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Comments for Public Posting: On behalf of UWUA Local 132, the over 3,200 utility workers of the Southern California Gas Company, please view the attached letter of support for Motion No. 21-1267



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Council President Nury Martinez & Members of the Los Angeles City Council
Los Angeles City Hall
200 N. Spring St.
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: **SUPPORT FOR LA CITY COUNCIL MOTION NO. 21-1267 -
"Southern California Gas Company Pipeline Franchise Agreement"**

Council President Nury Martinez & Members of the City Council,

On behalf of UWUA Local 132, representing the over 3,200 utility workers of the Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas), we would like to express our support for Motion No. 21-1267 which would enable a 21-year franchise public right-of-way pipeline ordinance agreement with our employer, SoCalGas.

SoCalGas needs a pipeline franchise agreement to install, retain, operate, and maintain existing pipelines and their adjunct communication lines within the City of Los Angeles. Our brothers and sisters of UWUA Local 132 are the ones who perform this work to safely provide Angelenos access to this vital resource. To date, we have almost 700 members that either live or work within the city limits, with an average base salary of \$91,520.00. Your approval of this agreement will not only keep hundreds of good paying Union jobs alive but will also result in the most lucrative franchise agreement for any city with any utility in the country.

We understand the Council's concerns about fossil fuels and raising greenhouse gases. We want to work with you to help reduce Greenhouse Gases immediately. Over the next 15 years, these pipelines will not be just fossil fuels, but will also contain RNG and Hydrogen blends, along with the possibility for carbon capture technologies – priorities that this Council supports. We must work together to help Los Angeles lead the way towards a greener future, and we cannot do it **without** a long-term commitment to our hardworking members.

In closing, UWUA Local 132 workers are the ones who keep people safe. Please don't penalize us, but instead support us so we can continue powering LA and working together to advance initiatives around clean energy. We appreciate the LA City Council's support of Motion No. 21-1267 for a 21-year franchise agreement with SoCalGas.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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