

Communication from Public

Name: Gabriel Smalley
Date Submitted: 01/25/2022 09:47 AM
Council File No: 17-0447

Comments for Public Posting: It's time for the city of LA to live up to our values of protecting our citizens - it's time to end all neighborhood drilling once and for all. The climate crisis is getting worse, not better. Our state is at a tipping point - drought, wildfires, and fragile ecosystems. Our families, our communities are at risk from the changing climate, and we exacerbate that risk by allowing drilling next to our homes, schools, and other places where we live. To protect our climate and our communities, we must stop extracting and burning fossil fuels, and do it immediately. The science is clear. The moral and public health value is clear. We must now simply have the courage to say "no" to big oil interests, and move off of fossil fuels as a city. Let's start a just transition today - to a healthier tomorrow, by taking care of communities, workers, and our climate and move LA, and California, into a fossil free future.

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Comments for Public Posting: toxic, pernicious, malevolent...the public at large is unified, the city council insincere, malicious

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Name: Bill w Woodbridge

Date Submitted: 01/25/2022 11:20 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: We MUST phase out all fossil fuel drilling and operations in our City and County (and State). We cannot allow any more carbon dioxide or methane emissions into our atmosphere. We are burning up, literally, and dying of cancer and lung disease. We need to set an example for the rest of the country. and do this, fast!

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Name: J Larsen

Date Submitted: 01/25/2022 12:07 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: It's past time to phase out urban oil drilling. It puts the health of countless people and communities at risk, and changing this would be an important step in the right direction.

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Name: Kaya Foster

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Comments for Public Posting: As a life-long Angeleno, I can't think of a more important issue for City Council to prioritize. We are home to the country's largest urban oil field, with dangerous and unhealthy facilities within mere feet of sensitive land use (disproportionally impacting black and brown Angelenos). Oil and gas is a public health issue, a safety liability, a racial injustice, a missed opportunity for reimagined public space that serves the community, and of course, a contributor to climate change. I don't know when people think it is magically going to be a convenient time to make the decision to phase out of fossil fuels and invest in safe and sustainable energy. As the saying goes, "the best time to act was yesterday. The second best time to act is now". I strongly urge City Council to make the right choice and phase out fossil fuels. What we do here not only impacts our community, but sets a standard for other cities to follow.

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Comments for Public Posting: We need to phase out oil drilling. It is bad for the environment, our lower income communities where drilling statistically tends to occur, and our communities at large.

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Name: Representative Nanette Diaz Barragan

Date Submitted: 01/25/2022 02:46 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: The Honorable Nury Martinez President, Los Angeles City Council 200 N Spring St, Room 470 Los Angeles, CA 90012 RE: Motion to Phase Out Oil Drilling City-Wide (File # 17-0447)
Dear City Council President Martinez: I support the proposed ordinance before the Los Angeles City Council that would prohibit new oil and gas extraction and phaseout existing fossil fuel wells by establishing oil and gas extraction activities a nonconforming use in all zones. I urge the Council to adopt the ordinance. In the City of Los Angeles, nearly one in three residents—mostly people of color—live within one mile of an oil or gas well. Approximately 75 percent of active wells within the City are located less than one-third of a mile from homes, schools, childcare facilities, parks, or other sensitive land uses. This is a reality my constituents in South Los Angeles and the Los Angeles Harbor Region live with every day, where urban oil drilling takes place within hundreds of feet of where people live, students learn, and children play. Several studies link proximity to oil and gas wells to an increased risk of asthma and other respiratory illnesses. In Los Angeles, low-income communities and communities of color who live with existing gas and oil wells in their neighborhoods will continue to experience a shorter life expectancy and worse health outcomes unless the Council ends oil and gas operations within the City's boundaries. It's no accident that my district, which includes the community of Wilmington, has some of the highest asthma rates in the country. In Wilmington, oil wells can be found between homes, behind baseball fields, in the parking lots of churches and stores, and directly next to the local Boys & Girls Club site. The population of Wilmington is also 86 percent Latino. The environmental racism impacting Wilmington is tragically all too common throughout the City, where oil and gas extraction sites are predominately located within communities of color. As the Representative of California's 44th Congressional District, a district that includes existing urban oil wells in frontline communities, I strongly urge the Los Angeles City Council to consider the health and safety of our communities by adopting this ordinance to prevent new oil and gas drilling within city limits and phaseout existing oil and gas extraction throughout the City of Los Angeles. Sincerely, Nanette Diaz Barragán Member of

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Name: Tatjana G.

