



Boyle Heights Neighborhood Council

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Los Angeles City Council
200 N. Spring St.
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Support for Establishment of 2,500-foot Health and Safety Setback Around Oil and Gas Extraction in Los Angeles

Dear Council President Wesson and Los Angeles City Council:

~~We respectfully express our support for~~ The Boyle Heights Neighborhood Council supports an ordinance to establish a 2,500-foot setback separating oil and gas extraction operations from sensitive land uses such as homes, schools, and hospitals. ~~We would also like to express gratitude~~ We are also grateful to the City Council for the motion passed on June 30, 2017 (Council File # 17-0447) directing the City Attorney, Petroleum Administrator, and Department of Planning to perform a legal, land use, health, environmental, and economic study of such an ordinance. We applaud Council President Wesson for introducing this motion and Councilmembers Bonin, Cedillo, Harris-Dawson, Koretz, and Martinez for co-sponsoring the motion.

Los Angeles contains the largest and most densely populated urban oil field in the nation. There are over 1,000 active oil wells in the City of Los Angeles, and 80 percent of these wells are located within 2,500 feet of a sensitive land use such as a home, school, hospital, or church. Oil and gas extraction sites routinely use and emit toxic chemicals, and these emissions are at their highest and most dangerous concentration at the source of pollution. Additionally, more than half of the active wells are located in low-income Latino and African-American neighborhoods, such as Wilmington and South L.A., which are already overburdened by environmental hazards. Residents from these neighborhoods have documented serious health problems—including nosebleeds, chronic migraines, nausea, asthma, and other respiratory illness—in addition to daily disruption from drilling noise and vibrations, foul odors, and diesel truck traffic.

There is precedent for a health and safety buffer around drilling sites in Los Angeles. The City amended its zoning code in the 1940s, with an express declaration that "oil drilling and production in urbanized areas is detrimental to the public health, safety, and welfare." Classifying these operations as non-conforming uses—meaning incompatible with resident neighborhoods—resulted in the closure of hundreds of active oil wells, especially on LA's West Side.

Every Angeleno deserves to live in a safe and healthy neighborhood. Oil drilling operations are wholly incompatible with residential neighborhoods, and we urge swift completion of the legal and land use study. Further, upon timely completion of the study, we support the passage of a 2,500-foot setback ordinance to alleviate the symptoms and externalities that front-line communities experience daily.

Thank you for your action to protect the health and safety of residents living near oil drilling operations. Please contact us if you have any questions or would like additional information.

Sincerely,

the Boyle Heights Neighborhood Council

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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(9) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 07/18/2017

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Council File Number: 17-0447

Agenda Date: 07/18/2017

Item Number:

Summary: Support for Establishment of 2,500-foot Health and Safety Setback ground Oil and Gas Extraction in Los Angeles.



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200 N. Spring St.
Los Angeles, CA 90012

November 15, 2017

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Sincerely,

The General Board
Rampart Village Neighborhood Council

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Summary: The Glassell Park Neighborhood Council supports this motion and further supports STAND's resolution calling for a 2500 foot buffer zone around oil drilling sites as well as implementation of measures to retrain workers who may lose jobs if such zones are adopted.

Resolution in support of establishing a 2500-foot human health and safety buffer around oil drilling operations in the City of Los Angeles

Whereas Los Angeles is one of the only places in the United States where oil drilling occurs right in the middle of a densely-populated urban metropolis. Over 620,000 Angelenos live within a mile of an active oil well;

Whereas the City of Los Angeles contains over 1,000 active oil wells and 80% are located within 2,500 feet of a sensitive land use, impacting residents, students, and workers;

Whereas neighborhood drilling threatens the health and safety of those living along the fence line of these oil wells;

Whereas oil and gas extraction sites routinely use and emit as byproducts toxic chemicals that are known carcinogens, endocrine disruptors, and are harmful to multiple organ systems. These include but are not limited to formaldehyde, hydrochloric acid, hydrofluoric acid, naphthalene, xylene, benzene and volatile organic compounds;

Whereas the primary health risk factor associated with oil and gas development within urban areas is proximity to active sites, because any toxic emission will be at its highest and most dangerous concentration at the source of pollution;

Whereas the closer you live, work, and play to an active oil well, the more severely your health and safety are threatened. Whereas living next door to neighborhood drilling means chronic headaches and migraines, frequent nosebleeds, exacerbated asthma and other respiratory illness, reproductive harm and an increased risk of cancer;

Whereas the transport, onsite storage and use of toxic and flammable chemicals in industrial facilities in close proximity to homes and other sensitive land uses also raises the risk of catastrophic accidents;

Whereas neighborhood drilling is incompatible with public health and has no place near sensitive land uses such as homes, schools, churches or daycare facilities; and studies show that a buffer of at least 2,500 feet between active oil wells and these sensitive land uses is necessary to protect community health from oil extraction;

Whereas the City of Los Angeles is a leader at the forefront of enacting policies to protect the environment and address global climate change, including the Sustainability City pLAN requiring dramatic reductions in GHG emissions with an 80% GHG reduction target by 2050;

Whereas the City of Los Angeles has a duty to protect the health and safety of its residents and can use its power over land use and oil operations to protect those residents in this instance;

The Glassell Park Neighborhood Council resolves to call on the City of Los Angeles, and the Los Angeles City Council specifically to establish a human health and safety buffer that prohibits oil drilling within 2,500 feet of sensitive land uses including homes, schools, early childhood centers, senior centers, hospitals and medical clinics, parks, etc.

The Glassell Park Neighborhood Council further resolves to call on the City of Los Angeles and the Los Angeles City Council to develop a program to retrain any workers who lose their jobs through the implementation of this measure.

The Glassell Park Neighborhood Council resolves to submit a Community Impact Statement to Council File 17-0447 and to communicate support to our City Council member expressing support for this position.

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Directed To: City Council and Committees

Council File Number: 17-0447

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Summary: The EPNC urges swift completion of the legal and land use study of oil and gas extraction sites, and supports an ordinance establishing a 2,500-foot setback around oil and gas extraction sites for sensitive land uses including homes, schools, and hospitals or proper environmental containment of the site so it does not adversely affect the surrounding neighborhood.

ECHO PARK NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

P.O. BOX 26557, L.A. CA 90026



Community Impact Statement (CIS) Council File No. 17-0447

Proposed 2,500 ft. Setback around Oil and Gas
Extraction in Los Angeles

November 28, 2017



CERTIFIED NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
APRIL 16, 2002

To: Honorable City Council, Los Angeles City Hall, 200 N. Spring Street, room 395,
Los Angeles, CA 90012 c/o Office of the City Clerk

The Echo Park Neighborhood Council (EPNC) is requesting that the following
Community Impact Statement be attached to City Council File 17-0447.

On November 28, 2017, with a quorum of 19, the EPNC Board of Governors held a
Brown Act-noticed meeting and with a vote of 19 yeas, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions, the
EPNC voted to submit this CIS in support of

(a) swift completion of the legal and land use study of oil and gas extraction sites
which drilling operations routinely use and emit toxic chemicals in urbanized areas
in the City of Los Angeles especially in low-income Latino and African-American
neighborhoods, and

(b) an ordinance establishing a 2,500-foot setback around oil and gas extraction
sites for sensitive land uses including homes, schools, and hospitals or proper
environmental containment of the site so it does not adversely affect the
surrounding neighborhood in order to mitigate the hazardous impacts that frontline
communities experience daily in the City of Los Angeles.

Respectfully,

Tad Yenawine
Chair, Echo Park Neighborhood Council