

COMMUNITY ADVISORY PANEL

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Dear Dr. Rangan,

We appreciate your department's willingness to work with the Community Advisory Panel (CAP) in the design and implementation of the next Health Assessment and Environmental Justice Study. We want to take this moment to share some concerns we have with how the project is progressing and some recommendations to address these concerns.

Provide A Clear Timeline and Definite Start Date for Phase 2

Currently there is no specific timeline for when Phase 2 "Scoping" will be implemented which we know is important for preparing for Phase 3 "Implementation & Analysis". Many of us support the strategy of incorporating the results of the California Air Resource Board (CARB) Study of Neighborhood Air Near Petroleum Sources (SNAPS). However, we are worried about the timeframe for when that process will begin and how it could affect the time frame for the Health Assessment. Additionally, we are already nearing the end of March and are anxious that if the community doesn't see some movement prior to June 2019 they may lose faith in the County's ability to complete the assessment in a timely manner which could have unforeseen repercussions. ***We recommend that at a minimum the county officially complete Phase 1 including identification of the funding and finalizing the Scope of Work prior to June 30th and provide a best estimate timeline for all phases of the Assessment.***

Provide an Update on the Process for Updating the Litigants

We understand that County Counsel is determining the best course of action for informing the litigants about what is happening with the Assessment. However, we feel that their buy in is important as well as understanding any concerns they have so that we can work with the County to identify how best to address those concerns. ***As such we would like to receive an update on where the County is in your process to talk with the Litigants and if there is anything that will have an impact on the assessment timeline.***

Provide the Community with Information Collected Thus Far and Updates on the Process

As stated in the letter dated January 22nd so much has occurred since the health working group has been meeting with the DPH staff. We want to make sure the community is also aware of all of the research that has already been conducted. We feel that this information will show the

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community just how much has been done thus far and eliminate any concerns that nothing has been done. DPH staff have provided the workgroup with some documents to review that we feel the broader community should have access to. ***We therefore recommend posting the following documents and other research collected and periodic updates about the process on the Baldwin Hills CSD webpages:***

- 1) the Baldwin Hills CAP Assessment: Draft Overview Diagram of Process and***
- 2) a summary of the literature review and research methodologies.***

Again we thank you for your support and look forward to our continued working relationship.

Sincerely,



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Co-Facilitator of the Community Advisory Panel

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