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Name:

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Comments for Public Posting: As a Los Angeles resident who cares deeply about the planet and environmental justice, I support the phase out oil and gas in our communities and a just transition.

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Name: Emily

Date Submitted: 01/25/2022 08:51 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am a constituent in Sherman Oaks urging the council to vote in support of a phaseout of oil and gas drilling across Los Angeles. We know that both the health impacts on those in the immediate areas of drilling sites, as well as the long term environmental and public health consequences of oil and gas drilling, are detrimental to our commitment both to the individual well-being of Angelenos and to the overall future of our city during the climate crisis. We have delayed long enough the just transition that must begin now.

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Name: Myriam Shehata

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Comments for Public Posting: As a concerned resident of Los Angeles, I strongly support the motion to declare oil drilling a non-conforming land use and to ban all new drilling citywide. The health of impacted communities has been sacrificed for decades to line the pockets of oil companies, and it's time to say no more. It's time for city officials to address the public health and climate crisis that oil drilling represents with the urgency it requires. I call on all members of the Los Angeles City Council to vote yes to ending neighborhood oil drilling in Los Angeles.

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Name: Emily Parker

Date Submitted: 01/25/2022 04:26 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Honorable Councilmembers, As a local scientist, activist, and LA City resident who cares deeply for the health of my community and our local environment, I'm writing to urge the entire Los Angeles City Council to approve the motion to phase out oil drilling city-wide as soon as possible. Specifically, I urge all Councilmembers to vote on the motion instructions as follows:

- 1) The ordinance should declare all oil and gas drilling a non-conforming land use city-wide, stopping new oil drilling and phasing out existing wells.
- 2) City departments should begin drafting this ordinance and begin studies to speed-up the phase out period.
- 3) In parallel to the ordinance drafting process, the City should commit to developing a concrete equitable transition plan for fossil fuel extraction workers and to adopting an enforceable policy to properly plug oil wells and to fully remediate oil sites once they are shut down.

Phasing out drilling in LA is essential to combating the climate crisis and the centuries of oppressions and injustice our low-income communities and communities for color have faced due to neighborhood drilling. Thank you for standing up for environmental justice! Sincerely, Emily Parker

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Name: Nancy

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Council File No: 17-0447

Comments for Public Posting: January 25, 2022 The Honorable Nury Martinez Los Angeles City Council 200 N. Spring Street, Room 470 Los Angeles, CA 90012
RE: Support for Motion to Phase Out Oil Drilling City-Wide (Council File # 17-0447) Dear Council President Martinez and Honorable Members of Los Angeles City Council, As the Supervisor for Los Angeles County's Second District, I am writing to express support for the Los Angeles City Council in initiating a phase out of oil and gas extraction citywide. This precedent-setting decision will put the City and County of Los Angeles on parallel paths towards a clean energy future that prioritizes health, safety, and addressing the climate crisis. Today, approximately one-third of LA County residents live less than 1 mile from an active oil well; the majority of whom are people of color. A growing body of research shows that living near oil drilling operations increases the risk of harmful health impacts, including asthma, cardiovascular disease, low birth weight, cancer, and reproductive health impacts—all of which are disproportionately impacting people of color. I support this effort to address the legacy of incompatible land use planning practices as a matter of environmental justice. In addition, oil and gas extraction are accelerating climate change. The motion before you is an important step forward that demonstrates our region's leadership in addressing the climate crisis and aligns with the policy direction of our state. Approval of this motion will also support the collaborative work between the City and County of Los Angeles through the Just Transition Taskforce, ensuring a thoughtful approach to phasing out oil and gas extraction in our region and building a pathway to shared prosperity in our clean energy future. I applaud your leadership and look forward to working in coordination to ensure that every Angeleno has the right to clean air, healthy communities, and a prosperous future. Sincerely, Holly J. Mitchell Chair, LA County Board of Supervisors



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January 25, 2022

The Honorable Nury Martinez
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Today, approximately one-third of County residents live less than one mile from an active oil well; the majority of whom are people of color. A growing body of research shows that living near oil drilling operations increases the risk of harmful health impacts, including asthma, cardiovascular disease, low birth weight, cancer, and poor reproductive health,—all of which disproportionately impact people of color. I support this effort to address the legacy of incompatible land use planning practices as a matter of environmental justice.

