## **PORTER RANCH**

## neighborhood council



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City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks Board of Commissioners

221 N. Figueroa St., Suite 300, Los Angeles, CA 90012

**Subject: Request for Extension of Air Monitoring Station Agreements** 

Dear Recreation and Parks Commission,

The Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council (PRNC) is writing to request the continued support of the Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks (LADRP) in extending the current agreements that allow air monitoring stations to be located within LADRP-managed areas.

This air monitoring initiative is a collaborative effort between Argos Scientific, Inc. (Argos) and the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), funded through a South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP). In 2021, the Aliso Fund Committee, in partnership with South Coast AQMD, allocated funds to establish a real-time air monitoring network and a symptom and incident reporting system in Porter Ranch and surrounding communities affected by emissions from SoCalGas's Aliso Canyon natural gas storage facility.

The program's primary objective is to measure emissions from the Aliso Canyon storage facility and assess their impact on the Porter Ranch community, including how these emissions disperse over distance. Additionally, the project aims to engage the public through a dedicated website and collect community-reported data on odors and other environmental concerns.

Two of the monitoring stations integral to this network are currently located on LADRP-managed land under agreements that remain in effect until August 1, 2025. Given the critical role these stations play in protecting public health and providing valuable air quality data, the PRNC respectfully requests LADRP's support in approving an extension of these agreements beyond their current expiration date.

This initiative is funded entirely by public agencies within the Los Angeles region and delivers direct benefits to the City of Los Angeles in Porter Ranch, Granada Hills, Northridge and Chatsworth and many other neighboring communities. The continued operation of these monitoring stations is essential in ensuring transparency, public awareness, and informed decision-making regarding local air quality conditions.

We appreciate your consideration of this request and look forward to your support in maintaining this vital public health resource. Please let us know if additional information is required to facilitate this extension.

Sincerely,

Hilda Sarkisyan, Vice-President Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council

Cc: Myrka Martinez, Deputy District Director, Office of Councilmember John S. Lee (CD 12)