May 25, 2017

The Honorable Mike Anderson, Mayor of Lafayette  
And Members of the Lafayette City Council  
3675 Mount Diablo Boulevard #210  
Lafayette, CA 94549

Dear Mayor Anderson and Members of the City Council,

On behalf of Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E), thank you for continuing to work with us on efforts to improve the safety and reliability of the natural gas system serving your community. The purpose of this letter is to provide an update on PG&E’s outreach and next steps related to the planned Community Pipeline Safety Initiative work in Lafayette.

At the May 8 City Council meeting, we heard valuable feedback from neighbors and citizens in Lafayette as well as the Council to do even more work to listen and understand the perspectives of the community. As a result, our local customer outreach team held two gas safety answer centers at the Lafayette Reservoir and two answer centers along the Lafayette-Moraga Regional Trail to share information and answer questions from local community members. We also conducted door-to-door outreach at homes adjacent to the Lafayette-Moraga Trail. Through these efforts, we personally spoke with more than 200 local residents and have been working to follow up on specific questions that have been raised about the gas pipelines and PG&E’s safety work. We will be conducting additional outreach in the weeks and months ahead.

In accordance with the commitment we made to Council, and as follow-up to a trail walk we held with a group of local citizens, our pipeline safety experts are working to review the trees proposed for removal. In addition, given the community’s interest, we are preparing a detailed report with information on the pipeline characteristics, safety and maintenance history, emergency planning efforts, and planned pipeline safety work within the City of Lafayette. The report will be provided to the City and made available to the public.

We will continue to coordinate with the City, the agencies and local property owners on the appropriate timing for the planned safety work. Given the work we are doing to gather and provide additional information and be responsive to the community, as well as the review and nesting bird surveys, we do not anticipate returning to Council until late summer. We will not conduct any of this safety work in Lafayette until after we have come back to Council.

Thank you again for the opportunity for ongoing dialogue around this critical gas safety work.

Sincerely,

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Pacific Gas and Electric Company