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Holly J. Mitchell
Chair, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
Supervisor, Second District

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Communication from Public

Name: Kobi Naseck

Date Submitted: 01/25/2022 06:25 PM

Council File No: 17-0447

Comments for Public Posting: My family lives in Los Angeles, calls the city home, and has for many years. This is personal. I strongly support the motion to declare oil drilling a non-conforming land use and to ban all new drilling citywide. The health of impacted communities has been sacrificed for decades to line the pockets of oil companies, and it's time to say no more. It's time for city officials to address the public health and climate crisis that oil drilling represents with the urgency it requires. I call on all members of the Los Angeles City Council to vote yes to ending neighborhood oil drilling in Los Angeles.

Communication from Public

Name: Kayleigh Wade
Date Submitted: 01/25/2022 06:46 PM
Council File No: 17-0447
Comments for Public Posting: See attached letter.



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January 25, 2021

Los Angeles City Council
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Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Honorable LA City Councilmembers:

On behalf of Heal the Bay, we offer our **strong support for Agenda Item 24 for the January 26th LA City Council meeting and urge all councilmembers to approve the motion to phase out oil-drilling** across the city. Heal the Bay is an environmental nonprofit organization dedicated to making the coastal waters and watersheds of greater L.A. safe, healthy, and clean.

As the neighborhood drilling capital of the nation, Los Angeles' oil & gas wells have a significant negative impact on our communities and our environment. Over half a million Angelenos live within a quarter mile of an active drilling site, and the health impacts are disproportionately burdened by low-income communities and communities of color, especially in California¹. We must act urgently to right this injustice and to combat the climate crisis. As allies of the STAND-LA coalition, we echo their urgency for councilmembers to support a motion that includes the following:

- 1) The ordinance should **declare all oil and gas drilling a non-conforming land use city-wide**, stopping new oil drilling and phasing out existing wells.
- 2) City departments should **begin drafting this ordinance and begin the necessary studies and reports to speed-up the phase out period**.
- 3) In parallel to the ordinance drafting process, the City should **commit to developing a concrete equitable transition plan for fossil fuel extraction workers** and to adopting an **enforceable policy to properly plug oil wells** and to fully remediate oil sites once they are shut down.

As the leaders of our city, we are looking to you to uphold your responsibility to care for and protect our communities. Angelenos are ready to set an example and begin the necessary just transition away from fossil fuels. Thank you all for standing with frontline communities as we join the fight in seeking environmental justice for all of Los Angeles.

Sincerely,

Kayleigh Wade
Associate Director of Campaigns and Outreach
Heal the Bay

¹ Srebotnjak, Tanja & Rotkin-Ellman, Miriam. *Drilling in California: Who's at risk?* Natural Resources Defense Council. October, 2014.
<https://www.nrdc.org/sites/default/files/california-fracking-risks-report.pdf>

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 01/25/2022 06:46 PM

Council File No: 17-0447

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Communication from Public

Name: Rhonda Plank-Richard

Date Submitted: 01/25/2022 07:27 PM

Council File No: 17-0447

Comments for Public Posting: As a concerned L.A. resident, I strongly support the motion to declare oil drilling a non-conforming land use and to ban all new drilling citywide. For decades, the health of impacted communities has been sacrificed for oil company profits, and it's long past the right time to stop it. City officials must urgently address the public health and climate crisis that oil drilling represents. Vote yes to end neighborhood oil drilling in Los Angeles!

