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I MOVE that the matter of the Rules, Elections, and Intergovernmental Relations Committee report relative to the City's position to oppose legislation to transfer NASA owned land at the Santa Susana Field Laboratory site until cleanup and remediation is complete, Item 18 on today's Council Agenda (CF: 13-0002-S6) BE AMEDED to adopt the attached revised resolution in lieu of any other resolution relative to this matter.

PRESENTED BY

Mitchell Englander
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Councilmember, 12th District

SECONDED BY

Paul King

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state or federal governmental body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, in the 1970s, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) acquired over 450 acres in Ventura County at the Santa Susana Field Laboratory site, which is surrounded by property owned by the Boeing Company, and used the land to test liquid fueled rocket engines; and

WHEREAS, as a result of that testing, there is extensive soil and groundwater contamination at and around the site, including pollution from trichloethylene, PCBs, PAHs, dioxins, and heavy metals; and

WHEREAS, NASA and the California Department of Toxic Substances Control have a consent agreement that requires NASA to clean its land to background levels, and clean-up operations are ongoing and incomplete; and

WHEREAS, despite this, in 2010 NASA declared this land as excess federal property – the first step towards transferring the land to a new owner – and has recently received interest from the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians about acquiring the site under the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act; and

WHEREAS, it is important that the clean-up plan for the site as required by the consent agreement between NASA and the Department of Toxic Substances Control be fully completed, and the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians may not be subject to the State's regulatory clean-up requirements;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that upon the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2013-2014 Federal Legislative Program **OPPOSITION** to any legislation or administrative action which would transfer the NASA owned land at the Santa Susana Field Laboratory site until all cleanup and remediation of the site is complete.