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Residents and neighbors surrounding the Rancho LPG facility located in 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.

Residents have expressed interest in knowing what existing City, County, State, and or Federal safety regulations and laws are in place to ensure that LPG and LBS facilities are being monitored, what safety standards are in place that must be followed, and if there is any room for improvement on existing laws and regulations. In particular, they are interested to know if there are any existing requirements, by City, County, State, or Federal statute, that specify the amount of liability coverage the owner/operator of a LBS/LPG facility must carry to be in compliance with the law.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Attorney be instructed to report on existing City, County, State, and Federal laws and regulations concerning insurance requirements of LPG and LBS facilities, and report on the required liability coverage that operators of said facilities must carry to remain in compliance and stay in operation.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Attorney report on any suggestions, based on their findings, of ways to improve City laws on liability coverage requirements for LBS/LPG facilities, as well as any recommended change to County, State, and Federal laws and regulations that the City would consider lobbying to that respective level of government.

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