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CHROMIUM 6 MAXIMUM CONTAMINANT LEVEL

Recently, Glendale Water and Power presented the findings of its 10 year, multi-million dollar project to research high-tech methods for stripping ground water of Chromium 6.

The study demonstrated that Chromium 6 levels could be reduced through the methods tested to as little as one part per billion. However, the studies also determined that systems to achieve such a reduction could cost as much as \$27 million to install, operate and maintain over 20 years for a community with a population of 10,000 to 100,000. Glendale officials have now set aside funding to evaluate ways in which to reduce this cost further.

In a few weeks, the California Department of Public Health is scheduled to release a draft proposal that would set a limit for how much Chromium 6 will be allowed in public drinking water. By law, the State Department of Public Health must set the new limit as close to its goal of .02 parts per billion.

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The state needs to establish a maximum contaminant level that ensures safe drinking water for consumers and also identify the most cost effective Chromium 6 removal methods for municipal water providers.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Send a five-signature letter to the Governor urging him to ensure and expedite the release of the draft proposal for the Chromium 6 maximum contaminant level; and
2. Send a five-signature letter to the Glendale City Council urging them to expedite the review of the process cost reductions to ensure recommendations are considered during the public comment period for the draft proposal on the maximum contaminant level for Chromium 6.

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