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Mr. Angelo Bellomo
Deputy Director of Health Protection
Los Angeles County Department of Public Health
5050 Commerce Drive
Baldwin Park, California 91706

Dear Mr. Bellomo:¹

The Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council (PRNC) greatly appreciates the work of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (DPH) in the aftermath of the Aliso Canyon gas well failure. The consequences of this event have pushed the limits of local and State agencies, and certainly challenged the resources of the County's Department of Public Health.

Our community's exposure to the chemicals present in the gas plume, most of which remain undisclosed by the Gas Company, continues to weigh heavy on us. We know that the County DPH is also concerned about the lingering effects of this exposure on the health and well being of the people in our community, especially the sensitive sub-population that continues to exhibit health symptoms of concern.

As you know, the PRNC has long been advocating for a comprehensive health study to address these concerns, and DPH has been a strong supporter of this study. Unfortunately, with the disappointing settlement between AQMD and the Gas Company, the community lost a significant opportunity to make this study a reality. However, we must not let the Gas Company get away with shedding their responsibility for causing this exposure, and we must work together to ensure that the Gas Company fully funds the appropriate health study that satisfies the County and the community.

To that end, we urge DPH to use all means available to it to pursue and achieve the goal of obtaining full and unconditional funding from the Gas Company for a complete and comprehensive health study that satisfactorily addresses DPH's

¹ This letter represents the opinion of the Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council, not necessarily that of the City of Los Angeles

concerns and those of our community. DPH must be the key party in this action because only DPH has the convincing political and legal authority to make the case for a health study.

Thank you for your support of our community, and the work that your staff has done to date on this matter. We look forward to continuing to work with you on this matter.

Respectfully,
Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council

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