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Re: Methane Gas Resolution

At its May, 2015 meeting, the Mar Vista Community Council unanimously passed the following policy motion:

WHEREAS, Los Angeles has one of the most substantial greenhouse gas footprints in the world. NASA has found that we also have one of the worst methane footprints around: 61% higher than previous estimates, which is a serious problem since methane is even more effective at trapping heat in the atmosphere than carbon dioxide; and

WHEREAS, Los Angeles is suffering on the front lines of global warming. the City is into year four of the worst drought in recorded history, which scientists are now saying has been exacerbated by climate change, and, as of the March, 2015, Metropolitan Water District board meeting the Sierra Nevada snowpack has nearly vanished and the State and the City are likely headed for serious water rationing; and

WHEREAS, NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory has launched their Megacities Carbon Project to measure multi-year emission trends of carbon dioxide, methane and carbon monoxide attributed to Los Angeles and other megacities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that, by the adoption of this Resolution, THE MAR VISTA COMMUNITY COUNCIL HEREBY SUPPORTS Los Angeles City Councilmember Paul Koretz's motion calling on our City departments to come up with a specific and detailed plan to address our methane problem.

THE MAR VISTA COMMUNITY COUNCIL ALSO URGES the City Council of Los Angeles to take a global leadership role as we inventory our methane leaks, eliminate them where appropriate and capture methane where possible to create a renewable energy source.

Thank you for your consideration,

Bill Koontz, Chair Mar Vista Community Council