



Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles

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Mr. Paul Novak
Executive Director
Local Agency Formation Commission
County of Los Angeles
80 South Lake Avenue, Suite 870
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Dear Mr. Novak:

The purpose of this letter is to request that the Los Angeles County Local Agency Formation Commission enact a moratorium on annexations of county unincorporated territory to the City of Los Angeles in the Northwest San Fernando Valley around the communities of Porter Ranch and Chatsworth. Specifically, I seek the annexation moratorium on the proposed Hidden Creeks development currently pending City of Los Angeles approval.

On the evening of October 23, the Aliso Canyon Storage Facility for the Southern California Gas Company experienced a catastrophic leak at one of its incursion and extraction wells. It has not been ascertained as to what caused the leak and how the well casing failed. The Aliso Canyon Facility sits on approximately 3,200 acres on unincorporated territory, has 115 wells, and immediately abuts against the community of Porter Ranch. The proposed Hidden Creek project will add more residential units in close proximity to the facility.

Until a thorough investigation can take place as to what caused the leak and what safeguards will be put into place to prevent a failure of this magnitude again, it is not appropriate to annex any further county territory to the City of Los Angeles for residential development in close proximity to Aliso Canyon.

Thank you for hearing my request and please do not hesitate to call my office should you have any further questions or comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Antonovich".

MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH
Supervisor

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