

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations, or policies proposed to or pending before a local, State, or Federal governmental body or agency must first have been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Susana Field Laboratory (SSFL) is a once prolific rocket and nuclear reactor test facility located 30 miles north of downtown Los Angeles, and throughout its years as a nuclear test site approximately ten low-power nuclear reactors, and several open-burn pits operated at the site; and

WHEREAS, at the same time over 30,000 rocket and engine tests have occurred at the SSFL, which – combined with the open-burn pits and nuclear reactors – has lead to significant contamination at the site; and

WHEREAS, today more than 150,000 people live within five miles of the facility, and more than half a million people live within ten miles; and

WHEREAS, over the years various piecemeal cleanups around the SSFL site were undertaken with varying degrees of protective quality, but the site was not fully evaluated and characterized as to its degree of contamination; and

WHEREAS, California State Senator Kuehl has introduced SB 990, which would consolidate the oversight of the chemical and radioactive contamination remediation of the Santa Susana Field Laboratory site under the lead agency of the Director of the State Department of Toxic Substances Control, and would require that the Director certify that the SSFL has undergone complete remediation pursuant to the most protective standards possible; and

WHEREAS, SB 990 would thereby provide needed protections to the surrounding community, and would significantly aid the cleanup process that is necessary to ensure that the contamination of the site does not cause any additional health and safety issues.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2007-2008 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for SB 990 (Kuehl), which would require the Director of the State Department of Toxic Substances Control to certify that the Santa Susana Field Laboratory land has undergone complete remediation pursuant to the most protective standards available.

PRESENTED BY: _____

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SECONDED BY: _____

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