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**NOTICE AND AGENDA**  
**ENCINO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**  
**AIRPORT COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Wednesday November 16, 2022 4:00PM**

**MINUTES**

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**AB 361 Updates:** Public comment cannot be required to be submitted in advance of the meeting, only real-time public comment is required. If there are any broadcasting interruptions that prevent the public from observing or hearing the meeting, the meeting must be recessed or adjourned. If members of the public are unable to provide public comment or be heard due to issues within the Neighborhood Council’s control, the meeting must be recessed or adjourned.

**Voting Members** – ENC Members: Jim Esterle\* (Co-Chair), Victoria Miller\* (Co-Chair), Andrew Zucker,\* **Stakeholders:** Robert Bramen, Jacque Lange, John Vernagus, Barry Heins, Penny Alpert  
Alternate Committee Members:

1. **Call to Order. Start recording. Roll call. Determination of quorum:** Quorum met—all 8 committee members present. Meeting called to order, recording started
2. **Reports from Public Officials/Departments/Community Agencies:** None  
**Motion, Discussion, and Vote may be taken on all items**
3. **New and Old Business**

**A. Support the motion for a moratorium on growth at Van Nuys Airport:** The Encino Neighborhood Council Airport Committee moves that the Encino Neighborhood Council support the Van Nuys Airport Citizens Advisory Council (VNY CAC) motion passed at their November 1, 2022 meeting for a Moratorium on Growth at Van Nuys Airport and file a Community Impact Statement (CIS). The VNY CAC sent their letter to LA City Attorney Mike Feuer, and copied LA City Council Districts 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 12, the LAWA Board of Airport Commissioners and LAWA CEO Justin Erbacci, and the members of the VNY CAC on November 8, 2022. We would also like to copy LA City Council District 5. \*see attached document Motion moved by: V. Miller, 2nd: J. Esterle Y:8, N:0, A:0 MSP

**B. Election impact on the CAC appointments by the mayor and council districts:** As we know, CD5 is no longer representing any valley communities since the redistricting changes that began in January 2022, however they still represent other communities impacted by VNY including Bel-Air, and Bel-Air Crest. We need to support them with the new incoming CM Yaroslavsky.

**C. CD 4 Update:** CM Raman’s Deputy Chief of Staff has been very involved with the VNY issues, including the recent Helinet expansion plans. He’s proven to be a great resource for Encino. We plan to invite Geoff to speak and present + answer questions at the next schedule ENC Airport Committee meeting. Geoff still serves on the FAA-created LAX Advisory Committee/Round Table—LAWA supports and has a seat at the proverbial “table,” but does not vote (unlike the CAC LAWA-appointed seats).

**D. BOAC Issues:** Tom Materna and Wayne Williams, both CAC members, are actively involved with the BOAC issues at hand. We need to keep the BOAC on task with the FAA EIR timeline.

**E. VNY Helinet lease:** Due to community pressure, the Helinet item is expected to be removed from the next scheduled BOAC meeting on November 17, 2022 as a agenda calendar consent item for future consideration. The proposed lease is for 25 years and is a major expansion project at VNY. There was also only one bidder for this project. \*note since the ENC Airport Committee meeting, the item was pulled to be heard at the next scheduled BOAC meeting on December 1, 2022. There is still an issue that this item was not properly vetted with the community, nor the CAC

**F. VNY CAC/CD5 Issues:** Currently the new incoming VNY Manager Paul Herrera has suggested that CD5 appointed reps be removed from the CAC as CD5 now longer represented valley communities (see Agenda Item 3B above), however this is really an equity issue for neighborhoods; Encino would lose all direct representation with this move. Furthermore, according to the VNY CAC Bylaws the VNY Manager does not make this determination, the CAC Council does. There was discussion that the CAC members appointed for each LA City Council District represented should live in the actual council district. This would mean that CD4 needs more representation due to redistricting which brought Encino and Studio City into CD4. There was discussion that the CAC look at adding at-large members perhaps or Neighborhood Council seats, but the question remains who would appoint these seats? There are still many vacant positions on the CAC that need to be addressed by the CAC itself. Currently CD3 and CD7 only have a small section of their communities that are impacted by VNY. Jim & Victoria as co-chairs of the ENC Airport Committee are going to send Paul Herrera an email to welcome him and introduce ourselves and share the work we’ve done to date.

**G. Support from EPOA (Encino Property Owners Association):** The EPOA has actively stated they are here to support the ENC Airport Committee with our on-going efforts—perhaps we can do a brief update with them at an upcoming 2023 virtuel meeting

**H. Update on HOME (Homeowners of Encino):** Currently the President of HOME has announced that they no longer live in Encino, however, the HOME Board voted to retain the President in their position. There was discussion on how the EPOA, SOHOA (Sherman Oaks Homeowners Association), and the SCRA (Studio City Residents Association) all have open meetings and are very transparent in their community involvement and

engagement. They all have regular meetings with important guests speaking on a myriad of topics meaningful to their communities. They are not political by nature, nor do they make political statements. They work with elected officials to effect change in their communities.

**I. Former CD 6 Martinez’s city council motions and momentum behind them:** These two motions CF 22-1125 and CF 22-1197 are still working their way through the City Council even after former CM Martinez’s resignation.

**J. Results of the October 26<sup>th</sup>, ENC Council meeting. Motion to support council file 22-1197 (charter flights) passed. Motion 10a (VNY Specific plan) was sent back to committee:** We need to work on CF 22-1125 and create a specific motion to support it with more concrete bullet points. A CIS was filed in support of CF 22-1197

**K. 2023 Airport Committee Strategies:** 1) Get the VNY Master Plan updated. 2) Don’t lose sight of the FAA NextGen EIR, and keep them to their timeline. 3) Work with the new incoming Mayor Bass on the issues with the VNY CAC, and in VNY in general. 4) We need to get the VNY Moratorium to hold while the Master Plan is updated. 5) Work on the Quieter Nights Program (QNP) as the program is very weak—there are no published reports nor tracking, and there are currently more overnight flights now than previously. 5) Create motion to support CF 22-1125.

4. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items** – Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items is limited to TWO MINUTES (2) per speaker. Time may be adjusted at the Chair’s discretion. Public calling in, please press \*9 on your phone to raise your hand to speak. For those that are using the Zoom Webinar please use the raise your hand feature to speak.: None
5. **Board Member Comment on Non Agenda Items:** J. Vernagus brought to our attention that we failed to put the meeting minutes approval from the last ENC Airport Committee meeting on this agenda—we will make a note to add them to the next meeting for approval. V. Miller brought up that the next ENC Airport Committee meeting will take place in January 2023. There is still no confirmation on the pending Biden-appointee pick for FAA Administrator, Phil Washington, however newly elected Mayor Bass has worked with him in the past. There was discussion on “the pocket” which is the Lake Balboa community that is directly impacted by VNY—Sue Steinberg and Suzanne Gutierrez-Hedges have been particularly involved and instrumental in getting press and meetings organized. There was a protest at VNY by a climate-activist group called Extinction Rebellion in early-November 2022 who tweeted photos of their efforts—they used the slogan "The 1% Flies While Our Planet Dies." The FAA EIR is due to begin in the 1st quarter of 2023 and be implemented in January 2024.

**Adjournment by 5:30pm:** The meeting was adjourned by 5:45pm