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OFFICIAL ACTION OF THE LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

April 13, 2018

Council File No.: [17-0002-S23](#)

Council Meeting Date: April 11, 2018

Agenda Item No.: 31

Agenda Description: RULES, ELECTIONS, AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT and RESOLUTION relative to establishing the City's position regarding administrative action to utilize settlement proceeds for community amelioration benefits for residents impacted by the Aliso Canyon gas leak.

Council Action: RULES, ELECTIONS, AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT AND RESOLUTION - ADOPTED

Council Vote:

YES	BLUMENFIELD	YES	HARRIS-DAWSON	YES	O'FARRELL
YES	BONIN	ABSENT	HUIZAR	YES	PRICE
YES	BUSCAINO	YES	KORETZ	ABSENT	RODRIGUEZ
ABSENT	CEDILLO	YES	KREKORIAN	YES	RYU
YES	ENGLANDER	YES	MARTINEZ	YES	WESSON

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Pursuant to Charter/Los Angeles Administrative Code Section(s): 231(h)

FILE SENT TO MAYOR:

LAST DAY FOR MAYOR TO ACT:

APPROVED

***DISAPPROVED**

***VETO**

04/16/2018

Mayor

DATE SIGNED

RULES, ELECTIONS, AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT and RESOLUTION relative to establishing the City's position regarding administrative action to utilize settlement proceeds for community amelioration benefits for residents impacted by the Aliso Canyon gas leak.

Recommendation for Council action, pursuant to Resolution (Englander - Buscaino), SUBJECT TO THE CONCURRENCE OF THE MAYOR:

ADOPT the accompanying RESOLUTION to include in the City's 2017-18 State Legislative Program, SUPPORT and/or SPONSORSHIP of administrative action by the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) in the City's 2017-2018 State Legislative Program to utilize settlement proceeds for community amelioration benefits.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA). The City Administrative Officer has not completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

At a special meeting held on March 23, 2018, the Rules, Elections, and Intergovernmental Relations Committee considered Resolution (Englander - Buscaino) and a CLA report relative to establishing the City's position regarding administrative action by the SCAQMD to utilize settlement proceeds, from a lawsuit against the Southern California Gas Company for the Aliso Canyon gas leak, for community amelioration benefits for impacted residents. The CLA report, attached to the Council file, provides additional background information and a summary of the Resolution.

After consideration, and after providing an opportunity for public comment, the Committee recommended that Council adopt the accompanying Resolution. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

RULES, ELECTIONS, AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
WESSON:	YES
HUIZAR:	ABSENT
HARRIS-DAWSON:	YES

RESOLUTION RULES, ELECTIONS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state or federal governmental body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) has just announced that it has reached a settlement agreement with Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) for \$8.5 Million for the Aliso Canyon Gas Leak; and

WHEREAS, the agreement settles a lawsuit filed by SCAQMD against SoCalGas in Los Angeles Superior Court on January 26, 2016.

WHEREAS, this calamitous gas leak was discovered on October 23, 2015 in the Aliso Canyon underground natural gas storage facility near Porter Ranch but the well was not sealed until February 18, 2016; and

WHEREAS, this gas leak caused a major public nuisance to residents from foul odors and forced the temporary evacuation of hundreds if not thousands of residences in the Porter Ranch area; and

WHEREAS, under terms of the settlement agreement, signed on February 8, 2017, SoCalGas will pay a total of \$8.5 million to SCAQMD, of which \$1 million will be designated for a SCAQMD-sponsored health study; \$5.65 million will pay for emission fees related to the leak of which \$1 million will help fund a renewable natural gas production project demonstrating the commercial and technical viability of renewable natural gas; \$1.6 million will reimburse SCAQMD for air monitoring costs and \$250,000 for its legal fees; and

WHEREAS, this settlement agreement appears to completely ignore the needs of the residents and neighborhoods directly and indirectly affected by this disaster; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate, if not imperative, that the proceeds of this settlement agreement be utilized / set-aside for community amelioration benefits for the residents of the Aliso Canyon disaster; and

WHEREAS, the SCAQMD should therefore utilize a large portion if not all of the \$5.65 million revenues in emission fees related to the gas leak for community benefits for the neighborhoods which suffered from this calamity;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2017-2018 State Legislative Program sponsorship and support of any administrative action by the South Coast Air Quality Management District to utilize to the greatest extent possible the proceeds of a settlement agreement with the Southern California Gas Company, arising out of the Aliso Canyon Gas Leak, for community amelioration benefits for the residents and neighborhoods which suffered from this calamity.

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PRESENTED BY: 
MITCHELL ENGLANDER
Councilman, 12th District

SECONDED BY: 