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November 6, 2020

Ms. Renee Purdy
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Dear Ms. Purdy:

While the City continues to be in communication with the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Los Angeles Regional Board) related to the matter now referred to as Skypark Commercial Properties Site, it is apparent that our residents are not receiving sufficient and timely communication regarding the ongoing investigation and remediation efforts.

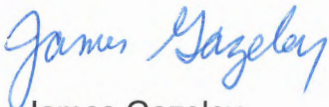
In recent months, the investigation has resulted in testing vapors in and around residential buildings in Lomita, and residents have frequently raised concerns to the City about the investigation, process, and level of communication from the Los Angeles Regional Board. Not being the responsible agency for the oversight of the investigative and remediation efforts, the City has and continues to advocate for our residents on many levels, including in an August 2019 letter requesting that the Los Angeles Regional Board expedite the investigative work, require groundwater remediation, and require groundwater modeling. The City has made significant efforts and expended significant funds to help with coordination and outreach for community meetings and public outreach. And, we remain in regular contact with your agency and with the potential responsible parties to continue to seek clarification and information for our residents. At each stage, the City has cooperated with the Board and with the efforts of the potentially responsible parties to increase outreach and ensure our residents' concerns are heard. We remain committed to doing so and to ensuring our residents are informed of the issue and are provided with timely and factual information.

In response to repeated calls and request from residents for more direct communication regarding the issue, the City requested that the Los Angeles Regional Board participate in more frequent conference calls to answer residents' questions directly and in a timely manner. We have repeatedly conveyed questions raised by residents to the Board for formal response and have faced difficulty in getting those questions addressed. As the Los Angeles Regional Board is the organization charged with responsibility for oversight of the clean-up of the Skypark Commercial Properties and associated contamination, the City again requests its participation in community calls or other forms of more regular formal or informal communications with Lomita residents affected by this issue. We also request that the Board take any appropriate action to encourage the potentially responsible parties to participate in the investigation and further expedite its remediation. The City of Lomita and our residents should not bear the

responsibility for the past actions of others, and no single party should carry the burden of remediation if more parties may be responsible. Any efforts to bring responsible parties to the table and expedite the investigation are certainly appreciated.

Again, the City appreciates the Los Angeles Regional Board's ongoing cooperation and prompt attention to our request and we look forward to working with you to ensure this issue is investigated and resolved as expeditiously as possible. Should you have any questions, please contact City Manager, Ryan Smoot at (310) 325-7110.

Sincerely,



James Gazeley
Mayor

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