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Board of Airport Commissioners

1 World Way

Los Angeles, CA 90045

Dear Karim Webb:

On January 07, 2025, Van Nuys Airport Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting, the CAC made the following motion.

Aeroplex / Aerolease Group Mitigation Motion (AAG)

Whereas the west side of VNY airport, near Hayvenhurst Avenue, is about 160 feet from residential homes. Since 2021, residents have attended VNY CAC meetings to express concern about fume exposures and high-pitched squeals from APU use. The community has repeatedly requested mitigation measures, including a curved inward wall to protect airport property.

Whereas there are two tenants on the west side of the airport: Aerolease West and Castle & Cooke. In 2024, Aeroplex | Aerolease Group (AAG) acquired a new CEO to lead the company, resulting in collaboration with an established aviation advocate working with community and VNY airport tenants. AAG's interest was to better understand their property's exposure issues and find feasible mitigation opportunities, both short-term and long-term.

Whereas AAG proposes a 15-foot sound-absorbing wall slanted inward toward airport property to help address APU exposures. In return, AAG requests a 5–7-year lease extension to amortize the expense. Construction can commence immediately with cooperation and approval from LAWA and the Board of Airport Commissioners.

Whereas AAG and the aviation consultant agree that a redevelopment lease offers greater mitigation options. However, VNY airport is currently researching a new Specific Airport Plan. LAWA didn't study the property or the airport during its 2022-2023 "Vision Study," so LAWA is not prepared to move forward with a new redevelopment lease opportunity.

Whereas this property requires a site-specific Environmental Impact Review (EIR) or a Programmatic EIR for the airport, as indicated by pollution exposures and a 2023 UCLA Health Impact Assessment. A proper EIR may take 2 years, and RFP consideration, release, award, and development may take another 2-3 years. The proposed wall offers an opportunity to provide residents with needed mitigation measures in the interim.

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Whereas the wall development will benefit the airport, City and the community. It will come at the tenant's expense.

Whereas the wall proposal has no known negative impacts but several notable benefits, including:

- Immediate mitigation for the community as new policies, development criteria, and rules are researched.
- Study for the airport and the City on this type of mitigation option and technology for other locations.
- Potential retention upon a new redevelopment lease or relocation to another area needed of the airport.

Therefore, I move that the VNY CAC recommends to BOAC, the Mayor, and the City Council that Aeroplex | Aerolease Group (AAG) be granted its lease extension and an appropriate extension for Castle & Cooke's contribution, if applicable, to erect the wall promptly.

Whereas the wall development will benefit the airport, City and the motion passed with a roll call vote of eleven "yes" votes, one "abstain" vote. (A. Avery, S. Brackett, M. Harris, T. Materna, H. Molina, J. Parker, A. Parseghian, L. Petrus, E. Robinson, P. Winger, W. Williams), one "abstain" vote (B. Rodine).

Thank you for your consideration.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Wayne Williams". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent "W" and "L".

Wayne Williams
Vice Chair
Van Nuys Airport Citizens Advisory Council

cc: Council District 6, Imelda Padilla
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