

1 **RESOLUTION NO. 2021-R 018**

2 **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF**
3 **CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA, IN SUPPORT OF THE**
4 **CLOSURE OF THE PLAYA DEL REY NATURAL GAS**
5 **STORAGE FACILITY LOCATED AT 8141 GULANA AVENUE,**
6 **PLAYA DEL REY, CALIFORNIA.**

7 WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Culver City with respect to
8 legislation, rules, regulations, or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state, or
9 federal governmental body or agency must have City Council direction at a City Council
10 meeting, if the item is not addressed in the City’s Legislative and Policy Platform; and

11 WHEREAS, in May 2018, a study from the California Council on Science and
12 Technology (“CCST”) titled “Long-Term Viability of Underground Natural Gas Storage in
13 California” found that the Playa del Rey Natural Gas Storage Facility “stands out as a
14 facility with relatively higher risk to health and safety than the other facilities in California;”
15 and

16 WHEREAS, the CCST report noted that a large population nearby, the
17 proximity to the region’s largest airport, and a high risk of tsunami and wildfire all make
18 the Playa del Rey gas storage facility particularly dangerous to the health and safety of
19 people in Los Angeles; and

20 WHEREAS, in 2015, the Aliso Canyon Natural Gas Storage Facility
21 experienced a massive gas leak that expelled an estimated 96,100 tonnes of methane
22 and 7,300 tonnes of methane into the atmosphere - the worst natural gas leak in the
23 United States and one of the worst environmental catastrophes in California’s history; and

24 WHEREAS, during the Aliso Canyon incident, residents of more than
25 8,000 homes had to be evacuated; and
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WHEREAS, for years residents of Playa del Rey have expressed concerns about the operations of the gas facility and its impacts, and have called for its closure; and

WHEREAS, the CCST report noted that the Playa del Rey facility is a relatively small gas storage capacity, providing around one percent of the total natural gas storage across California, and yet “has a long history of loss-of-containment incidents and is located near a large population center in a very high wildfire hazard zone;” and

WHEREAS, the CCST recommended that “the State should commission a cost-benefit analysis including full consideration of risks associated with loss-of-containment from” the Playa del Rey gas storage facility; and

WHEREAS, for more than 2.5 years, the State of California has failed to justify continued operations of the Playa del Rey natural gas facility in the face of the considerable and documented risks to the neighboring community and to an airport that is a regional economic engine.

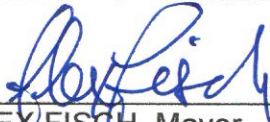
NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Culver City DOES HEREBY RESOLVE as follows:

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That by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Culver City hereby includes in its Legislative and Policy Platform SUPPORT for any legislation or administrative action which would result in the closure of the Playa del Rey Natural Gas Storage Facility located at 8141 Gulana Avenue in Playa Del Rey, CA 90293, pursuant to a just transition process and timeline for closure of the facility.

APPROVED and ADOPTED this 8th day of March 2021.




ALEX FISCH, Mayor
City of Culver City, California

ATTEST:



JEREMY GREEN, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



CAROL A. SCHWAB, City Attorney

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) SS
CITY OF CULVER CITY)

Certification of Resolution No. 2021-R018

I, Jeremy Green, City Clerk of the City of Culver City, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly passed, approved, and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council, which was held on the 8th day of March 2021, at the Mike Balkman Council Chambers by the following vote:

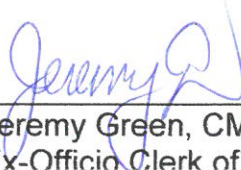
AYES: Eriksson, McMorrin, Vera, Lee, Fisch

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Certified on this 8th day of March 2021, at the City of Culver City.



Jeremy Green, CMC, City Clerk
EX-Officio Clerk of the City Council
City of Culver City, State of California