

RESOLUTION

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 government 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, in October 2015, the Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) discovered a blowout of its natural gas well at the Aliso Canyon Storage Facility; and

WHEREAS, the Aliso Canyon natural gas blowout was the largest release of natural gas in American history and it resulted in the evacuation of thousands of residents in its vicinity. The blowout released an estimated 97,100 metric tons of methane and 7.300 metric tons of ethane into the atmosphere; and

WHEREAS, the natural gas blowout revealed deficiencies in regulatory oversight, including well inspections, emergency preparedness, and the responsibility for associated costs including mitigation efforts; and

WHEREAS, Governor Brown, in 2017, directed various State agencies to address the matter, and study the permanent closure of the Aliso Natural Gas Storage Facility. In 2019, Governor Newsom sent a letter to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) asking for the process to be expedited, while still maintaining reliable and affordable energy service; and

WHEREAS, in January of 2021, CPUC Staff analysis of our energy system found potential reliability and affordability impacts and risks associated with limiting Aliso Canyon, and recommended increasing the inventory at the facility;

WHERE, based on that CPUC Staff analysis, in May of 2021, several large natural gas customers appealed to the CPUC to raise the inventory at Aliso Canyon. The request to raise Aliso Canyon's inventory was supported by Southern California Edison, the Utility Reform Network, and Southern California Gas Company.

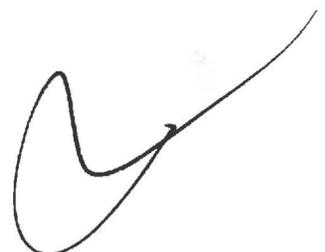
WHEREAS, in June 2021, this Council passed a Resolution calling for the State to accelerate the permanent closure plan of Aliso Canyon; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby opposes any increase in natural gas storage at the Aliso Canyon facility, unless and until it is more clear that reliable and affordable energy service is at risk.

PRESENTED BY: 
JOHN S. LEE
Councilmember, 12th District

SECONDED BY: 

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