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Mon, Mar 18, 2013 at 1:23 PM

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Submitted to be entered into the record, please.

Thank you.

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## PSR-LA Support for SSFL Resolution 13-0002-S6 as Amended

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Mon, Mar 18, 2013 at 12:40 PM

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Dear Los Angeles City Councilmembers,

Physicians for Social Responsibility-Los Angeles (PSR-LA) was pleased that the Englander/Zine Resolution 13-0002-S6, as amended, was unanimously approved by the Rules, Elections, and InterGovernmental Committee on February 22. We strongly urge the full City Council to approve it as well.

PSR-LA has been involved for over twenty years in efforts to get the polluted Santa Susana Field Laboratory (SSFL) fully cleaned up, and strongly supports the Administrative Order on Consent (AOC) entered into in 2010 by the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) and NASA to clean up NASA's portion of the site to background. That cleanup agreement and a similar one entered into with the Department of Energy were a result in part of successful litigation brought by the City of Los Angeles, along with the Natural Resources Defense Council and the Committee to Bridge the Gap.

Any transfer of ownership of NASA's property prior to cleanup could jeopardize this cleanup, and therefore threaten the public health of nearby communities and Southern California. The contaminants include TCE, perchlorate, dioxins, heavy metals, and other volatile and semi-volatile organics. When it rains or the wind blows, contaminants from the site can be released into the neighboring communities of the City of Los Angeles. Public health studies have identified elevated rates of certain cancers in the nearby population associated with proximity to the site.

The only way to ensure that public health is protected from the contaminants at SSFL is a remediation of the site to background levels of contamination as NASA agreed to do. Premature transfer of that land, before completion of the AOC-mandated cleanup, could put that cleanup in jeopardy. The County of Ventura and the City of Simi Valley have already passed resolutions to the one before you now. PSR-LA strongly supports the resolution introduced by Councilmen Englander and Zine, as amended, for the City of Los Angeles to oppose transfer of NASA's property at SSFL until the site is completely cleaned up.

Sincerely,

Martha Dina Argüello

Executive Director

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## SUPPORT FOR ENGLANDER/ZINE SANTA SUSANA RESOLUTION 13-0002-S6 AS AMENDED

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Mon, Mar 18, 2013 at 1:22 PM

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Dear LA City Councilmembers,

The Southern California Federation of Scientists, SCFS, strongly supports the resolution introduced by Councilmen Englander and Zine (13-0002-S6) for the City of Los Angeles to oppose transfer of NASA's property at the SSFL until the site is completely cleaned up. We were pleased the resolution, as amended, was approved by the Rules, Elections and Intergovernmental Relations Committee, and urge you to vote to approve the resolution when it comes before the full City Council.

Founded shortly after the Second World War by former Manhattan Project scientists, SCFS is an interdisciplinary organization of scientists, engineers, scholars and concerned citizens dedicated to providing independent scientific and technical analyses and expertise on issues affecting science, society and public policy. SCFS has been involved in the cleanup of the Santa Susana Field Laboratory (SSFL) for over three decades, providing comment and analysis on the site's contamination and potential impact on the surrounding area and on the pressing need for full cleanup.

NASA's property at SSFL is contaminated by pollutants that can produce serious health consequences and which can migrate, as in the case of stormwater leaving the facility which has routinely violated permissible concentrations of pollutants resulting in scores of violations cited by regulators. Migration by surface water, groundwater, or airborne contamination has been found to have left the facility boundaries. Full cleanup is essential to protecting the residents of the City of Los Angeles and other communities living and working in the region nearby.

In 2010, NASA entered into an agreement on consent with the Department of Toxic Substances Control that requires cleanup to background levels of contamination, a sensible and scientifically appropriate standard given the significant contamination at the site. A transfer of the property prior to cleanup puts at risk this important agreement and thus public health.

We strongly support the Englander/Zine resolution and urge you to do the same.

Sincerely,

Sheldon C. Plotkin, Ph.D., P.E.  
Executive Board  
Southern California Federation of Scientists



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**SUPPORT SSFL CLEANUP RESOLUTION 13-0002-S6**

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To: City Clerk, Erica Pulst at erika.pulst@lacity.org.

RE: SSFL CLEANUP RESOLUTION 13-0002-S6

I urge your support for the resolution by Councilmembers Englander and Zine to oppose transfer of land at the contaminated Santa Susana Field Laboratory until the promised cleanup is complete.

The site contains a witches' brew of contaminants; people in the City of LA live nearby; full cleanup is essential; and premature transfer could interfere with completing that cleanup.

The resolution was approved unanimously in Committee; I urge your support for it in the full Council.

Sincerely,

Catherine Lincoln



Erika Pulst <erika.pulst@lacity.org>

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## SUPPORT ENGLANDER/ZINE SSFL CLEANUP RESOLUTION 13-0002-S6

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Felix Aguilar <Felixaguila@gmail.com>

Mon, Mar 18, 2013 at 3:48 PM

Reply-To: Felixaguila@gmail.com

To: erika.pulst@lacity.org

Dear Los Angeles City Councilmembers,

Let's take one small step for reason and one giant leap for cleanup of NASA land at the Santa Susana Field Laboratory (SSFL).

NASA's property at SSFL is highly contaminated with a witches brew of toxic chemicals from decades of rocket testing and other energy and aerospace activities. NASA agreed to clean it up to background with the DTSC. If the property is sold before then, it may not be properly cleaned up as no other agency is part of that agreement.

Please, approve the resolution introduced by Councilmen Englander and Zine (13-0002-S6) for the City of Los Angeles to oppose any legislation or administrative action which would transfer ownership of NASA's property at SSFL until the site is completely cleaned up to background.

