



Aliso Canyon Disaster
Health Research Study

Community Advisory Group

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Dear North Hills West Boardmembers,

On behalf of the LACoDPH Aliso Canyon Disaster Health Study Community Advisory Group (CAG), we would like to thank you for taking the time to hear our proposed motion listed below, in your July meeting. We, the CAG, believe the support of the Neighborhood Councils is critical in assisting us in our mission to ensure a comprehensive, science-driven health study is conducted. Therefore, we respectfully request you approve the following motion or submit a similar letter to the County Board of Supervisors.

Proposed Motion:

“Motion to request from the Los Angeles County and the City of Los Angeles that they use any and all methods at their disposal to obtain from So Cal Gas the full list of chemicals, emitted from the Aliso Canyon Gas Storage Facility during the SS-25 blowout, well kill attempts, ongoing operation and from subsequent leaks. NHWNC requests that the list be made available and accessible to the community and our stake holders. NHWNC believes this information is critical and needs to be provided to all parties of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Aliso Canyon Health Study to ensure a thorough, accurate and science-based health study is conducted and so that our stakeholders have every chance to learn what health issues they may be faced with surrounding this historic disaster. “

Background:

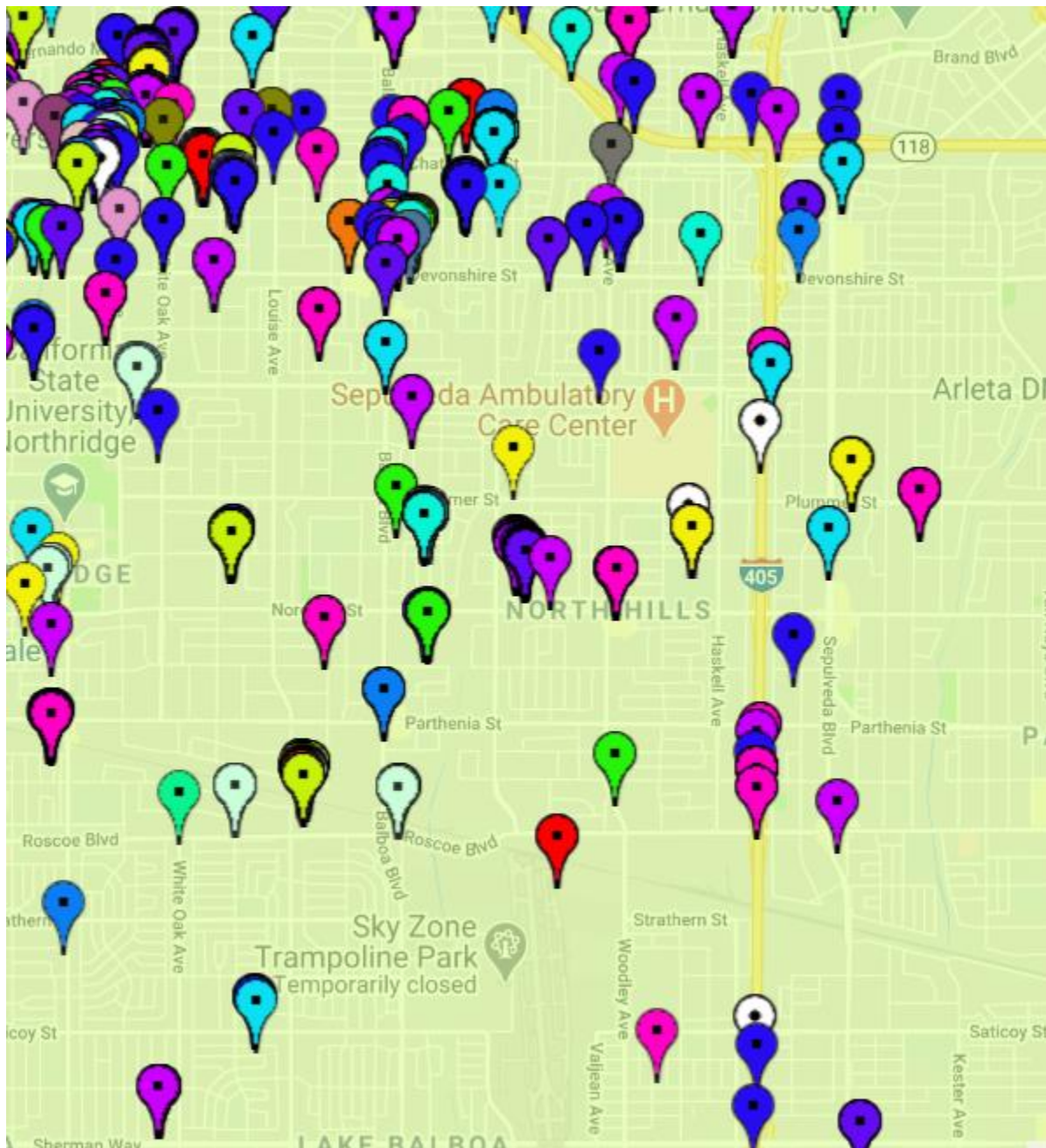
To date Southern California Gas has absolutely not produced a list of the chemicals the greater San Fernando Valley community was exposed to, including the constituents of the blowout (unscrubbed) gas, the oily droplets that were aerosolized and inhaled, the fracking fluids used in the facility and the fluids used in the 7 failed well kill attempts, where the material was aerosolized and spread over the community. In order for the Scientific Oversight Committee, who will determine the scope of the \$25M Aliso Canyon Disaster Health Study (administered by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health), to properly identify areas to study, the full list of chemicals is absolutely necessary.

