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Re: Status of Air Monitoring Systems Mandated Under the Settlement with SoCalGas<sup>1</sup>

Dear Mr. Bacerra, Ms. Barger, and Mr. Feuer:

It was on August 8, 2018, when you stood at the podium in downtown Los Angeles to announce a settlement agreement with SoCalGas in response to the Aliso Canyon gas blowout of October 2015. The agreement created a \$3 million fund to be used for the installation and operation of independent air-borne chemical monitoring system(s) in Porter Ranch and the community surrounding the Aliso Canyon facility aimed at tracing the release of chemicals from the Facility into the community.

***That was almost two years ago.***

The consent decree cementing the settlement agreement was signed by the Court on February 2, 2019.

***That was almost a year and a half ago.***

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<sup>1</sup> The opinions expressed in this letter are those of the Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council, and not necessarily those of the City of Los Angeles.

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Per the settlement agreement, SoCalGas was to make payment for the full amount of the fund within 30 days of the consent decree. Assuming that SoCalGas complied with the Court's order, this payment was made by March 25, 2019.

***That was over a year ago.***

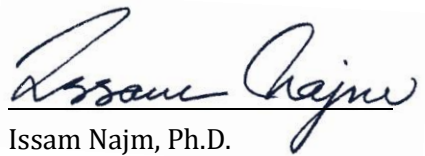
It is now June 2020, and the community continues to ask: "*where is the air monitoring system?*" To date, we do not have an answer.

The Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council (PRNC) and the community cannot understand why this effort is being held up. The PRNC is ready, willing, and able to work with your staff to facilitate a conversation with the Community on the type and number of monitors to include in this effort, but we need action on your part to begin the process. We understand that there are many other priorities that you are dealing with, but this matter is also a priority to the community, and we must act on it sooner than later.

We urge you to reach out to us and allow us to work with you to get this effort moving forward.

Respectfully Yours,

Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council



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