



## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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January 3, 2022

Mr. Robert Ferrante  
Chief Engineer and General Manager  
Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts  
1955 Workman Mill Road  
Whittier, CA 90601

Dear Mr. Ferrante,

The Carson Sewage Spill that occurred on December 30, 2021, has caused great concern for us and the constituents that we represent.


While we understand that this pipe was due to be replaced later this year, a spill of this magnitude is both dangerous and unacceptable. This incident has caused an undue burden on the residents of Carson and closed Los Angeles County Beaches in Long Beach, San Pedro, and Rancho Palos Verdes.

We are requesting a report back to the Directors of District 2 and to our respective offices with the following:

- A full Incident report – including response times
- Immediate plans to address the incident
- A detailed account of impact on Carson residents including addressing any odor complaints and assistance offered
- Status of the health and environmental impacts of the discharge, and necessary steps taken or yet taken to mitigate them, including efforts to coordinate with relevant departments including the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health and the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works.
- A detailed account of the communications protocols followed on the event, including efforts to communicate to residents in multiple languages, across multiple platforms to inform victims of the incident and any public health related protocols that residents should follow.
- The installation date of the pipe and the estimated lifespan
- The District's plan to address aging infrastructure, including your plan to obtain funding from the Federal Infrastructure bill
- Recommendations, based on the experiences from similar incidents in Los Angeles County, on how to prevent similar incidents in the future.
- Finally, we request you provide a presentation to the Board of Supervisors in January on details of the incident and any preliminary findings.

We look forward to your response and commitment to addressing our concerns.

Sincerely,

  
JANICE HAHN  
Supervisor, Fourth District

  
HOLLY J. MITCHELL  
Chair, Board of Supervisors

CC:

The Honorable Cathy Warner, Chair, District 2

The Honorable Lula Davis Holmes, Mayor, City of Carson