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Chair, Board of Supervisors

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Scott Drury  
Chief Executive Officer  
Southern California Gas Company  
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Los Angeles, CA 90013

Dear Mr. Drury,

I am writing to you regarding my deep concern over a recent incident in my district in Unincorporated West Whittier. In the middle of the night in the early hours of September 14<sup>th</sup>, a major gas leak was discovered on Vicki Drive. Our LA County fire fighters and Sheriff's deputies responded quickly and evacuated 32 homes and over 75 residents in the middle of the night. Some residents had no where to go and had to spend the night with their children in an evacuation center set up by the Red Cross.

This was unacceptable and it raises serious concerns about the state of SoCalGas infrastructure that a leak of this magnitude was able to happen.

I am asking for you to conduct a full investigation into this gas line break. It is important that the residents who were put through this ordeal have answers about what went wrong, and it is necessary that the County has assurances that SoCal Gas will not allow this to happen again and that this incident is not a sign of an even larger problem.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

JANICE HAHN  
Chair, Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles