

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state, or federal government body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, in October 2015, the Southern California Gas Company (SoCal Gas) discovered a blowout of its natural gas well at the Aliso Canyon Storage Facility; and

WHEREAS, the Aliso Canyon natural gas blowout was the largest release of natural gas in American history and it resulted in the evacuation of thousands of residents in its vicinity. The blowout released an estimated 97,100 metric tons of methane and 7,300 metric tons of ethane into the atmosphere, resulting in serious environmental damage; and

WHEREAS, the Aliso Canyon Gas Facility rests on a prominent fault line and to date, a comprehensive seismic emergency response has yet to be completed; and

WHEREAS, the natural gas blowout revealed deficiencies in regulatory oversight, including well inspections, emergency preparedness, and the responsibility for associated costs including mitigation efforts; and

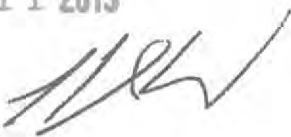
WHEREAS, Governor Brown declared a State of Emergency for the Aliso Canyon natural gas blowout on January 2016, and a series of legislative actions were taken by the State Legislature which included conditional withdrawal at the site until the root cause analysis was completed; and

WHEREAS, the State Attorney General initiated a lawsuit against SoCal Gas for its role in the Aliso Canyon natural gas blowout; and

WHEREAS, Governor Brown directed various State agencies to address the matter; and study the permanent closure of the Aliso Canyon Natural Gas Storage Facility within a ten-year timeframe; and

WHEREAS, in February 2019, the settlement was approved by the courts requiring SoCal Gas to pay a total of \$119.5 million dollars in penalties and programs to mitigate the impacts of the blowout as well efforts to reduce associated environmental hazards; and

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WHEREAS, in order to ensure the safety of City residents and to preserve the environment it is critical that the State follow through with the permanent closure efforts for the Aliso Canyon Natural Gas Storage Facility; and

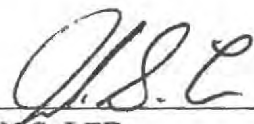
WHEREAS, in conjunction with the City's request for current and comprehensive reporting on various California Division of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources (DOGGR) and California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) items from the City's Petroleum and Natural Gas Safety Administrator;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2019-2020 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for legislative and regulatory efforts associated with reducing the need of the Aliso Canyon Natural Gas Facility and its eventual decommissioning.



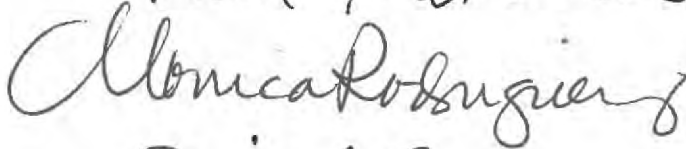
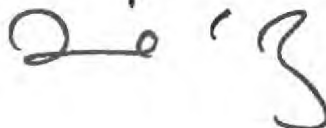
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Governor be URGED to take the required necessary steps, including an immediate directive to the CPUC and DOGGR, to accelerate a permanent closure plan for the Aliso Canyon Natural Gas Facility in order to keep his promise to protect the health and welfare of City residents and to preserve the environment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all appropriate State agencies be URGED to provide quarterly updates to the City on the status of the closure plan for the Aliso Canyon Gas Facility.

PRESENTED BY:


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