



December 15, 2022

Councilman John S. Lee
9207 Oakdale Avenue, Suite 200
Chatsworth, CA 91311

REQUEST to Open Council File

SUBJECT: A Moratorium on the Expansion of the Van Nuys Airport / Bonseph Helinet Lease

Dear Councilmen Lee,

The North Hills West Neighborhood Council requests that you open a Council File to place a moratorium on all further growth and expansion projects and leases of the Van Nuys Airport (VNY) until the outdated seventeen-year-old Van Nuys Airport Master Plan is revised and updated with ample opportunity from public comment and community input. This oversight has led to the erosion of transparency on the part of the Los Angeles World Airport (LAWA), which has acted to add extensive new facilities, including leased hangar and office space, a US Commission (VNY CAC) for comment or input prior to the Board of Airport Commission's (BOAC) approval of such projects.

We also ask that the Board of Airport Commission (BOAC) remove from consideration any agenda items proposed by Bonseph Helinet until such items are brought before the Van Nuys Airport Citizens Advisory Commission (VNY CAC) and residents for public comment and review since the proposed lease would quadruple the square footage of space dedicated to helicopter activity, which would have a negative environmental impact on the San Fernando Valley Community by increasing noise, pollution, and visual blight; and would lead to the VNY airport becoming the future home for manned and drone taxis.

The North Hills West Neighborhood Council, at its regular General Board meeting of December 15, 2022, approved this statement by a vote of 9 Yes, 1 No, 0 Abstention.

Sincerely,
North Hills West Neighborhood Council.