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ENGLANDER ANNOUNCES FORMATION OF PORTER RANCH COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR ALISO CANYON GAS LEAK

LOS ANGELES— Today Councilmember Mitchell Englander announced the formation of the Porter Ranch Community Advisory Committee (PRCAC), one of the key demands he made of the SoCal Gas Company to help address the immediate and ongoing challenges of the Porter Ranch Aliso Canyon gas leak, now in its 47th day.

The purpose of the PRCAC is to improve and promote communication between all of the various stakeholders, residents, schools, parents, public agencies, and businesses to increase community awareness, share information, and develop a regular dialogue between the community, SoCal Gas and the various regulatory agencies.

“The PRCAC will take an urgent and candid look at the challenges facing the community with an eye on immediate, effective solutions and to act as a clearinghouse for gathering, sharing and disseminating information to all of those affected community members,” said Councilmember Mitchell Englander.

Membership on the PRCAC is based on the stakeholders’ knowledge of the community, their history of grassroots involvement in the well-being of the affected area and their leadership role with the various community entities.

The proposed committee members are:

- Two HOA Presidents (HOAs to make determination)
- President, Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council
- President, Chatsworth Neighborhood Council
- President, Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council
- President, Northridge West Neighborhood Council
- President, Save Porter Ranch
- President, Chatsworth/Porter Ranch Chamber of Commerce
- Porter Ranch Community School, Principal or Designee
- Castlebay Lane Charter School, Principal or Designee
- North Valley YMCA, Executive Director or Board Chair
- LAUSD, Local District Northwest Superintendent
- Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich, Designated Representative
- Councilmember Mitchell Englander, Designated Representative

Responsibilities of PRCAC Members:

- Attend local PRCAC meetings and provide feedback on issues under discussion.
- Voice concerns from the communities and offer suggestions and solutions.
- Demonstrate commitment to developing an understanding on issues where they may have little expertise.
- Assist in the development and implementation of community education activities (community forums /mobilization activities, etc.) and materials dissemination.
- Provide real-life experiences and share information from their respective outside member organizations.
- Serve as a resource to community liaison officer/community educator and research team.

The initial meeting is being planned for next week, though not yet finalized. Thereafter, the Committee will set its own schedule but regular, perhaps weekly meetings, are envisioned including as many public meetings as is feasible. These meetings will take place as long as the PRCAC deems necessary and the frequency may vary based on input from the members.

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