Communication from Public

Name: Jessica Craven

Date Submitted: 01/25/2022 07:30 PM

Council File No: 17-0447

Comments for Public Posting: As a mom, someone deeply worried about the climate emergency, and a resident of CD1, I strongly support the motion to declare oil drilling a non-conforming land use and to ban all new drilling citywide. The health of impacted communities has been sacrificed for decades to line the pockets of oil companies, and it's time to say no more. It's time for city officials to address the public health and climate crisis that oil drilling represents with the urgency it requires. I call on all members of the Los Angeles City Council to vote yes to ending neighborhood oil drilling in Los Angeles. Thanks!

Communication from Public

Name: Hunter Jones

Date Submitted: 01/26/2022 07:24 AM

Council File No: 17-0447

Comments for Public Posting: As a concerned resident of Los Angeles, I strongly support the motion to declare oil drilling a non-conforming land use and to ban all new drilling citywide. The health of impacted communities has been sacrificed for decades to line the pockets of oil companies, and it's time to say no more. It's time for city officials to address the public health and climate crisis that oil drilling represents with the urgency it requires. I call on all members of the Los Angeles City Council to vote yes to ending neighborhood oil drilling in Los Angeles.

Communication from Public

Name: California Independent Petroleum Association

Date Submitted: 01/26/2022 07:28 AM

Council File No: 17-0447

Comments for Public Posting: Local oil and gas producers are proud to employ thousands of highly trained and well-paid residents who safely and responsibly operate critical energy infrastructure under the world's most stringent public health and environmental standards. Our region's oil and natural gas producers deliver the energy necessary to power our homes and businesses, fuel our transportation, power our healthcare services and create thousands of products that shape our modern lives. The affordability and reliability of energy supplies and petroleum products are critical to the future of our city and the lives of everyday Angelenos. CIPA opposes the proposed ban local energy production for the following reasons:

1. Angelenos have not reduced their demand for petroleum products. As a result, reducing local production will result in increased foreign imports into our crowded ports from countries with poor environmental, labor, and human rights track records.
2. Since imports are completely exempted from California's stringent environmental laws, including its greenhouse gas reduction cap and trade program, banning local production in favor of foreign imports harms the environment.
3. Relying on the concept of "amortization" to illegal take private property is legally dubious and will expose the city to costly litigation.
4. The proposal will eliminate high paying local union jobs and eliminate local taxes that pay for vital resources.
5. Reducing locally produced energy and increasing reliance on foreign imports will raise the price of gas and further Los Angeles' affordability crisis.

Attached are further comments on the issues raised above.



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January 25, 2022

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As you are aware, demand for, and reliance on, oil and gas products in California have remained steady throughout the past decade. California is the second largest consumer of petroleum products in the United States and accounts for 10% of the nation's overall consumption. California is the largest U.S. consumer of motor gasoline and jet fuel, and 85% of the petroleum consumed in California is used in the transportation sector. While the Governor's September 2020 Executive Order called for the phasing out of internal combustion vehicles by 2035 to reduce demand for fossil fuels, at the present time more motor vehicles are registered, and more vehicle miles are traveled, in California than in any other state.¹ The proposed ban on production would disrupt citizen's supply chain by forcing California to import even more oil from foreign sources – substantially increasing the greenhouse gases associated with satiating Californian's demand for oil.

¹ U.S. Energy Information Administration. 2021. California Profile. <https://www.eia.gov/state/analysis.php?sid=CA>

Without curbing California's demand for oil, passing this draft rule into law will result in an increase of crude oil imported from Saudi Arabia, Ecuador, and Iraq, countries completely exempt from California's climate programs and with much more carbon intense production. In fact, because of California's regulatory framework and reporting requirements, combined with California crude oil directly serving California's local demand, California crude oil is the most responsibly produced oil in our State. The goal should be to use as much of our responsibly produced oil as we can before being forced to turn to underregulated and opaquely reported oil from Saudi Arabia, Ecuador, and Iraq.

While CIPA and the operators we represent support the desire to ensure protection of public health, we are baffled that the city would prefer importing foreign oil from nations known to have poor reputations for social and environmental governance over producing oil in California² which adheres to the most stringent environmental rules for oil production in the world. Public health and safety of communities and industry workers has always been, and continues to be, paramount in California's oil and gas industry.

