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February 10, 2020

Community Advisory Panel  
Baldwin Hills Community Standards District  
c/o Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning  
320 W. Temple Street Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Members of the Community Advisory Panel:

Thank you for your January 17, 2020 letter requesting assurance that the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (DPH) will commit and allocate funding to accomplish Phase 3, the Implementation and Analysis Phase of the Health Assessment and Environmental Justice Study.

We appreciate your dedication and collaboration during Phase 2 (Scoping Phase), during which time the Health Working Group members contributed a tremendous amount of time, experience and local knowledge. As we near completion of Phase 2, DPH has reviewed the Steering Committee's findings and is committed to supporting the recommended path forward.

We understand that the Steering Committee is proposing two health assessment efforts:

- an analysis of existing data; and
- a household survey and biometric measure, with details to be further specified in conjunction with the Health Working Group.

The Scope of Work will require health data to be collected or available at the household level to allow for a more sensitive analysis of possible health impacts by geographic location relative to the oil field. As appropriate, the analysis will include available oil field infrastructure location and operational data; meteorological data; emissions and air quality data; along with other information deemed relevant as design of the assessment continues. Statistical power calculations will be used to ensure the ability to stratify by demographic variables such as race/ethnicity, income, education, length of residence, and other key socio-economic and demographic indicators.

We invite the Health Working Group to continue collaborating with our staff and the future contractor in ongoing decisions about design elements, including survey questions and sampling design.

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We anticipate the costs of the assessment will total \$400,000 to be spent over the course of data collection, analysis and reporting, which will be complete by the end of 2021. When the Scope of Work is finalized, Public Health will release a work order solicitation to approved vendors of evaluation services (see Request for Statement of Qualifications at <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/cg/docs/2018-013RFSQforEvaluationServices/2018-013RFSQforEvaluationServices.pdf>).

We appreciate your patience as we work through the contracting process and remain committed to incorporating community input into all aspects of design, implementation, analysis and reporting of results.

Thank you for your partnership.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Barbara Ferrer". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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