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Brief Summary: We, the Empowerment Congress North Area Neighborhood

Development Council (NANDC)

support the council resolution introduced by Council members Bonin and Koretz to have the Department of City Planning, with the assistance of other relevant departments, review and develop regulatory controls over fracking and prepare and present an ordinance to change the zoning code to prohibit all activities associated with well stimulation.

Additional Information:

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CC:

Councilman Bernard Parks Councilman Curren Price Councilman Gil Cedillo

## Honorable City Council Members,

The Empowerment Congress North Area Neighborhood Development Council (NANDC) is located just southwest of downtown Los Angeles (see Figure 1). We are represented on the City Council by Councilmen Gil Cedillo, Bernard Parks, and Curren Price.

In our neighborhood council district we currently have two active energy extraction sites (see Figures 2 and 3). We, along with many of our fellow neighborhood councils, are concerned with how this energy extraction (and the commensurate well stimulation activity) affects our quality of life.

Our stakeholders have consistently affirmed that such activity no longer seems compatible with the unique, urban environment of many of our neighborhoods. When many of the agreements under which energy extractors operate are more than half a century old<sup>1</sup>, we believe those concerns are justified.

For all the foregoing and subsequent reasons, we present the following resolution:

Whereas our community is subject to the negative externalities of active energy extraction and has been for decades<sup>2</sup>,

Whereas such negative externalities adversely affect the quality of life for our community,

Whereas the November 5, 2014 report by the Department of City Planning states that "Updates to the code section have not kept time with the changing industry, economy, urban environment, or the City's evolving information management strategies"<sup>3</sup>,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Council File attachment from Department of City Planning. November 5, 2014 http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2013/13-1152-s1\_rpt\_plan\_11-6-14.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Lohan, Tara (Oct. 24, 2014). "What It's Like to Have 30 Oil & Gas Wells as Neighbors." *Grist.org* http://grist.org/climate-energy/what-its-like-to-have-30-oil-gas-wells-as-neighbors/

Whereas such a sentiment clearly suggests that current regulatory conditions are no longer compatible with the unique, urban environment of our neighborhoods,

Whereas at least ten of our fellow neighborhood councils have made similar pleas to the City Attorney's office, Planning Department, and other participating agencies (see Appendix 1),

Whereas such pleas faithfully represent the desires of our respective communities and the City as a whole,

For all the reasons listed herein,

We, the *Empowerment Congress North Area Neighborhood Development Council (NANDC)* support the council resolution introduced by Council members Bonin and Koretz to have the Department of City Planning, with the assistance of other relevant departments, review and develop regulatory controls over fracking and prepare and present an ordinance to change the zoning code to prohibit all activities associated with well stimulation.

Thank you for your time and consideration.
Respectfully,
The Empowerment Congress North Area Neighborhood Development Council board
This Community Impact Statement was presented at a <i>NANDC</i> special meeting held on December 9, 2014. It was adopted in its current form by a vote of Yes, No, and abstentions.
Andrea Canty, President, NANDC
Eddie North-Hager, Secretary, NANDC

## Appendix 1: Community Impact Statements filed by other Neighborhood Councils (in order of most recently filed):

Downtown LA
Mid Town
Mid Town North Hollywood
Pacoima
Foothills Trails District
Northridge South
Palms
Mar Vista
Silver Lake
Harbor Gateway

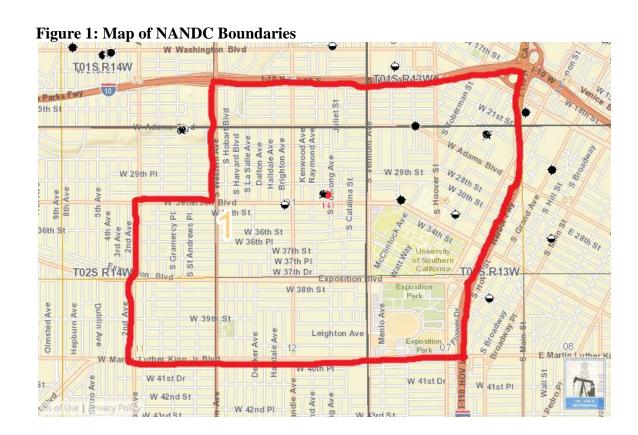


Figure 2: Active Drill-Site on Jefferson Blvd.



Figure 3: Active Drill-sire on 23<sup>rd</sup> St.