California's regulatory system continues to enact new laws and updated regulations every year that now encompass all aspects of oil and natural gas production from extraction to the pipeline custody transfer point in the field where the oil is transported to local refineries. This comprehensive system includes multi-agency review of permits, CEQA analysis to avoid unforeseen consequences, inspections and enforcement oversight by more than 25 federal, state, regional and municipal agencies, and full transparency in reporting of the results. These often-overlapping regulatory programs govern the siting of wells and facilities, drilling, well servicing, facility construction and maintenance, surface and subsurface operations, maintenance and mechanical integrity inspections, specific health, safety and environmental programs, workforce training, emergency response and plugging and abandonment, all of which include inspections, monitoring, reporting and public disclosure by operators and regulatory agencies. Importantly, these regulations require a combination of engineering and operational controls and monitoring that provide multiple, redundant layers of protection to safeguard communities, workers, and the environment.

On April 19, 2017, a Los Angeles City Council Motion was introduced to report on the feasibility of amending current city land use codes in connection with health impacts at oil and gas wells and drill sites. Subsequently, the City Council instructed the Petroleum Administrator in collaboration with the City Attorney, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, relevant City departments, and other health agencies and regulatory entities as necessary to conduct a study of the environmental impacts of oil and gas wells in the City. As part of this study, the City retained an independent contractor (PSE) to conduct a separate review of the peer-reviewed literature focused on public health and oil and gas development and assess the applicability of the body of literature to the context of the City of Los Angeles.³ Ultimately, the final study was incorporated in the City of Los Angeles Petroleum Administrator's report which you, during your term as Petroleum Administrator, presented to the Los Angeles City Council on July 29 2019. The final conclusions of your report were: ***"There is a lack of empirical evidence correlating oil and gas operations in Los Angeles to widespread negative health impacts. The lack of evidence of public health impacts from oil and natural gas operations has been demonstrated locally in multiple studies by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, the***

² City of Los Angeles. Council File N. 17-0447, Feasibility of Amending Current City Land Use Codes in Connection with Health Impacts at Oil and Gas Wells and Drill Sites, July 29, 2019.

³ The study, published in 2019, incorporates the findings contained in the public health sections of the California Council on Science and Technology Senate Bill 4 Independent Scientific Study and synthesized the available peer-reviewed literature on oil and gas development, air quality and human health that has been published between 2015 and 2018. PSE screened 1,676 studies to arrive at 24 peer-reviewed studies that met the criteria to be included in this study. Five studies focus on air pollution and health and 19 studies focus on public health outcomes.

Los Angeles County Oil & Gas Strike Team, the South Coast Air Quality Management District, and the comprehensive Kern County Environmental Impact Report and Health Risk Assessment".⁴

Restricting drilling, maintenance, and reworking existing wells would result in significantly less oil eventually being recovered in the existing reserves. This in turn would lead to a loss of the reserves' economic value, and the corresponding increase in crude oil imports to California from Saudi Arabia, Ecuador, and other countries. The decrease in reserve values would represent a major loss in value to mineral rights owners (the United States is one of only a few countries in the world that allow private individuals to own the minerals under their land) and producers in California, and would have a significant impact on working Californians, both within and outside the oil and gas industry. It is reasonable to assume that in the event of an attempted phase-out of oil and gas production as proposed, trial courts would conclude that a "taking" would occur. Takings without compensation, condemnation without reason or justification, would constitute a taking and require compensation. The reserves' mineral estate value (of discontinued hydrocarbon production) would become due and payable to the affected mineral owners and oil operators. The following litigation would be exorbitant for the State and taxpayers, notwithstanding the sure judgements as to the net present value of payable lost production and lost revenue to the affected parties.

The proposed rule will directly decrease local revenues used to support public services, such as schools and parks. Taxes paid by the oil and gas industry play a major role in the support of local infrastructure, including schools, public safety, streets and roads, and parks. In addition, tax revenues are used by local governments to support transportation, schools, health, social services, housing and homeless services, and public safety programs in the County. The proposed ban will directly result in the reduction of property tax revenue as operators end leases in areas no longer available for drilling.

