



Santa Susana Mountain Park Association

Dedicated to the Preservation of the Simi Hills and Santa Susana Mountains

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**Senators Stern, Hertzberg, and Wilk
Assembly Member Acosta**

RE: Support for SB-57 Natural gas storage: moratorium

The **Santa Susana Mountain Park Association's** (SSMPA's) mission is to preserve and protect the Simi Hills, Santa Susana Mountains and regional open space. Our organization was formed in 1971, and since that time we have continually monitored projects within our region, advocating for open space and local public health. The gas leak at Aliso Canyon natural gas storage facility and the ongoing harm it has caused in our area, and could cause again if not thoroughly investigated, is therefore of major concern to us.

SSMPA wishes to express its strong support for **SB 57**, introduced by Senator Henry Stern and Senator Bob Hertzberg. SB 57 will continue to prohibit Southern California Gas Company from injecting any natural gas into the Aliso Canyon natural gas storage facility until a third-party root cause analysis of the 2015-2016 leak has been performed, completed and fully released to the public. In addition, SSMPA staunchly supports this bill taking effect immediately as an urgency statute.

California cannot allow an event as destructive and disruptive as the Aliso Canyon Gas Leak to occur again.

In addition to the provisions of SB 57, SSMPA respectfully requests that a moratorium be implemented on further residential development in close proximity to the Aliso Canyon facility, to prevent further negative impacts on the surrounding area and its residents.

Sincerely,

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About **Santa Susana Mountain Park Association:**

Santa Susana Mountain Park Association is a 45 year-old non-profit organization based in Chatsworth, Los Angeles, California.

We represent approximately 700 members and concerned citizens, and we partner with many organizations to promote ecological and recreational quality in Southern California.

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