



**Council File Number: 23-1339 Van Nuys Airport Specific Plan / Citizens Advisory Committee / Forensic Audit / Economic Study / Noise Mitigation / Community Benefit Program. Padilla, Raman.**

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North Hills West Neighborhood Council (NHWNC), in the southeast quadrant of Council District 12, John Lee, has consistently expressed concern over increasing non-essential VNY jet charter and propeller plane traffic over the Valley airspace. Areas of NHWNC are subjected to the arrival and departure patterns for air traffic into and out of VNY, including the Valley Charter (Elementary) School, where its teachers, students, and Executive Director are on record expressing concern over the noise and pollution exposure that is impacting student's use of outdoor recess space and during class when lessons are paused due to aircraft noise. Similar complaints are increasingly being received from the taxpayer voter residents of the same areas. In June 2023, UCLA Pediatric Residents and Faculty released a [VNY Health Impact Assessment \(HIA\)](#) that highlights significant harm being done to children under exposure areas and that of our collective region. The HIA also recommends mitigation measures that are echoed in CF 23-1339, including (3): *Look at mitigating noise and other impacts from the airport on the surrounding area, including **jet blast** and **sound barrier installations** between the airport and adjacent homes and businesses, **green space** to mitigate climate change and pollution factors on both the east and west side of the property and other opportunities such as tree planting.* According to [CF 23-1339](#), the environmental consequences born from the influx of private aircraft over the region have not been studied, nor has the extent of its need or benefit to the City substantiated.

North Hills West Neighborhood Council (NHWNC) joins a number of Valley neighborhood councils that share the concern that the private air traffic over our region is disproportionately impacting the health and quality of life of its dwellers, employees, and our natural spaces. For these reasons and more, the NHWNC wholeheartedly supports CF23-1339 and encourages the City Council to approve and adopt this motion without procrastination or modification. In connection, NHWNC also encourages the City Council to **reject** the Bonseph Helinet LLC proposal that is void of crucial mitigation measures such as appropriate tree height canopy barriers on the perimeter to combat pollution and climate change concerns and power capacity upgrades to significantly reduce toxic ground emissions from the proposed introduction of Jets for Charter to the property that will only exasperate the cumulative crisis the Valley environment is facing. City Council should reject any and all development deals that do not include the above-mentioned mitigation criteria in the original proposal itself, and the City Council should place a moratorium on aviation development permits until CF 23-1339 has been adopted and realized.

The North Hills West Neighborhood Council at its January 18, 2024, General Board Meeting, as duly posted in accordance with the Brown Act, voted in support CF 23-1339 and submit a community impact statement by a vote of:

Yeas: 6

Nays: 2

Abstain: 0

Ineligible: 0



Recusals: 0