Nuys Airport.</p>   | 05/02/23 9:39 AM |



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| Vincent | Cavallo | IV. Public Comment Period       | Please understand my concern about the development at Van Nuys Airport. It is important that any new development should be planned in such a way that it takes into consideration the community's concerns and is actually beneficial to them. It is also necessary to ensure that proper measures are taken to reduce air pollution, jet activity and all other possible impacts that could arise. Perhaps we can reach our local city council representatives and ask them to push for a moratorium on development until a comprehensive plan is implemented.   | 05/02/23 11:13 AM |
| Penny   | Alpert  | VI a. Vision Study Presentation | <p>- Council District 6 (CD 6) currently has no elected Council person to represent neighborhoods nearest to VNY and will suffer the most adverse impacts of any proposed land use changes. For this reason alone, our representatives should enforce a moratorium.</p> <p>- The three alternatives presented in the Vision Study appear to all have the same goal: increase acreage for jet aviation. This is not what the community wants in a general aviation airport and LAWA has been told this and they ignore it. Instead, LAWA just wants to keep increasing activity at the busiest General Aviation airport in the US, when its surroundings cannot support any more activity.</p> <p>- LAWA asks us to comment on their plans that expand aviation use without giving us any data that would help us understand how those plans would actually impact our communities and LAWA purposely ignores our requests for less area dedicated to jet activity.</p> <p>- LAWA and VNY are ignoring the Citizens Advisory Council (CAC) Ad Hoc Committee that was set up to give them input from our communities and LAWA has not been transparent with the CAC.</p> <p>- LAWA and VNY are rushing the Vision Study so that they can keep building and say they are listening to us when they aren't.</p> <p>-LAWA has never asked for the community's big-picture goals for VNY's future before giving us these limited-choice alternatives to react to.</p> | 05/02/23 11:19 AM |
| Lisa    | Cavallo | IV. Public Comment Period       | There are many steps that airports can take to minimize their carbon footprint and promote sustainability. One most important step is to reduce the number of inbound and outbound flights, invest in renewable energy sources, such as solar power. Another approach is to use energy-efficient technologies and systems.  | 05/02/23 11:20 AM |

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| Pegge  | Brunk  | IV. Public Comment Period | <p>Talking points you may wish to use with your representatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Council District 6 (CD 6) currently has no elected Council person to represent neighborhoods nearest to VNY and will suffer the most adverse impacts of any proposed land use changes. For this reason alone, our representatives should enforce a moratorium.</li> <li>- The three alternatives presented in the Vision Study appear to all have the same goal: increase acreage for jet aviation. This is not what the community wants in a general aviation airport and LAWA has been told this and they ignore it. Instead, LAWA just wants to keep increasing activity at the busiest General Aviation airport in the US, when its surroundings cannot support any more activity.</li> <li>- LAWA asks us to comment on their plans that expand aviation use without giving us any data that would help us understand how those plans would actually impact our communities and LAWA purposely ignores our requests for less area dedicated to jet activity.</li> <li>- LAWA and VNY are ignoring the Citizens Advisory Council (CAC) Ad Hoc Committee that was set up to give them input from our communities and LAWA has not been transparent with the CAC.</li> <li>- LAWA and VNY are rushing the Vision Study so that they can keep building and say they are listening to us when they aren't.</li> <li>-LAWA has never asked for the community's big-picture goals for VNY's future before giving us these limited-choice alternatives to react to.</li> </ul> | 05/02/23 11:53 AM |
| Andrea | Monroe | IV. Public Comment Period | <p>I am a resident of the Bull Creek area for over 20 years and have witnessed the untethered growth of the Van Nuys Airport for a long time. First concerns were for flying patterns, take off times, and noise reduction. But now, the the expansion has forced our community and others around to be afraid for our health because of the constant fumes from idling jets just across from us on Havenhurst.</p> <p>I see now that the various airlines are offering flights to neighboring Mexico and perhaps other destinations. When and why is this being allowed for a small airport? And why were these plans not made public to the neighboring area?</p> <p>I understand the City of LA most likely makes money off these enterprises, but the bureaucracy around this planning is an uphill battle for all of who value our health and property values.</p> <p>It is my hope you will make revisions to these airport plans and finally show concern for the constituents and tax paying citizens who vote for people to protect our interests.</p>   | 05/02/23 12:03 PM |

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| Dannielle | Sweet  | IV. Public Comment Period       | As a resident of the Pocket neighborhood   | 05/02/23 2:08 PM |
| Dannielle | Sweet  | IV. Public Comment Period       | As a longtime resident of the neighborhood just west of the airport, the amount of change to the airport has been exponential. Normal growth is one thing, but the huge difference in the last 5 years has made life almost unbearable. I strongly support Fumefighters United VNY. We need environmental impact studies to show how any additional growth cannot be supported.  | 05/02/23 2:11 PM |
| Doug      | Decker | IV. Public Comment Period       | The increased usage of the Van Nuys airport has meant an increase in noise and air pollution. I have lived here 21 years, on Petit Ave directly under the traffic. The first 15 years were fine, but the last 6 have seen increased flights with increased noise and air pollution. I am asking for a compromise limiting flight take offs.  | 05/02/23 2:23 PM |
| Linda     | Clarke | VI a. Vision Study Presentation | The Vision Study (goal) does not represent "compatible", responsible land use with surrounding communities"; what VNY/LAWA is currently practicing is highly incompatible with surrounding communities miles beyond the airport who continue to be directly impacted with substantial noise and pollution exposure from by departing jet traffic---especially since dramatic change in southerly departure procedures in 2017/2018. Any on-going or future facility improvements with increased vendors, retail, etc. that attracts and increases VNY operations only exacerbate existing problems which VNY over-flight communities continue to confront on a daily basis--more frequent, louder, low jets and toxic emissions exposure! The fact that Santa Monica and Whiteman airports are closing also has direct implications for increased air traffic at VNY. The number and frequency of flight operations (hence, ever- expanding airport use and pursuit of revenue interests) cannot be separated from on-going, persistent adverse impacts to who and what is under the current flight path/departure procedures in use. VNY cannot operate without restraint in a "vacuum" without properly looking at the entire area actually affected by their operations. The Vision Study seems extremely short sighted not to specifically consider directly impacted areas beyond the airport boundary by current and increasing airport use. | 05/02/23 4:53 PM |

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| Alicia | Avery | IV. Public Comment Period | <p>We need a MORATORIUM on all plans and development at VNY until the CD6 councilmember seat is filled an EIS/Air Quality Study is done.</p> <p>I attended the VNY LAWA Vision Study and left feeling confused and frustrated. The vision study didn't feel like a way of community engagement. It wasn't made known to the community and how LAWA informed me of their promotion efforts for this event was superficial. Almost as if the true motive wasn't to bring attendance based on the surrounding community.</p> <p>This event felt more like an event for LAWA and VNY to show their own vision and future plans regarding the airport and less about community discussion and involvement. These "alternatives" presented had only slight differences and at the end of it all, just felt like a diversion from the real concerns that the community has expressed.</p> <p>How many comment cards and sections are we as a community going to fill out without being taken seriously by VNY and LAWA.</p> | 05/02/23 7:40 PM |
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