



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – Wednesday, November 25, 2015

COUNCILMEMBER MITCHELL ENGLANDER AND CITY ATTORNEY MIKE FEUER DEMAND INVESTIGATION OF THE ALISO CANYON GAS LEAK

LOS ANGELES – City Councilmember Mitchell Englander and City Attorney Mike Feuer today called on the California Public Utilities Commission and the Department of Oil, Gas & Geothermal Resources to each immediately begin an investigation into the causes of and actions which may be taken to alleviate the gas leak at Southern California Gas’s Aliso Canyon Natural Gas Storage Facility.

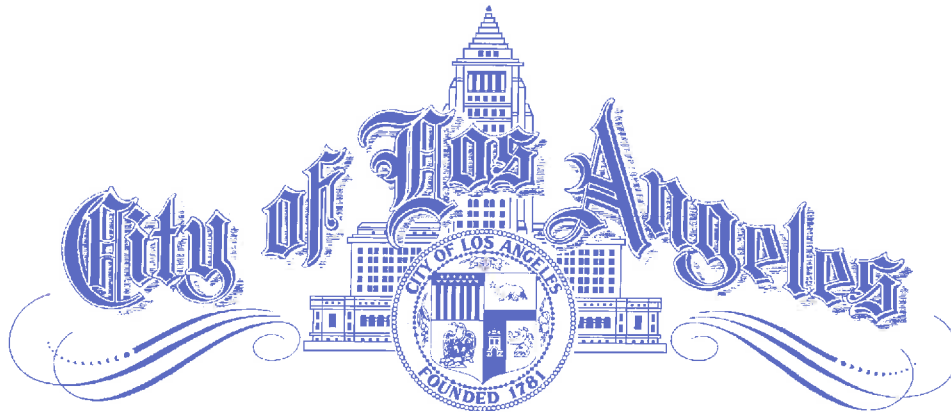
"Due to the severity of the leak and the now-known short-term health effects as well as the lack of certainty with respect to when or even if a workable solution is imminent, an immediate investigation into the Southern California Gas Company's handling of this situation has become essential," said Councilmember Mitchell Englander. "With over 200 residents relocated and unable to enjoy Thanksgiving in their own homes, this situation is beyond intolerable."

"The residents and business owners of Porter Ranch should not continue to be subjected to an unabated gas leak that threatens public health and undermines their quality of life," said City Attorney Feuer. "We stand ready to work with all state and local agencies to find a swift solution to this serious problem."

In letters sent to each of the regulatory agencies, Englander and Feuer request immediate investigations into the leak, development of an action plan for mitigation, and an expedient determination of what remedies are available to alleviate the serious impacts to residents in the Porter Ranch area. Since October 23, 2015 when the leak began, residents have experienced continuous headaches, nose bleeds, dizziness, and other adverse health-related symptoms.

Copies of the letters are attached.

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CITY HALL
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012

November 25, 2015

Tim Sullivan
Interim Executive Director
California Public Utilities Commission
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: Southern California Aliso Canyon Gas Leak

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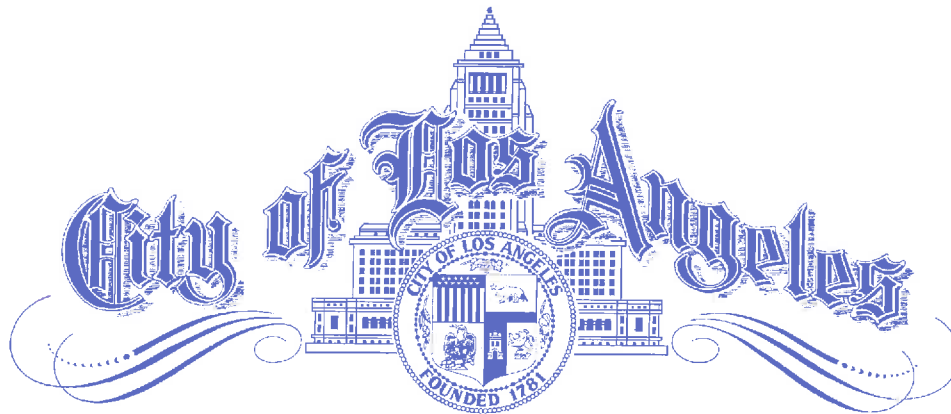
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Sincerely,

Michael N. Feuer
City Attorney

Mitchell Englander
Council President Pro Tempore



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David Bunn
Director
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801 K. Street, MS 24-01
Sacramento, CA 95814

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