

Communication from Public

Name: Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance

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Council File No: 25-1360

Comments for Public Posting: August 3, 2026 Re: Support for the Scattergood appeal Dear City Council, The Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance supports the appeal of the CEQA Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Scattergood Modernization Project (Council File 25-1360). We request that City Council send the report back to LADWP for correction of deficiencies as identified in the appeal letter dated November 14, 2025 and signed by six environmental and environmental justice organizations. In addition, the appeal is more urgent now due to the recent decision by the CPUC denying ratepayer funding of the Angeles Link pipeline that would have sent hydrogen fuel to Scattergood. Among other deficiencies, the CEQA EIR for the Scattergood Modernization Project: does not measure cumulative impacts from comprehensive plans for in-basin hydrogen combustion, storage, and transportation. does not analyze air quality and greenhouse gas impacts thoroughly, including leakage rates and increased NOx emissions from the fuel blend for the project. does not evaluate regional water supply impacts related to hydrogen power for the electricity grid. does not take into account the possibility that green hydrogen fuel will not be available and that natural gas will therefore continue to be burned at Scattergood. does not realistically consider alternatives including battery storage, virtual power plants, demand response, and distributed energy resources. On April 30, 2026, the CPUC issued its decision denying an application from SoCalGas to charge ratepayers \$266 million to fund Phase 2 of the Angeles Link pipeline. As a result, SoCalGas will require shareholders to pay for or might abandon Angeles Link entirely. (Note that the \$266 million is only for a front-end engineering and design study—it does not include actual construction costs for the pipeline project.) For the above reasons, we strongly urge City Council to accept the appeal from environmental and environmental justice organizations and to send the Scattergood Modernization EIR back to LADWP for review and correction of deficiencies. We believe that the Scattergood Modernization Project should not advance without an updated EIR and a detailed review of the project to evaluate both its safety and necessity. Sincerely, Lisa Hart Executive Director Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance ncsa.la | lisahart@ncsa.la | 323.660.2780

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lisa Hart". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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