

LA CITY COUNCIL MEETING

PLUM COMMITTEE

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AGENDA ITEM #8

MCOSKER MOTION ON RANCHO LPG & JONES CHEMICAL FACILITIES

1. Lithium Battery Ship fire, Garden Grove Tank Leak, East LA pipeline leak, Boyle Heights Hazardous Fire.....ALL RED FLAG WARNINGS ABOUT CHRONIC NEGLIGENCE OF PUBLIC SAFETY.
2. Mayor Bass and the LA Fire Dept. told the neighbors and the public “NO HARM FROM AQ” AT BOYLE HEIGHTS. THIS IS A LIE! HEAVY METAL POLLUTANTS ARE TOXIC TO HUMAN LIFE! **People should have been evacuated!**
3. There was NO water containment on this fire...which means that all of this highly contaminated water is going straight into the LA River and into our ocean.
4. I spoke to Mayor Bass early on about the 25 Million gallon butane gas storage site, and its massive explosive threat. The stored energy there represents that of several Hiroshima bombs! Bass feigned concern. SHE LIED! I received No response to my repeated requests to her office.
5. Homeland Security has designated the “criminally convicted” Plains All American Pipeline operated Rancho LPG site a “Tier 1-soft target- of Terrorism”! There is no greater acknowledgement of its risk! The blast radius would encompass 10 miles. The damage would leave thousands dead and injured, and decimate the ports of LA and Long Beach.
6. This is **the 4<sup>th</sup> Motion** by Councilman McOsker to take action on the Rancho LPG facility! It is probably the **10<sup>th</sup> Motion** that the LA City Council itself has made on this particular site over the **last 20 years!** Yet, it ticks away....awaiting the catastrophe that its mere existence **guarantees.**

7. For decades, a litany of nervous, rotating, public "leaders" and government agencies have **chosen** to bury the extraordinary danger of this facility and continue the operation to favor the oil industry. All of **them praying** that the disaster doesn't happen on **their** watch. So much for public safety!
8. The LA Fire Department has issued 22 violations to this facility months ago, recommending that they bring the facility up to current compliance.... which everyone well knows is physically "impossible". This placates the operators...awarding them delays, and again placing **public safety "last"!**
9. For a City that embraces the policy of "Safety First".....this highlights the City's political will to simply "lie" ...protecting the interests of private industry while we socialize heavy losses and risks on the backs of the people. In this case...it is even more than that! We willingly surrender the billion dollar port complexes to the uncertain future of the whims of nature or political unrest. Both of which can easily decimate these infrastructures and undermine the economics of our entire country.
10. There are immediately available ways to close the Rancho LPG operation and eliminate this high threat. All it will take is the political "courage" to engage in the legal opportunities that exist. Or???? Do we just sit here and continue to wait for the imminent destruction?

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Twenty-five million gallons of butane gas contains approximately the same total chemical energy as **6 to 8 Hiroshima-sized nuclear bombs** (the "Little Boy" bomb had a yield of roughly \15\ kilotons of TNT)