

MOTION

On October 23, 2015, Southern California Gas (SoCal Gas) Company crews discovered a leak at one of its natural gas wells located in its Aliso Canyon storage field in the Los Angeles County Unincorporated Area adjacent to the Porter Ranch Community. The County Health Department has issued a directive to SoCal Gas to voluntarily relocate individuals requesting it due to the short term health effects of Methyl Mercaptans, the odorous substance added to scentless natural gas as a safety precaution. As of the writing of this motion, nearly 4,000 relocations are in process.

Much has been written about the plight of residents who are suffering myriad health effects, causing their relocation to temporary housing and new schools. Less has been written about the many businesses in Porter Ranch that have been affected by employee illness, or losses in holiday-related business. For these businesses, their loss of business comes at the very time many are expected to have their highest sales.

It is appropriate for these businesses to be made whole for losses related to this tragedy.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council determine, as provided in Section 54954.2(b)(2) of the Government Code, and pursuant to **Rule 23** of the Rules of the City Council, that there is a need to take immediate action on this matter AND that the need for action came to the attention of the City Council subsequent to the posting of the agenda for today's Council meeting.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Office of Finance be directed to immediately commence work with the Franchise Tax Board to assess options for tax relief related to the Porter Ranch Gas Leak, including a Disaster-Related Tax Deduction.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Office of Finance be directed to report on City tax relief measures that may be provided for relief related to the Porter Ranch Gas Leak.

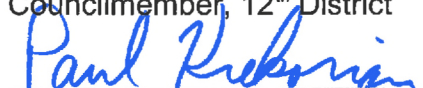
I FURTHER MOVE that the Franchise Tax Board and the City seek reimbursement from SoCal Gas for any tax relief provided by those agencies.

I FURTHER MOVE that SoCal Gas be required to make businesses whole for losses in business related to the Porter Ranch Aliso Canyon Gas Leak.

PRESENTED BY:


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SECONDED BY:


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