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TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL **DATE:** JULY 16, 2019

FROM: COUNCILMEMBER GARDNER **WARDS:** ALL

COUNCILMEMBER PERRY

SUBJECT: **VISIT BY COUNCILMEMBER MIKE GARDNER, AS CHAIR OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA ALFRED E. ALQUIST SEISMIC SAFETY COMMISSION, TO RIDGECREST AND TRONA IN CENTRAL CALIFORNIA FOLLOWING EARTHQUAKES OF JULY 4 AND 5, 2019**

ISSUE:

Receive and file report by Councilmember Gardner on findings of visit to Ridgecrest and Trona in Central California following the earthquakes of July 4 and July 5, 2019.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council receive and file this report.

BACKGROUND:

On July 4, 2019, an M6.4 foreshock earthquake occurred south of Owens Valley, California. Subsequently a much larger M7.1 earthquake occurred near the same area on Friday, July 5, 2019. Aftershocks are continuing in the area and are expected to continue for weeks, months and possibly years.

The State of California Alfred E. Alquist Seismic Safety Commission investigates earthquakes, researches earthquake-related issues and reports, and recommends to the Governor and Legislature policies and programs needed to reduce earthquake risk.

City of Riverside Ward 1 Councilmember Mike Gardner was appointed to the Commission by then Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger in 2010 and currently serves as Chair.

Chair Gardner travelled to Ridgecrest and Trona, California, on July 7, 2019, accompanied by other members of the Commission and Commission staff to research the July 4 and July 5, 2019, quakes and their impacts.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report. Costs of travel and other expenses incurred by the Commission members and staff are paid for by the State of California.

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Attachments: Photographs