RESOLUTION NO. 2017-23

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, REGARDING THE SAFETY OF THE TORRANCE REFINERY.

WHEREAS, the safety and security of Torrance residents and persons who work in the city is the highest priority for the Torrance City Council; and

WHEREAS, the Torrance Refinery was established in 1929 and it and its workers make numerous contributions to the local and regional economy; and

WHEREAS, the Torrance Refinery has experienced several operational challenges since the explosion on February 18, 2015, including excessive flaring, fires, and power interruptions; and

WHEREAS, the City of Torrance has taken an active role in coordinating efforts by various local, state and federal regulatory agencies tasked with refinery safety, regulations, and oversight; and

WHEREAS, the City of Torrance has held several public workshops to educate the community regarding refinery operations and safety; and

WHEREAS, the City of Torrance submitted a project for the $2.7 Million South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) Supplemental Environment Project (SEP) Fund Air Quality Improvement Projects for an offsite real-time air quality monitoring system with sirens available to the public, an enhanced integrated community alarm/notification system, and broad shelter-in-place air quality emergency preparedness community training; and

WHEREAS, the City of Torrance holds monthly meetings with representatives of the Torrance Refining Company and Southern California Edison to address electrical reliability concerns; and

WHEREAS, as part of California Governor Brown's directive to create Refinery Emergency Preparedness and Safety Regulations, the Torrance Deputy Fire Chief is serving as the Chair of the Interagency Refinery Task Force Training Workgroup while participating on all rule making efforts by the California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal EPA) in developing the California Accidental Release Prevention (CalARP) and the California Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) - Occupational Safety & Health Standards Board (OSHSB) for Process Safety Management for Petroleum Refineries; and

WHEREAS, City staff are members of the SCAQMD Working Group for proposed amended Rule 1118 (Control of Emissions from Refinery Flares) and will participate in the upcoming Rule 1410 (Hydrogen Fluoride Storage and Use) amendment process; and

WHEREAS, the City supports monitoring the efforts to seek a safer catalyst.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HEREBY supports the efforts of the following stakeholders in ensuring and enhancing the safety of the Torrance Refinery and encourages all interested parties to continue to work together in addressing community concerns regarding the safety of the Torrance Refinery:

- California Interagency Refinery Task Force
- California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal EPA) in developing the California Accidental Release Prevention (CalARP)
- California Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) – Occupational Safety & Health Standards Board (OSHSB) for Process Safety Management for Petroleum Refineries
- South Coast Air Quality Management District Rule 1118 and Rule 1410 specifically related to flaring events and continued use of modified hydrofluoric acid (MHF)
- Torrance Refining Company and Southern California Edison electrical reliability project
- U.S. Chemical Safety Board
- Congressmember Maxine Waters and Congressmember Ted Lieu
- Assemblymember Al Muratsuchi's legislative efforts
- County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors
- Concerned Citizens

INTRODUCED, APPROVED, and **ADOPTED** this 29th day of March, 2017.

Mayor Patrick J. Furey

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

JOHN L. FELLOWS III, City Attorney

by _____
Patrick Q. Sullivan, Assistant City Attorney

ATTEST:

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Rebecca Poirier, MMC, City Clerk

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) ss
CITY OF TORRANCE)

I, Rebecca Poirier, City Clerk of the City of Torrance, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly introduced, approved, and adopted by the City Council of the City of Torrance at an adjourned regular meeting of said Council held on the 29th day of March, 2017 by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	COUNCILMEMBERS	Ashcraft, Goodrich, Griffiths, Herring, Rizzo, Weideman, and Mayor Furey.
NOES:	COUNCILMEMBERS	None.
ABSTAIN:	COUNCILMEMBERS	None.
ABSENT:	COUNCILMEMBERS	None.

Date: 3/30/17

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Rebecca Poirier, MMC
City Clerk of the City of Torrance