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Van Nuys Airport is one of the busiest general aviation airports in the United States. It houses news helicopters, medical transport, and is a critical base of operations for several City Departments including LAPD, LAFD, and LADWP. The airport generates over \$2 billion in economic impact for the San Fernando Valley and supports over 10,000 jobs. Yet, with any facility of this size, there are impacts on the community immediately surrounding the airport. This includes noise, air pollution, and soot and exhaust being blown into nearby homes.

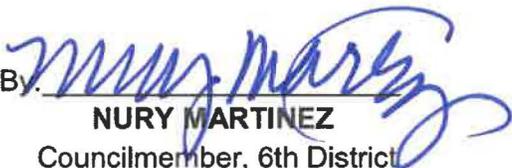
While much of the airport operations is controlled by the Federal Aviation Commission, the City of Los Angeles does have some tools at its disposal in terms of land use. The Van Nuys Airport Plan establishes land use zones for the airport and the land surrounding it. However, this plan was adopted in 2006 and will soon be out of date. A new specific plan is needed for Van Nuys Airport to plan for its future and mitigate impacts to the surrounding community.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Department of City Planning in consultation with Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) create a Specific Plan for Van Nuys Airport to replace the Van Nuys Airport Plan and zoning ordinance 177.327. This plan should:

- Look at mitigating noise and other impacts from the airport on the surrounding area; including a barrier between the airport and nearby homes, additional hangar space, tree planting, and setbacks;
- Establish a community benefit program for the surrounding area;
- Explore how land covered by the plan can continue to be an economic generator by luring new commercial activity.
- Have extensive engagement with airport stakeholders and local residents;

I FURTHER MOVE for LAWA and the City Attorney to report back on what the city can and cannot do in terms of regulating activity at Van Nuys Airport.

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