I am a 46 year resident of Sherman Oaks who is concerned about current and future use of Van Nuys Airport in light of continuing adverse impacts directly experienced by me and multiple communities south of the airport. The planned Vision Study for VNY purports to be about land and facility use— not facility expansion itself; but it IS definitely about general aviation EXPANSION— in use and (inevitably) revenue for VNY. Such "expansion" is particularly problematic because of continued adherence to the 2017 southerly shifted departure path/procedures which take jets many miles beyond the airport itself toward the Santa Monica Mountains— a shift that has directly resulted in frequent, invasive, extreme noise, with toxic emissions and pollution exposure from lower flying jets in high fire hazard, noise amplifying terrain that persists today. This is well known by LAWA, many city, state elected representatives, and well documented in the published Task Force Report.

We in VNY over-flight communities in vicinity of the Santa Monica Mountains. ARE part of the VNY "stakeholder" community even though we don't border the airport itself. Multiple communities, still severely, and adversely impacted by the 2017 shift in the southern departure path procedures, were effectively were made part of the VNY "surrounding community". We are still directly and significantly impacted, and will continue to be even more so, by currently increasing ("hence expanding") operations, including increasing charter flight operation (some of which use larger aircraft). The pursuit and facilitating of new vendor operations is woefully apparent to the community.

We are acutely aware of, and have valid concerns that, functionally increased use/operations is "expansion"; expanded vendor use means more jet traffic with continued/increased significant adverse impact to people, wildlife, vegetation under VNY over-flight terrain completely unsuitable to the extent of noise and pollution this traffic brings. This is not "compatible, responsible land use with surrounding communities" that the Vision Study goal states, or that VNY/LAWA is practicing! 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.
Over the past 15 years LAWA has been violating California Environmental laws by approving over 600,000 sf of hangar and flight support space for construction at VNY without a detailed Specific Plan in place that quantified the cumulative impacts to residents and the natural environment.

Now LAWA wants to resume this piecemeal approach to project approval after they have completed a “Vision Study,” yet before a Specific Plan is in place that quantifies cumulative impacts. That is not only unacceptable, it is unlawful!

Also, LAWA has only proposed a moratorium on new RFPs at VNY until the Vision Study is completed. Yet this Vision Study by staffs definition will only be a general “roadmap” for future growth at VNY. As such the Vision Study will not provide sufficient information to assess the cumulative impacts of individual projects as they are proposed. This will only occur after the Specific Plan is completed.

It is therefore recommended that there be a moratorium on any new RFP’s for further development at VNY until the Specific Plan itself is approved.

There is precedence for this. At LAX there was a Moratorium on any new construction until the detailed LAX Master Plan and Specific Plan were adopted. The same should apply to VNY as well.

I attended the BOAC meeting which by the way was not publicized to residents of the valley at all.

Van Nuys Airport needs a master plan. Not a so called Vision plan. We need a master plan like what they did for LAX and there needs to be a moratorium on any projects or expansion until a new MASTER plan has been created (and includes resident stakeholders input) and APPROVED by the city.

Van Nuys Airport is not being transparent. The Vision Plan webinar was not helpful and did not allow input or questions from the public, other than cherry picked or (I suspect) ones actually authored by airport employees. The polls were laughable.

Please do better. I personally value your airport, but the airport does not appear to value the residents or other people affected by Van Nuys Airport. Try to work with us, instead of ignoring us and then poisoning us.
Rachel De Leon  
IV. Public Comment Period

I am a Sherman Oaks resident and would like to comment on my deep concern about further expansion of VNY flights. I went to the BOAC meeting where a VNY vision plan was discussed. However, nothing short of a Master Plan would meet this community's needs going further. Continued expansion of VNY needs to stop until community stakeholders, including residents, have had opportunity for input.

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Robin Middleton  
IV. Public Comment Period

Please do not expand VNY. Flights have already increased over the surrounding neighborhoods during recent years, and the proposed expansion will bring even more flights into and out of the airport which will cause even more harmful noise and air pollution to the surrounding communities. The currently existing plane noise at all hours of the day and night is already very disturbing and nerve-wracking. Sometimes it is non-stop. Right now, I am awakened on a regular basis by loud and low flying planes, including during early and very early morning hours. Once awakened, I have trouble going back to sleep which impacts my health and productivity the next day. This loud noise is not only detrimental to me but also to my neighbors. It is a source of constant complaint. Please do not expand the Van Nuys Airport.

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Granada Hills  
VI b. Vision Study Update - Discussion/Action

I have resided in Granada Hills for 20 years. I live directly under the flight path of arriving aircraft. These private planes begin arriving as frequently as every 3-5 minutes beginning on Thursday and continue through the weekend. I'm not even going to go into how much traffic VNY handles when there is a special event going on in LA (i.e this week for the Oscars). These planes fly so low over our neighborhoods that I can't hold a conversation in my backyard without being drowned out by the noise every 3 minutes. When I moved here long ago, yes there was airport traffic, however it was tolerable and barely noticeable. What is happening now is there is no enforcement on the number of landings or the time of day or night those landings occur. If we are experiencing these issues now without relief or remedy, this expansion will only make the current situation intolerable. I am opposed to the expansion of VNY.

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Evelyn MO  
III. BOAC Agenda Items Concerning VNY

Why are you not following Quieter Skies Program?

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