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Comments for Public Posting: SUBJECT: Item #3 (17-0447) Recommendations in the Petroleum Administrator's Report on Land Use Codes Relative to Oil & Gas Development BODY OF EMAIL: November 30, 2020 Re: Item #3 (17-0447) Recommendations in the Petroleum Administrator's Report on Land Use Codes Relative to Oil & Gas Development

Dear Council President Martinez and Honorable Councilmembers: Greetings, my name is Alonzo Hill and I have been affiliated with this industry for over 25 years. I write to you as one of the thousands of essential oil and natural gas workers in LA City and County who safely operate Southern California's critical infrastructure every day, ensuring we provide reliable local oil, natural gas and electricity to our fellow Angelenos when we need it the most. With the upcoming discussions related to advancing the recommendations within the Petroleum Administrator's report, I continue to be deeply concerned about the negative impacts that any further restrictions on local oil and gas operations would have on me and my family and other hard working diverse families in Los Angeles – without providing any health benefits. The Petroleum Administrator's report identified the numerous safeguards and comprehensive regulations that already govern local production and concluded that “there is a lack empirical evidence correlating oil and gas operations within the City of Los Angeles to widespread negative health impacts.” Our community is deeply impacted by an actual public health crisis in the COVID-19 pandemic and we are suffering with economic and unemployment crises, the likes of which we haven't been seen since the Great Depression. Numerous businesses large and small have been forced to close their doors and thousands of people have lost their jobs and livelihoods, leaving so many more vulnerable families on the verge of homelessness. Additionally, the City Attorney's Office has highlighted significant costs and litigation risks to the City associated with further regulating the oil industry. I urge the Committee to consider the fiscal impacts of your proposals and the economic health of the City. The oil and gas industry here in LA County continues to produce reliable and affordable energy under the most stringent regulations in the world. Every day 10 million Angelenos need enough energy to heat and cool their homes, store and cook their food, and use their cars to get to where they need to go. We've learned during recent

power outages and COVID-19 shortages the importance of having local supplies of goods and energy to keep us healthy and safe. I am concerned the report's recommendations will cause a reduction in local production, and as a result, increase Angelenos' dependence on imported oil from countries that do not value human rights, labor and environmental standards like we do. Now more than ever, every job is precious. The oil and natural gas industry has been and continues to be an important source of stable, good paying blue-collar careers that support thousands of families in Los Angeles and beyond. I respectfully request you, as an honorable member of the LA City Council, not to further restrict local oil and gas production and instead work to preserve and expand local jobs like mine so we can contribute to restarting Los Angeles' decimated economy. Before taking any action that will eliminate critical jobs and industries, please consider my voice, my job, my family and my livelihood. Thank you for your time and consideration. Sincerely, Alonzo Hill Proud LA County Resident