Furthermore, there is evidence that these chemicals can cause immunity suppression in residents surrounding the facility. Many of the 1.5 million residents of the SFV are now at risk for COVID-19 complications due to this suppression as well as other respiratory ailments and especially cancers.

To date, the six neighborhood councils that make up the “ground-zero community” have unanimously supported the proposed motion by either passing motions of their own or by drafting and submitting letters from the neighborhood council to the County of Los Angeles (via Supervisor Barger’s office). These councils are Chatsworth NC, Porter Ranch NC, Northridge West NC, Northridge East NC, Granada Hills North NC and Granada Hills South NC. On 7-9-20 the CAG made a presentation to the Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (VANC) and we believe VANC will formally support these efforts at their next meeting. Please note, multiple NC’s have amended the motion language to specifically mention the subpoena power that the County of Los Angeles already possess. Your support of this motion benefits not only those neighborhood councils but the entire San Fernando Valley.

It bares repeating that six NC's voted and not one single "no" vote was cast. When was the last time this many neighborhood councils all independently and unanimously supported the same action? That demonstrates just how critical this issue is to the long-term health of the stakeholders of the SFV.

The map below shows data collected by Environmental Data Technologies, LLC's Environmental Health Tracker (developed by CAG member Andrew Krowne), showing symptoms reported from the San Fernando Valley. Each "pin" does not simply represent one person and one symptom, rather one location. Often each pin represents many people living in the same home and many symptoms those people have experienced. What this shows clearly is that stakeholders were/are ill and the requested information could be of great benefit to them and their doctors.



The CAG asked Dr. Jeffrey Nordella M.D., member of the Scientific Oversight Committee, for his opinion on the need of the chemical list. Here is his response:

CAG Members

As requested, I have been asked by the Community Advisory Committee to give my medical opinion as a Scientific Oversight Committee member in regard to the upcoming Health study.

Not having the chemical compositions that the community was exposed to creates a great deficiency in the efficacy of a robust health study. I would hope that all avenues be explored in order that we obtain this information prior to moving forward.

You have any further questions please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

J. Nordella M.D.

Lastly, the CAG has created an online petition to allow stakeholders from all over the San Fernando Valley every opportunity to have their voices heard. The CAG would be very appreciative if NHWNC could include the petition in your next email blast. The link is:

<https://www.change.org/p/los-angeles-county-supervisor-kathryn-barger-obtain-the-full-list-of-chemicals-released-by-socalgas-during-the-aliso-canyon-gas-blowout>

Respectfully,

Andrew Krowne – Northridge West NC representative
Lori Aivazian – Porter Ranch stakeholder
Melissa Messer – Granada Hills stakeholder
Patty Glueck – Northridge stakeholder
Craig Galanti – Porter Ranch NC representative
Mihran Kalaydjian – Porter Ranch NC representative
Brian Allen – Granada Hills North representative
Mike Benedetto – Granada Hills South representative
Chad Cheung – Porter Ranch stakeholder
Mary Blair – Granada Hills stakeholder
Jeff Hammond – Chatsworth NC representative
Mike Kaiser – Northridge East NC representative
Dr. Bruce Hector – Community Physician