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Beginning in April 2015, the City Council has been diligently reviewing the administrative oversight of petroleum and natural gas operation and maintenance facilities within the City of Los Angeles. Motions have been introduced and reviewed with respect to hiring a petroleum/natural gas expert as well as hiring a full-time petroleum administrator. On April 12, 2016, the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) and City Administrative Officer (CAO) released a report which discusses the current structure of administrative oversight and the high level of need for an organized and centralized office to oversee all petroleum, natural gas, and other similar activities for the City.

This report touches on a number of subjects, including the pipeline franchises, abandoned and unknown wells, as well as methane mitigation. These are serious matters which impact the health and safety of the residents of the City of Los Angeles. Not only is appropriate, centralized administrative oversight necessary, oversight only works well when all the necessary information is collected and provided to better inform the City and its residents.

Now is the time for a comprehensive and thorough review of the health and safety impacts related to petroleum, natural gas, and other similar activities and operations within the purview and oversight of the City of Los Angeles. As the pipeline franchises are being reviewed and renegotiated, the Los Angeles City Health Commission needs to be engaged to provide the City Council and the Mayor with a comprehensive study and any relevant information on the health and safety impacts of the pipeline franchises, abandoned and unknown wells, and methane mitigation. This timely review will provide the City and its residents with better information to negotiate the pipeline franchises, as well as determine the appropriate steps forward towards better mitigation and protection of the public health.

**WE THEREFORE MOVE** that the City Council REQUEST the Los Angeles City Health Commission, with the assistance of the CAO, CLA, Bureau of Engineering (BOE), Fire Department, and Department of Transportation (DOT), to report back within 180 days with a review of the health and safety impacts related to the petroleum, natural gas, and other pipeline franchises granted by the City. This report should include an analysis of the entire pipeline infrastructure, including but not limited to: age, leaks, seeps, history of repair and replacement, reported accidents, and reported health issues by neighboring residents. This report should also include a plan to develop a health registry for residents who live near the pipelines.


**WE FURTHER MOVE** that the City Council REQUEST the Los Angeles City Health Commission, with the assistance of the CAO, CLA, BOE, Fire Department, and DOT to provide an update within 180 days on a report that reviews the health and safety impacts related to abandoned or unknown oil, gas, or water wells located in the City of Los Angeles. This report should include a plan and proposed budget to map abandoned or unknown wells.

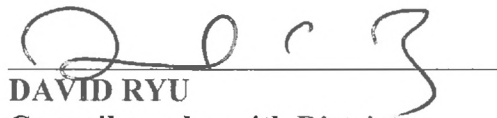


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**WE FURTHER MOVE** that the City Council REQUEST the Los Angeles City Health Commission, with the assistance of the CAO, CLA, BOE, Fire Department, Department of Building and Safety and DOT to provide an update within 180 days on a report that reviews the health and safety impacts related to methane mitigation measures utilized in buildings and other structures located in the City of Los Angeles. This report should include an analysis of the methane mitigation measures utilized, including but not limited to: number by type, range of technology, age, leaks, seeps, history of repair and replacement, reported accidents, and reported health issues by neighboring residents.

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