California state government studies that have not identified any environmental effects that could serve as a mechanism for impacts to human health such as the CARB's recent air quality measurements at Lost Hills Oil Field, the CARB SNAPS monitoring at Lost Hills Oil Field, and the numerous US Geologic Survey and State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) studies conducted as part of the SB 4 Regional Groundwater Monitoring Program. Not one of these studies provides data or analysis or conclusions to support the health claims made by the proposal's authors. Rather, these studies have consistently gathered real-time data related to oil field operations and found a lack of potential environmental or health issues. The exclusion of these agency human health risk assessments is exceptionally curious given that SAP states "[e]xisting epidemiologic studies were not designed to test and establish a specific "safe" buffer distance between [oil and gas development] sites and sensitive receptors, such as homes and schools" and yet that is exactly what the human health risk studies they ignored were designed to do.

Furthermore, the proposed ban on production is contrary to existing law, where the extraction of minerals, including an expansion of that use, is recognized and protected under the diminishing asset doctrine (See *Hansen Bros. Enters. v. Board of Supervisors*, 12 Cal.4th 533--1996). No case has held that the amortization applies to eliminate a diminishing asset use. The following are additional legal problems with the proposal:

1. The Ordinance Conflicts with State Law; It Is Therefore Preempted.

We urge the City to suspend all proceedings concerning the Ordinance in light of the recent decision in the matter of *Chevron U.S.A., Inc. v. County of Monterey*, No. H045791, 2021 Cal. App. LEXIS 844, at *4 2021 WL 4743024 (Ct. App. Oct. 12, 2021) (*Chevron*). In *Chevron*, the Court of Appeal

⁴ City of Los Angeles. Council File N. 17-0447, Feasibility of Amending Current City Land Use Codes in Connection with Health Impacts at Oil and Gas Wells and Drill Sites, July 29, 2019.

affirmed the authority of the State to regulate the manner in which oil drilling operations could proceed. Nevertheless, the City's proposed Ordinance would prohibit most oil and gas activity, including the drilling and redrilling, or deepening of existing wells and to prohibit the erection of any derrick, structure, or equipment related to oil and gas operations, all of which conflict with the State's laws and regulations. [Proposed Zoning Code Amendment, section D.] This is contrary to the holding in *Chevron*, and moving forward with the Ordinance will likely result in the Ordinance being challenged on *Chevron* grounds.

2. Application of An Amortization Program is Improper Here.

The amortization concept is based on the premise that a property owner must be given an opportunity to recoup its investment and be made whole. The application of the concept to oil fields does not achieve that purpose. The utility of an oil field depends on its productivity, which requires ongoing infrastructure investment. Amortization does not fully account for such investments and therefore does not facilitate actual recovery on oil field infrastructure investments. Instead, the application of an amortization program in the context of oil field operations amounts to a taking of property without just compensation.

3. The City's Reliance on Categorical Exemptions Is Improper

In deeming the Ordinance exempt from CEQA, the City failed to consider the significant, foreseeable impact the Ordinance would have on mineral resources. The City must undertake a legally adequate evaluation of the impacts to this CEQA resource class prior to adoption of the Ordinance.

Lastly, the State of California has already proposed a ban on new drilling at any location that is within 3,200 feet of a residence or sensitive receptor. The proposal also mitigates all impacts of production from existing wells. The city should wait to see the outcome of this process before unnecessarily exposing itself legally to expensive takings claims.

The proposed ban on locally and responsibly produced energy destroys jobs, harms the environment, and makes the city susceptible to costly litigation. For these reasons, we urge you to reject the proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rock Zierman', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Rock Zierman
Chief Executive Officer
California Independent Petroleum Association

Communication from Public

Name: Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance

Date Submitted: 01/26/2022 08:19 AM

Council File No: 17-0447

Comments for Public Posting: So many people have worked so hard and so long on this issue. Years and years ago, the members of the NCSA voted to support the end to oil-drilling in our neighborhoods, and we continue to support the effort. We hope that our city council will do the right thing.

