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Re: ENV-2020-1328-CE-1A;  
Appeal of Categorical Exemption for West Pico Drill Site, 9101 & 9151 W. Pico Blvd, Los Angeles, CA, 90035

Esteemed Councilmembers,

In regard to Case No. ENV-2020-1328-CE-1A, the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council (SORONC) fully supports the appeal filed by NASE (Neighbors for A Safe Environment), a California nonprofit environmental organization formed by our neighbors in 2000 due to concerns about the West Pico Drill Site, located in our Neighborhood Council's territory.

We have attached a copy of the appeal statement from NASE's attorney Amy Minter of Chatten-Brown, Carstens & Minter LLP, and the letter's attachments and addenda, which delineate the basis for the appeal.

At our Governing Board meeting held on September 23, 2021, the SORONC voted 14 yes, 0 no, and 1 abstained to endorse and fully support NASE's appeal of this wholly improper Categorical Exemption from environmental review applied to the recent ZA review of the West Pico Drill Site (underlying cases ZA-1989-17683-PA2 and ZA-1989-17683-PA2-1A).

SORONC stakeholders of all ages live, work, eat, play, learn, socialize and invest in close proximity to the West Pico Drill Site.

Our position is not new. We have documented it in multiple submissions to the ZA in 2020 and to the Area Planning Commission in 2021. We are repeating it now in reaction to the full travesty of the Categorical Exemption from CEQA, in the hope that the City Council – which is a named party to the 2001 Settlement Agreement (CF 00-1842) – will stand up to insist on the proper fulfillment of CEQA's procedural and substantive requirements.