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**ENGLANDER URGES COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH, CITY ATTORNEY
INVESTIGATION INTO SUNSHINE CANYON LANDFILL ODORS**

LOS ANGELES— Today Councilmember Mitchell Englander submitted a motion supporting the action taken last week by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors directing the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health to investigate odor complaints at Sunshine Canyon Landfill. Additionally, the motion requests the City Attorney, with the assistance of any other City of Los Angeles Departments, and the Sunshine Canyon Landfill Local Enforcement Agency, provide assistance, as necessary, in support of the County's inquiries on the Public Health front relative to the Sunshine Canyon Landfill, and look into any other possible action.

“There is absolutely no reason people should be forced to live and go to school in these conditions,” said Los Angeles City Councilman Mitchell Englander. “This community has suffered enough, Republic needs to immediately implement the necessary changes to stop the odors.”

The Sunshine Canyon Landfill is located near the communities of Sylmar and Granada Hills and has been operating for more than a decade under land use permits granted by the County and the City of Los Angeles. In 2009, the landfill operator requested and was permitted to increase the amount of trash it receives each day. Unfortunately, at around the same time the landfill began to experience a growing odor problem impacting the surrounding communities.

Since November 2008 the landfill has generated over 9,300 odor complaints from nearby residents and a local elementary school and received over 180 Notices of Violation from the South Coast Air Quality Management District for emitting noxious odors so as to cause injury, detriment, nuisance, or annoyance to a considerable number of people.

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