Communication from Public

Name: Ronni Solman

Date Submitted: 01/26/2022 08:51 AM

Council File No: 17-0447

Comments for Public Posting: I call on all members of the Los Angeles City Council to vote yes to ending neighborhood oil drilling in Los Angeles. This is an historic moment and long overdue! Seize the moment and take this urgent action!

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 01/26/2022 09:44 AM

Council File No: 17-0447

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Communication from Public

Name: Anna Test

Date Submitted: 01/26/2022 09:51 AM

Council File No: 17-0447

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of its energy reality and consumption. California still demands massive amounts of oil to fuel transportation, provide reliable electricity to the grid, grow and transport food, power businesses that provide jobs, and produce thousands of consumer products that make our lives possible. To jump ahead of reality means eliminating thousands of high-skilled labor jobs, negating the environmental impact of import logistics, all while everyday Angelenos, still recovering from the economic devastation caused by the pandemic, bare the burden of an inevitable increase in costs.

Communication from Public

Name: Allis Druffel

Date Submitted: 01/26/2022 09:53 AM

Council File No: 17-0447

Comments for Public Posting: Los Angeles City Council 200 North Spring Street, Room 435
Los Angeles, California 90012 Attn: Nury Martinez, Council
President RE: Council File Number: 17-0447 - Land Use
Codes/Oil and Gas Development et al Dear Council President
Martinez and L.A. City Council Members, California Interfaith
Power & Light (CIPL) has worked with the California faith
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education and advocacy. We have over 700 member
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extraction and production. Effects include asthma, lung and heart
illnesses, cancer, and premature deaths. These effects are
especially felt in disadvantaged communities adjacent to oil and
gas drilling and production facilities. To continue to jeopardize
people's lives and livelihoods through oil and gas drilling,
knowing what we know, is willful endangerment. Los Angeles
has people, the technology know-how, and the will to change this.
Thank you for your attention in this matter, and we look forward
to celebrating a victory for public health and the health of Earth.
Sincerely, Allis Druffel Southern California Director (310)
752-3436; allis@interfaithpower.org



January 26, 2022

Submitted through LACC Portal
<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/publiccomment/>

Los Angeles City Council
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Attn: Nury Martinez, Council President

RE: Council File Number: 17-0447 - Land Use Codes/Oil and Gas Development et al

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CIPL is a proud partner of STAND-LA and many organizations that have worked for nearly five years to phase out oil and gas drilling in Los Angeles. We stand in strong support and urge the L.A. Council to: one, move immediately to a city-wide phase-out; two, avoid any additional requests for reports or amendments before this process moves forward, and; three, commit to work with L.A. County on an equitable transition plan for impacted oil workers and oil-impacted neighborhoods, while creating a policy for oil wells clean up.

The science is clear on the effects of fossil fuel extraction and production. Effects include asthma, lung and heart illnesses, cancer, and premature deaths. These effects are especially felt in disadvantaged communities adjacent to oil and gas drilling and production facilities. To continue to jeopardize people's lives and livelihoods through oil and gas drilling, knowing what we know, is willful endangerment. Los Angeles has people, the technology know-how, and the will to change this.

Thank you for your attention in this matter, and we look forward to celebrating a victory for public health and the health of Earth.

Sincerely,

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Allis Druffel
Southern California Director