Sincerely,

Felix Aguilar



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**SUPPORT ENGLANDER/ZINE SSFL RESOLUTION 13-0002-S6**

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GEORGNBAY@aol.com &lt;GEORGNBAY@aol.com&gt;

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In 2010, a cleanup agreement was reached between the state and federal governments for full cleanup of contamination on their portions of the Santa Susana Field Laboratory. It is important that there be no transfer of land before that cleanup is complete. I urge your support for the resolution 13-0002-S6 that urges cleanup be completed before any transfer of the land is contemplated.

Sincerely,

Susan Clark

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**SUPPORT LTR FOR Englander Resolution 13-0002-S6**

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Daniel O Hirsch &lt;dhirsch1@cruzio.com&gt;

Mon, Mar 18, 2013 at 2:19 PM

To: erika.pulst@lacity.org

Dear Ms. Pulst:

Please find attached a letter of support for the Englander/Zine resolution 13-0002-S6 opposing transfer of land at the contaminated Santa Susana Field Lab until cleanup pursuant to the 2010 cleanup agreement is complete.

We had previously submitted a letter of support when the resolution was heard at the Rules, Elections, and Intergovernmental Relations Committee. The new letter, attached, makes clear our support for the resolution, as amended, that was unanimously reported out of that Committee and now heads to the full Council.

We would appreciate it if you could include it in the file of correspondence regarding the resolution for the Councilmembers' consideration as they vote on the resolution.

Sincerely,

Daniel Hirsch  
President  
Committee to Bridge the Gap

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## SSFL RESOLUTION 13-0002-S6 by Councilmembers Englander and Zine

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William Perkins <perki@ucla.edu>

Mon, Mar 18, 2013 at 3:11 PM

Reply-To: perki@ucla.edu

To: erika.pulst@lacity.org

Dear Los Angeles City Councilmembers,

I strongly support for the resolution introduced by Councilmen Englander and Zine (13-0002-S6) for the City of Los Angeles to oppose any legislation or administrative action which would transfer ownership of NASA's property at the Santa Susana Field Laboratory (SSFL) until the site is completely cleaned up to background, as was promised.

SSFL is the site of partial meltdowns, illegal radioactive burning, and grossly polluted soil and groundwater and should be cleaned up as NASA promised the DTSC (California Department of Toxic Substances Control) it would do. Physicians for Social Responsibility has worked for years to reveal and then clean up this toxicity. As a physician, I support these efforts.

This complete clean up is crucial because the Santa Susana Field Laboratory (SSFL) is located at the headwaters of the Los Angeles River, the centerpiece of the City's 50-Year Master Plan, a "river" that will become the renewed center of the Valley and beyond.

The health and well-being of communities in Southern California is negatively impacted by the pollution at SSFL and will continue to be unless NASA keeps its promise to cleanup to background before selling. There is no way we can be sure another owner would clean up and they probably wouldn't as they won't want to pay for it. Please vote yes on the Englander/Zine resolution.

Thank you.

William Perkins



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## Approve Resolution 13-0002-S6 to Cleanup SSFL before selling

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Monika Shankar <mshankar@psr-la.org>

Mon, Mar 18, 2013 at 2:46 PM

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Dear Los Angeles City Councilmembers,

Please support the resolution introduced by Councilmen Englander and Zine (13-0002-S6) for the City of Los Angeles to oppose any legislation or administrative action which would transfer ownership of NASA's property at the Santa Susana Field Laboratory) until the site is completely cleaned up to background, as promised in agreements signed in 2010.

NASA's portion of the lab is grossly contaminated with toxic chemicals including TCE, perchlorate, dioxins, heavy metals, and various volatile and semi-volatile organics that have harmful health effects.

This important cleanup agreement may be in jeopardy if NASA transfers its land prior to fully cleaning it up. This can affect large numbers of people who live in the area.

Please help protect the health and well-being of communities in Southern California that may be negatively impacted by the pollution at SSFL by voting yes on the Englander/Zine resolution.

Yours,

Monika Shankar



Erika Pulst &lt;erika.pulst@lacity.org&gt;

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**SUPPORT ENGLANDER/ZINE SANTA SUSANA RESOLUTION 13-0002-S6**

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William Preston Bowling &lt;williamprestonbowling@yahoo.com&gt;

Mon, Mar 18, 2013 at 2:09 PM

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SEE ATTACHED,

March 18, 2013

RE: SUPPORT ENGLANDER/ZINE SANTA SUSANA RESOLUTION 13-0002-S6

Dear Councilmember Garcetti,

ACME (Aerospace Contamination Museum of Education) is in full support of Councilmember Englander's resolution (MOT 13-0002-S6), seconded by Councilmember Zine, regarding cleanup of the contaminated Santa Susana Field Laboratory (SSFL). Efforts to transfer the land, for whatever purpose, before full cleanup has been completed can interfere with or block that full cleanup. NASA has entered into an Agreement on Consent (AOC) with California to clean up all contamination above background. Efforts to transfer the land should not occur until the AOC cleanup is complete.

A similar resolution was recently passed by the Ventura County Board of Supervisors. We support the resolution in part because it addresses the environmental contamination at the headwaters of the Los Angeles River which begin near the ALFA test stands in the NASA/GSA-controlled portion of the Santa Susana Field Laboratory.

We fear that any change in ownership of NASA's land prior to it being fully cleaned up pursuant to the cleanup agreements, including to the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians who might not be subject to the state-federal cleanup agreement, or to any other entity, would open the door to the possibility that the contamination would not be fully cleaned up and therefore continue to threaten our communities. No transfer to any entity, private or public, should be considered until completion of the cleanup to the AOC requirements.

Thank you for your time and consideration, to help ensure a proper cleanup of the Santa Susana Field Laboratory.

Sincerely,