

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: The Valley Industry and Commerce Association (VICA) respectfully opposes the consideration of the closure of the Playa del Rey natural gas storage facility. All energy sources, including natural gas, are needed to meet the energy demands of households and businesses across the City. Access to a consistent, affordable energy source like natural gas is essential in our communities, especially amid the pandemic and subsequent economic crisis. As we continue to battle COVID-19, the hardships our communities have faced could be exacerbated by increased power outages, increased costs, and curtailments of service. In the San Fernando Valley and throughout the City, we have seen blackouts in the past year that have had devastating impacts on Angelenos. At a time when many are working from home and taking online classes to fight the spread of COVID-19, closing any of the City's natural gas facilities could destroy the livelihoods of our residents and businesses. Our economy is very fragile at this time, and as we begin to reopen, we need to prepare to meet our energy needs as demand skyrockets in the summer months. Keeping the Southern California Gas Company's Playa del Rey natural gas storage facility open would help ensure that our region maintains access to reliable and affordable energy, while also prioritizing our communities' safety and economic outcomes. For these reasons, VICA urges you to oppose the closure of the Playa del Rey natural gas storage facility. Thank you very much for your consideration.