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MOTION

Residents and neighbors surrounding the Rancho LPG facility located San Pedro have expressed various concerns regarding the safety and legality of this facility. This particular liquid bulk tank facility was built in 1973, and is located on private property outside the Port of Los Angeles. It includes two 12.5 million gallon refrigerated tanks containing butane, a liquefied petroleum gas which is a by-product of the refining process. Within the past decade, there have been various city reviews of the storage facility, dating back to 2004, and have involved the Planning Department, City Attorney, Harbor Department, Fire Department, the City Administrative Office (CAO) as well as the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA).

Aside from the Rancho LPG facility in San Pedro, there are a variety of other liquid bulk storage facilities both above and below ground in the Harbor area, which have also raised concerns among nearby residents. It is imperative that the City ensure that any potential threats are thoroughly explored and mitigated.

Concerned about the potential risks posed to local residents by a breach of a Liquid Bulk Storage (LBS) facility in the event of a severe earthquake and soil liquefaction resulting from said earthquake, the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council requested that the Departments of Building and Safety and Emergency Management undertake a study of the seismic potential and consequences of seismic activities at Parcel [Q] M3-IVL and the Rancho LPG facility. They have asked for a study to be conducted no later than February 2013.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Department of Building and Safety be instructed to report on the safety issues raised by San Pedro residents regarding seismic activities at the Rancho LPG facility and report on the potential for seismic events to cause a threat to public safety.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Department of Building and Safety perform a similar seismic report for other Liquid Bulk Storage facilities located within the limits of the City of Los Angeles.

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