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To: Clerk of Board
Cc: Michal Haynes
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Matter No. 1212-40 SCAQMD v. City of Los Angeles (Hyperion Water Reclamation Plant) Abatement Order

Dear AQMD Hearing Board Members,

Thank you again for the opportunity to share our ongoing experiences as residents and how Hyperion has continued to impact our lives in a negative way by impeding the quiet enjoyment of our homes, health and sleep on a regular basis. It is imperative you extend and add additional conditions of abatement.

Since the last hearing on September 5th, I've filed 53 odor complaints in the last 75 days with AQMD - that's 70% of our days impacted by Hyperion's stench. I've filed 23 calls to the Hyperion Hotline and have pretty much all but given up wasting my time with them. Every return call from LASAN with the exception of one, states no odors detected at my residence when their own fenceline monitors record otherwise. Newsflash, their stench doesn't stop at the fenceline.

I would respectfully ask the District request the readings for the additional 8 portable monitors at the fixed locations as well as the readings from the 6 Jerome monitors that are used to investigate at our residences as they are not the continuous monitoring type but are a mere snapshot in time.

I also would ask which model of Jerome monitors are be utilized as they often have limitations of only detecting H2S reading between 3 - 10 ppb. Do any of you know what a 2 ppb of H2S smells like? I do, because I vomit between 2.5 and 3 ppb. Use of this model type would explain why the plant's investigators come up a no odors detected every time at my residence because even a million dollar hand held monitor has limitations.

I would ask for full transparency from Tonya Shelton, in charge of Public Information and LASAN Community Outreach. She testified on September 5th they they hold Citizen Forum meetings on a quarterly basis with residents and were even bringing on a 3rd party outreach and would be introducing a monthly meeting. When in fact, Hyperion/LASAN hasn't held any in person or virtual townhalls with residents of El Segundo since December 6, 2023 and the one prior was Oct. 26, 2023.

I would ask for an investigation into the nightly odors experienced between 2- 4 am. Their own fenceline monitoring confirms it. On September 5th Nicole McIntosh, Acting Civil Engineer, overseeing their pollution control center testified odors are not billowing out in the middle of the night. That additionally all doors along with odor mitigation controls are working properly. Then how does the level of odors rise enough to awake residents on a nightly basis?

I would ask if Hyperion has identified the \$20.8 million dollar EPA conditions placed upon them and what will the additional Capital Improvements slated to begin in 2028 be? What is the timeline of that work since they are in essence saying, El Segundo residents will continue to suffer for a minimum of 8 years and running.

I would ask the abatement conditions and order be extended until Hyperion shows a consistent return to the number of odor complaints prior to the spill of July 11, 2021 for at least one year following.

Thank you for you time and attention.

Sincerely yours,

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El Segundo resident

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