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Van Nuys Airport is one of four airports owned by Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA), although only three are in operation at present—Los Angeles International Airport (LAX), Ontario International Airport (LA/ONT) and Van Nuys Airport (VNY). Whereas LAX and LA/ONT are major commercial airports, providing regular, scheduled air services for the general public, VNY is a general aviation airport, providing facilities and services for private, corporate and government aviation users. While LAX is one of the largest and busiest commercial airports in the world, VNY is known as one of the busiest general aviation airports in the world.

Alongside other regional and local business centers, noted recreational facilities and the entertainment and tourism industries, Van Nuys Airport is a major economic engine in the greater Los Angeles region and within the San Fernando Valley. An economic impact study released in 2007 found that VNY at that time was contributing more than \$1.3 billion to the Southern California economy and was supporting over 12,300 jobs.

VNY is an important focal point for business and industry in the San Fernando Valley, and is home to five major fixed-based operators and numerous aviation service companies, as well as the site of some well known non-aviation-related businesses. An estimated 320,000 visitors use VNY every year, many of whom generate revenues for the City of Los Angeles and the localized economy by spending money at nearby hotels, restaurants, shops and other service providers.

Yet, because Van Nuys Airport is the smallest member of LAWA's airport system and is removed by distance from Los Angeles International Airport, where the City of Los Angeles Board of Airport Commissioners (BOAC) holds most of its bi-monthly meetings, LAWA has had difficulty in addressing proper attention to Van Nuys Airport and the surrounding community.


To address concerns from community members, stakeholders and business partners at Van Nuys Airport, it is prudent to examine current management practices by the Los Angeles World Airports and explore new and innovative options to administer one of the busiest general aviation airports in the nation.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council REQUEST that the Los Angeles World Airports and the Board of Airport Commissions, in conjunction with the City Attorney, CAO and CLA, report within 120 days on:

- (a) The current management structure at Van Nuys Airport and options for enhancing participation of the LAWA staff and the BOAC in the San Fernando Valley;
- (b) Practicability of creating a separate Airport Commission for Van Nuys Airport, including the advantages and disadvantages that would result from the creation of that Commission; and
- (c) Feasibility of transferring the operation and administration of Van Nuys Airport to a private management firm with examples of privately run airports of comparable size and operations.

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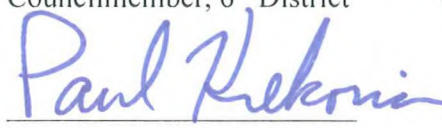

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