



# Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council

"Your Community Voice"

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Dear Representatives:

Re: Letter of Support for LAUSD Resolution on Relocation of Rancho LPG

On February 8, 2016, the Northwest San Pedro Council (NWSPNC) passed a motion concerning the relocation of the Rancho LPG Facility located in San Pedro, CA in support of the LAUSD's Resolution. The wording of the motion follows:

**On January 12th, 2016, the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) Board of Education unanimously passed a resolution titled, "Supporting the Relocation of the Rancho Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) Facility Located in San Pedro."**

**The Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council fully supports the LAUSD Board of Education in its stance on the relocation of the Rancho LPG butane and propane storage**



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**tanks. The Rancho LPG facility stores butane and propane in two 12.5 million-gallon refrigerated tanks and five 60,000-gallon horizontal storage tanks.\* Butane and propane gas are odorless and colorless.**

**According to The United States Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), these substances can cause drowsiness, narcosis, asphyxia, and cardiac arrhythmia upon exposure. Geological factors, risky transportation, and vulnerability to terrorist activity further exacerbate the exceedingly hazardous nature of the propane and butane stored at the Rancho LPG facility.**

**\*The Rancho LPG facility sits adjacent to the Palos Verdes Fault. Also, according to David Wulf, Director of Infrastructure Security Compliance Division of the U.S Department of Homeland Security, at a meeting organized by then Senator Henry Waxman on 9/11/14 at Peck Park auditorium the Rancho LPG storage facility is identified as a high-risk terrorist target. (as reported in the Daily Breeze article of 9/11/14)**

**\*Operation of the Rancho LPG facility predates the rigorous, health-protective land use statuses enacted in recent years.**

**With its close proximity to schools, homes, and recreational centers, the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council views continued operation of the Rancho LPG storage facility as intolerable and politically reckless. The Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council urgently requests that City Officials, as well as Federal, State, and local agencies, see to the immediate relocation of the Rancho LPG facility away from our community.**

NWSPNC hopes that you will support our position and would appreciate hearing back from you on this issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ray Regalado". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ray" and last name "Regalado" clearly distinguishable.

Ray Regalado, NWSPNC President  
on behalf of the NWSPNC Board