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COUNCILMEMBER JOSE HUIZAR LEADS COMMUNITY OPPOSITION TO EXPANSION OF BOYLE HEIGHTS HAZARDOUS WASTE SITE

LOS ANGELES – Councilmember José Huizar testified at a hearing this evening, in front of more than 300 Boyle Heights residents, against a proposed state-authorized permit, which would allow a hazardous waste facility in Boyle Heights to expand.

Testimony against the expansion of the Industrial Service Oil Company (ISOCI) site, located at 1700 S. Soto Street, was also given by the Community Redevelopment Agency/LA and Communities for a Better Environment. The appeal hearing was organized by the state Department of Toxic Substances Control.

“The proposed expansion to the ISOCI facility would mean risk to our children, our community and our City and that is not acceptable,” said Councilmember José Huizar.

“What do they have to hide? Why is the ISOCI attempting to expand without obtaining a Conditional Use Permit from the City of Los Angeles? It is required and even the Department of Toxic Substances Control itself has told ISOCI they must obtain local land use permission to do this, but they still refuse.”

The oil company has proposed to expand its current 2.2-acre used-oil and spent-antifreeze treatment, storage and recycling facility to allow storage of a greater number of hazardous materials for longer durations and across more land area. This facility is located near the Los Angeles River and in close proximity to homes where families and children live and go to school.

ISOCI has appealed a provision in the state permit, which would require them to obtain a conditional land use permit from the City of Los Angeles for the expansion before the state permit becomes effective. Residents believe the expansion would pose a significant health and public safety risk to neighborhoods close to the facility.

Councilmember Huizar shares the community’s concerns and is angry the facility is attempting to usurp the City’s authority and avoid the community process.

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