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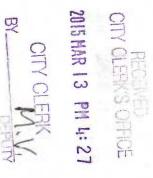
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Re: SoCal Gas Company Franchise Agreements

Whereas the 20-year SoCal Gas Company franchise agreement will be soon coming before City Council for approval and recent studies (<u>http://www.scientificamerican</u>.<u>com/article/solving-the-case-of-californias-extra-machine/</u>) find that finds that the main sources of methane in LA air are attributable to:

- Leaks from pipeline distribution systems (aka, So Cal Gas Company); and
 - Emissions from oil and gas drilling operations

The Mar Vista Community Council (MVCC) recommends that any natural gas pipeline distribution franchise agreement include strong and required leak mitigation measures and strong short- and long-term benchmarks for moving away from natural gas to renewable energy alternatives.

The MVCC further recommends that before any 20-year SoCal Gas franchise negotiation comes before the City Council, it would be prudent to check in with and possibly work with Bart Croes (bcroes@arb.ca.gov) from the California Air Resources Board, the California Energy Commission, Jeff Peischl (Jeff.Peischl@noaa.gov) from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and Paul Wennberg (wennberg@caltech.edu) from the California Institute of Technology, in order to put together a full report on the problem and possible solutions.

CC:

Thank you for your consideration in this matter,

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Bill Koontz, Chair Mar Vista Community Council