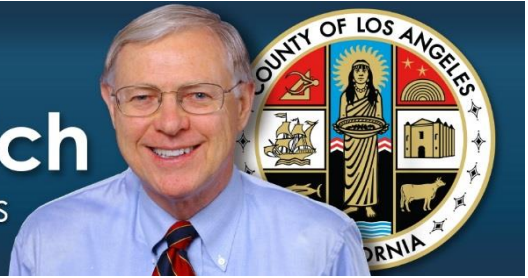


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## **ANTONOVICH CALLS ON STATE REGULATORS TO HALT GAS REPLENISHMENT AT ALISO CANYON**

LOS ANGELES COUNTY – Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich introduced a motion to send a five-signature letter to the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) advocating for the continued prohibition of natural gas injection into the Aliso Canyon gas storage facility.

The Gas Company announced today its intention to begin to reinject gas into the same existing facility which caused the largest gas leak in the nation's history impacting thousands of families in local neighborhoods.

"It is vital that the Public Utilities Commission utilize Sen Pavley's legislation to ensure that the facility is safe and needed before any future gas injection is considered," said Antonovich.

The natural gas blow out on October 23, 2015 displaced thousands of families, released unprecedented amounts of methane into the atmosphere, and cost over a billion dollars to mitigate damages, compensate those impacted, and repair the leak.

SB 380 (Pavley) requires the PUC to open a proceeding to determine the feasibility of minimizing or eliminating use of the Aliso Canyon natural gas storage facility no later than July 1, 2017. The Division of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources is overseeing the safety requirements as prescribed by SB 380.

Copies of the 5-signature letter will be sent to Gov. Brown and the county's legislative delegation.

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