

## Communication from Public

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I support the City Council rescinding Ordinance No. 187709 and moving to readopt a new oil phaseout ordinance. There is an active well near homes at 809 W. 126th Street in the Harbor Gateway North area, with directional drilling that is also impacting homes several blocks to the south. I urge the Council to move to swiftly rescind the old ordinance and readopt a new oil phaseout ordinance to protect communities from the devastating impacts of neighborhood oil drilling. An overwhelming body of scientific evidence confirms that oil drilling harms people's health. The chemicals emitted from oil extraction can cause nosebleeds, headaches, nausea, asthma, preterm birth defects and other reproductive harms, lung and other cancers, and many other health harms. Additionally, communities can't afford to wait 20 years — an entire generation — to experience relief from oil pollution. Any further delays in delivering clean air and environmental justice for our communities is a promotion of environmental racism for another generation of Black and Latino Angelenos. 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. The phase out period given to Big Oil must be reduced to protect the health of LA's next generation and prevent oil companies from shirking their responsibilities to properly plug and clean up oil wells.