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Dear Karim Webb:

At the November 6, 2024 Van Nuys Airport Citizens Advisory Council (CAC) meeting, the CAC made the following motion.

Motion

The VNY CAC Motion to Reject a Second Time, Bonseph Helinet Lease.

Whereas the VNY CAC recommended and the Los Angeles City Council previously rejected the Bonseph Helinet LLC lease.

Where as the Los Angeles City Attorney has submitted a letter (attached) defining the grounds for the rejection.

Whereas the City Attorney recognized in its letter that City Council's determination in consideration of the lease compelled the lease's disapproval under Charter law Section 10.15 (d) "Competitive Bids", as well as under its federal obligation of Grant Assurance 22. Be it known that this was rejected on March 1, 2024 (in part) because of a noncompetitive bidding process which is discriminatory and thus, must be denied.

The VNY CAC recognizes that a bidding process is either competitive or it is noncompetitive. By acknowledging in its letter that the process could have been "more fully competitive" and was "insufficiently competitive", the City Attorney is acknowledging that this was a noncompetitive or improper process.

Therefore, the VNY CAC recommends to City Council, for a second time, a rejection of any further action in support of Bonseph Helinet lease actions per the City Attorney's attached letter.

We further recommend that the BOAC should respect the City Councils' original decision in the reconsideration of this letter and deny this lease accordingly.

Finally, we recommend that the City Attorney concur with the City in its position on this lease with the FAA over a lower city department, ie. LAW A - that the City Attorney acknowledged misrepresented elected officials in its April 5, 2024 response; Thereby, supporting the Primary Power of the City Council position.

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The motion passed with a roll call vote of ten "affirmative" votes (A. Avery, S. Brackett, R. Chavez, E. Cohen, R. Dahl, M. Harris, H. Molina, L. Petrus, P. Winger, W. Williams), one "negative" vote (R. Rodine), and no "abstentions".

Thank you for your consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wayne Williams". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small flourish at the end.

Wayne Williams
Vice Chair
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