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Motion for Board Consideration

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Motion: Discussion and possible action to authorize Susan Gorman-Chang or another approved Board member to file a Community Impact Statement on Council File 17-0447. This CF calls for a comprehensive analysis and report to consider the possibility of changes to the land use codes to reflect a set back provision for oil/ gas wells and production from residences, child care facilities, schools, educational institutions, medical clinics, hospital or similar sensitive uses. The analysis and report will be conducted by Department of City Planning, with assistance from the City Attorney and Petroleum Administrator.

Proposed by: Susan Gorman-Chang

Description: The CIS language proposed is as follows:

Porter Ranch experienced the largest methane leak in United States history as gas well SS#25 in the Aliso Canyon Gas Storage Facility spewed 100,000 tons of methane into our community. In addition, along with the methane, came other yet to be disclosed chemicals, owing to the well's previous incarnation as an oil well. Some 8,000 some families evacuated due to health concerns, issues and symptoms. Many came back home and again experienced health issues and symptoms which continue to this day.

Porter Ranch has been adversely affected by its proximity to the Aliso Canyon Gas Storage Facility. In addition to thousands of homes, there are two elementary schools within a few miles of the facility. Both schools' student populations were temporarily moved to other locations, due to concerns over exposure and impacts to health.

Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council is in support of CF 17-0447 for its investigatory analysis and creation of a report to address issues relating to and the feasibility of possible changes to the land use codes relative to oil and gas developments within a certain proximity to sensitive population centers.

Benefits to PR: Investigating and analyzing the possibility and feasibility of more robust land use codes relative to oil and gas facilities in Los Angeles will benefit our community, since it lies at the foot of the Aliso Canyon Gas Storage Facility. While the actual Aliso Canyon Gas Storage Facility lies in the County and not the city of Los Angeles, its location adjacent to us is relevant in terms of exposure and risk. The analysis and report called for in this Council File should provide us valuable, pertinent information.