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The Sunshine Canyon Landfill, in business since 1958 to provide waste disposal services, is located in the northwest region of the City of Los Angeles near Granada Hills and Sylmar and it receives about 9,000 tons of waste per day. There are published media reports of noxious odors emitting from the landfill based on hundreds of complaints filed by nearby businesses, homeowners and residents. In December 2023, the Los Angeles Times, reported on the complaints pouring in from the surrounding community, and it stated that Sunshine Canyon Landfill suffered water intrusion from the extraordinary rainstorms which fueled bacteria growth and the odors. Many of the official complaints claim the odors nauseated students and staff at the local elementary school, Van Gogh Charter School.

The Sunshine Canyon Landfill Local Enforcement Agency (SCL LEA) is the local agency that permits the operations, inspects for safety and compliance, and enforces the state rules of the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle). The facility is massive and it includes 8 Landfill gas-to-energy projects which produces about 20-megawatts of energy from the gas generated by the waste on site. The facility and the systems in place require extensive coordination between the owner/operator, state and local regulators (City and County of Los Angeles) and the community. Recent experiences of odors and health impacts are calling into question the integrity of the system from the Community. The City Council is committed to ensuring transparency in the operations of Sunshine Canyon and that it continues to be efficient and adhere to the most stringent health and safety protocols.

The City should request a status report from the SCL LEA, Republic Services and the Bureau of Sanitation, to outline the current conditions of the site and the steps initiated to resolve the latest complaints about operations. The report should outline the plan in place to further improve operations at Sunshine Canyon Landfill.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Sunshine Canyon Landfill Local Enforcement Agency, Republic Services, and the Bureau of Sanitation, are requested to report on the status of addressing the current complaints about odors emitting from the landfill facility, and explain the root causes of the odors, and what steps are being implemented to address them as soon as possible.

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