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Communication from Public

Name: Ellen MacKay

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Council File No: 17-0447

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Los Angeles City Council President Martinez and Councilmembers: I am writing to urge you to reject any actions that increase energy prices, increase our reliability on imported resources and eliminate local living wage jobs. The City of Los Angeles continues to be the epicenter of our nation's affordability and homelessness crises. The cost of everyday necessities like housing, child care and transportation are crushing working families. As it stands, California has the highest-in-the-nation gas prices at nearly \$5 per gallon. Rather than tackle these issues head on, this government body pursues costly proposals which will trickle down to the consumers and increase our reliance on imported resources that do not stimulate our local economy. Additionally, the last thing this body should consider is creating setback policies that will kill thousands of high-skilled labor jobs that pay a living wage and support thousands of families in Los Angeles. It is beyond concerning that our city leaders would decimate an integral part of our local energy resources leading to more foreign oil imports and even higher gas prices. California currently imports more than 70% of the oil it needs. Not only do these imports deprive us of the local economic benefits generated by ensuring we utilize nearby energy sources, but they ultimately add to our deteriorating air quality. As noted by the Los Angeles Times Editorial Board recently, "The ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach are the single latest source of pollution in the nation's smoggiest area. The communities around the ports have the highest cancer risk from air pollution in the region...And air quality has been getting worse, not better, in recent years." Banning production statewide would translate into an additional 160 million barrels of oil imports to California annually. At minimum, that would require an additional 80 oil tankers to unnecessarily traverse the planet and idle in Southern California ports. In addition to the environmental impacts, an analysis released by the State Building & Construction Trades Council of California earlier this year found gas prices would increase a minimum of \$1.70 per gallon under a statewide shutdown. Gas prices could soar to \$10 or more per gallon if foreign supply challenges emerge after shutdown policies are implemented. I recognize that California is transitioning to a cleaner energy economy, but the City cannot allow energy policies to jump ahead

of its energy reality and consumption. California still demands massive amounts of oil to fuel transportation, provide reliable electricity to the grid, grow and transport food, power businesses that provide jobs, and produce thousands of consumer products that make our lives possible. To jump ahead of reality means eliminating thousands of high-skilled labor jobs, negating the environmental impact of import logistics, all while everyday Angelenos, still recovering from the economic devastation caused by the pandemic, bare the burden of an inevitable increase in costs.

Communication from Public

Name: Patricia McPherson

Date Submitted: 01/26/2022 10:47 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I continue my support for the phase out of oil/gas extraction within the City of Los Angeles and support the council motion of item 17-0447. We support Item 24 and the motion for such phase out as a non conforming land use.

Communication from Public

Name: Ralph Combs for The Termo Company

Date Submitted: 01/26/2022 11:32 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: The Termo Company owns oil and gas minerals in the City of Los Angeles. We are opposed to the proposed ECCEJ and PLUM initiative to force the premature shut down of oil and gas operations in the city. To do so without compensation would constitute a takings and open the city up to liability. Additionally, this undermines sustainability efforts within California by increasing reliance on imports (which will then further the pollution burden being experienced by the LB / LA Port communities). Oil and gas producers in the city and the state are the most highly regulated in the world and conduct operations in a safe and benign manner. There is no evidence or support for a shutdown. Again, as a property owner and tax payer, we are absolutely opposed to the unnecessary shutdown of safe and well managed oil and gas production. Thank you,

January 26, 2022

Los Angeles City Council

Via Online Comment Submittal

RE: Council File Number 17-0447

Dear Councilmembers,

The Termo Company is submitting this letter in opposition to the City Council's proposed ban on oil and gas production within the City of Los Angeles. Termo is a Long Beach based crude oil and natural gas producer with over 80 years of production experience in California. The company owns mineral and royalty interests within the City of Los Angeles.

We oppose the proposed ban on local energy production for the following reasons:

1. Reducing local production will result in increased imports into our crowded ports from countries with poor environmental, labor, and human rights track records.
2. Since imports are completely exempted from California's stringent environmental laws, including its greenhouse gas reduction cap and trade program, banning local production in favor of imports harms the environment.
3. Relying on the concept of "amortization" to illegal take private property is legally dubious and will expose the city to costly litigation.
4. The proposal will eliminate high paying local union jobs and eliminate local taxes that pay for vital resources.
5. Reducing locally produced energy and increasing reliance on foreign imports will raise the price of gas and further Los Angeles' affordability crisis.
6. Sustainability means producing locally what we as a society use and this includes oil and natural gas.
7. Condemnation without reason or justification would constitute a taking and require compensation.

The proposed ban on locally and responsibly produced energy destroys jobs, harms the environment, and makes the city susceptible to costly litigation. For these reasons, we urge you to reject the proposal.

Sincerely,



Ralph E. Combs
Manager of Regulatory and Government Affairs
The Termo Company