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## Your Community Impact Statement Submittal - Council File Number: 21-1395-S1

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A Neighborhood Council Community Impact Statement (CIS) has been successfully submitted to your Commission or City Council. We provided information below about CISs and attached a copy of the CIS.

We encourage you to reach out to the Community Impact Statement Filer to acknowledge receipt and if this Community Impact Statement will be scheduled at a future meeting. Neighborhood Council board members are volunteers and it would be helpful if they received confirmation that you received their CIS.

The CIS process was enabled by the Los Angeles Administrative Code §Section 22.819. It provides that, "a Neighborhood Council may take a formal position on a matter by way of a Community Impact Statement (CIS) or written resolution." NCs representatives also testify before City Boards and Commissions on the item related to their CIS. If the Neighborhood Council chooses to do so, the Neighborhood Council representative must provide the Commission with a copy of the CIS or resolution sufficiently in advance for review, possible inclusion on the agenda, and posting on the Commission's website. Any information you can provide related to your agenda setting schedule is helpful to share with the NC.

If the CIS or resolution pertains to a matter *listed on the Commission's agenda*, during the time the matter is heard, the designated Neighborhood Council representative should be given an opportunity to present the Neighborhood Council's formal position. We encourage becoming familiar with the City Council's rules on the subject. At the Chair's discretion, the Neighborhood Council representative may be asked to have a seat at the table (or equivalent for a virtual meeting) typically reserved for City staff and may provide the Neighborhood Council representative more time than allotted to members of the general public. They are also permitted up to five (5) minutes of time to address the legislative body. If the CIS or resolution pertains to a matter *not listed on the agenda*, the designated Neighborhood Council representative may speak during General Public Comments.

We share this information to assist you with the docketing neighborhood council items before your board/commission. If you have questions and/or concerns, please contact the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment at [empowerla@lacity.org](mailto:empowerla@lacity.org).

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### Contact Information

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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(11) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 06/04/2025

Type of NC Board Action: For

### Impact Information

Date: 06/22/2025

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees

Council File Number: 21-1395-S1

City Planning Number:

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Summary: The Governing Board of the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council strongly supports CF 21-1395-S1, which takes a much-needed first step to strengthen City oil safety and community toxic hazard protections. Full CIS attached

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### **- COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT -**

**Council File: 21-1395-S1**

**Position: FOR**

The story of Los Angeles and the environmental conditions we live in cannot be separated from our history as an oil-rich region. In the early twentieth century, Los Angeles became one of the world's largest oil producers, generating nearly a quarter of the world's oil supply.

Today, there are more than 5,000 active, idle, and orphan wells in the City of Los Angeles. They are next to schools, community centers, and homes. Nearly 75% of active wells in the city are located near 'sensitive land use' facilities. The fact is that 3.3 million residents of Los Angeles County live near an uncapped oil well, and over 500,000 residents live within 1300 feet of a well. There are 68 named oil fields in the Los Angeles basin alone, representing thousands of wells and billions of gallons of oil.

Living near an oil well or on an oil field causes great harm to personal and collective health. Exposure to toxic chemicals found in oil wells, such as benzene and methane, is directly linked to an increase in dizziness, headaches, respiratory system irritation, skin conditions, respiratory diseases, chronic illness, cardiac events, strokes, preterm births, and cancer. From the San Fernando Valley to the Harbor, uncapped oil wells are a silent public health and environmental crisis that has and will continue to harm, incapacitate, and kill millions of Angelenos.

The harm is borne disproportionately by working-class communities of color. The front-line communities living near two of the largest oil fields in the city, the Wilmington and LA City Oil Fields, are majority Black and Latine and majority working poor. The vast majority of communities surrounding the Inglewood Oil Field, the largest urban oil field in the country, are Black and Latino.

A study conducted by Occidental College, the University of Colorado, and STAND-LA of residents living near active drill sites on the La Cienega Oil Field showed 90% were non-white, and 75% were renters with an average income of just over \$22,000. The study found higher

asthma rates, respiratory irritations and conditions in University Park and West Adams residents living near the drill sites. There are similar experiences and stories across the city.

No council district is immune from the harm of uncapped oil wells; this is a crisis that

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cuts across demographics and zip codes. There are active, idle, and orphan wells in Mar Vista, San Pedro, the Fairfax District, Baldwin Hills, Vista Hermosa, Porter Ranch, Pacoima, and every corner of the city. The right to clean air, clean water, and healthy homes is fundamental and applies to us all. We have a right not to be poisoned where we are living.

Unsafe development on or near uncapped oil wells has only exacerbated a delicate situation. Without proper precautions and enforceable standards, development on or near oil wells can trap dangerous and explosive gases, make it impossible to cap wells, and even trigger oil spills. Residents of the Vista Hermosa Heights community at the heart of the LA City Oil Field report foul odors, constant methane alarms, and oil leaks/spills in recent developments.

New and existing residents are being exposed to toxic substances and are under constant threat of combustion, oftentimes without their knowledge.

Urgent action is needed to address this crisis and protect current and future LA residents. CF 21-1395-S1 takes a much-needed first step to strengthen City oil safety and community toxic hazard protections. We urge you to vote yes on this item to begin the process of creating City policies that protect public health, establish safe development standards, ensure accountability, and include community knowledge and experience.