

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Hi, my name is Joshua Goldstein and I am writing in support of the City Council rescinding Ordinance No. 187709 and moving to readopt a new oil phaseout ordinance. I stand in solidarity with the many frontline communities most impacted by neighborhood oil drilling in this city. I urge the Council to swiftly rescind the old ordinance and readopt a new phaseout ordinance to protect communities from the devastating impacts of oil drilling. The scientific evidence overwhelmingly confirms that oil drilling harms people's health, emitting chemicals causing nosebleeds, headaches, nausea, asthma, preterm birth defects, lung and other cancers, and many other health harms. The communities that have been experiencing these harms already for decades can't afford to wait another 20 years — an entire generation — to experience relief from oil pollution. We need to set an ambitious timeline for a phase-out that meets the urgency of the health impacts that communities have faced for decades and stops oil companies from shirking their responsibilities to properly plug and clean up oil wells.