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Landfill asked to pay relocation

Residents seek meaningful action after years of environmental catastrophes

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Federal, state and county officials are demanding the operators of the Chiquita Canyon Landfill provide "meaningful, long-term relocation assistance" to residents affected by the noxious odors and potential health risks caused by the ongoing chemical reaction beneath the landfill's surface.

On Friday, Los Angeles County Supervisor Kathryn Barger, Rep, George Whitesides, Assemblymember Pilar Schiavo and state Sen. Suzette Martinez Valladares jointly issued a letter to Waste Connections, the landfill's operator, and subsidiary Chiquita Canyon LLC in response to an explosive geyser of trash and gas that erupted during a drilling operation at the landfill Monday.

"The Nov. 16 incident at Chiquita Canyon Landfill is yet another unacceptable disruption for the families and communities that have endured years of odors, environmental concerns,

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A routine drilling operation at the Chiquita Canyon Landfill in Castaic turned into an explosion on Monday, producing a large plume of smoke. **DAVID CRANE STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER**

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Shoppers feel pinch of higher food prices



Tommie Shepherd, a 72-year-old retired maintenance worker with the Metropolitan Transportation Authority in Los Angeles, has just wrapped up shopping at a Food 4 Less along Lake Avenue in Pasadena, but didn't buy turkey to load into her car this year. "I don't celebrate the holidays. It's just me and my sister," she says. **PAT MAIO — STAFF**

Ahead of the holiday, SoCal residents say their wallets are feeling lighter

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Southern Californians are choosing their groceries carefully as the holiday season kicks off with a surge in food buying.

Shoppers across the region — whether at Aldi in Tustin or an Asian market in Chino, a Food 4 Less in Pasadena or the newly opened Vallarta Supermarkets in Rancho Cucamonga — say they're feeling the sting of higher food prices caused by tariffs, inflation and gas prices caused by the U.S.-led war in Iran that began nearly nine months ago.

For those already struggling with poverty, rising inflation has only added to their food insecurity. Food banks across the region are seeing

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Bruce Nance, a volunteer for New Life Church Food Bank, helps Rosaria Tapia with a box of food for the holidays in Pomona on Thursday. **KAREN TAPIA — STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER**

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Raman names advisory panel

Mayor-elect's 30-member committee gathers variety of leaders from outside City Hall

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Mayor-elect Nithya Raman is bringing together an eclectic group of Los Angeles figures — from tenant organizers and labor leaders to real estate executives, Hollywood personalities and tech entrepreneurs — to help shape her incoming administration.

The 30-member advisory group, dubbed "A Committee for the City," will help identify candidates for administration positions and city commissions, weigh in on policy priorities and build relationships across Los Angeles, according to an announcement Friday.

Its members include actor and producer Issa Rae,

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Activists allege cattle mistreated at SoCal dairy farms

Complaints say that videos show whippings, inhumane conditions

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Animal activists have leveled cruelty allegations in court and with law enforcement agencies against local dairy farms owned by a seventh-generation farming family with operations in the Inland Empire and throughout the Southwest.

Two unrelated complaints were made against facilities owned by the Hettinga family, which has been in the dairy farming business since 1711

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