

Communication from Public

Name: Andrea Reuter

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello, my name is Andrea Reuter, and I am writing to urge the Public Safety Committee to require that LAFD use their existing authority to issue notices to oil operators to either plug and abandon or reactivate idle wells. There are over 1,200 idle wells in the City of LA. These unplugged wells could be leaking methane, benzene, and other toxic chemicals polluting our air, soil, and groundwater. They are also a financial risk to the taxpayers of LA city; it can cost up to 500,000 dollars to plug a well. If left unplugged, these wells risk becoming a state liability that California taxpayers will have to pay for. The Los Angeles Fire Department already has the authority to require that oil operators plug these idle wells after one year of inactivity, but LAFD is choosing to allow these wells to stay unplugged. This inaction by LAFD is causing significant risks to health and safety for frontline communities, and financial risk to taxpayers. I urge the Committee to go beyond the recommendations in the City Attorney report and require that LAFD use their existing authority to plug idle wells. Thank you. Andrea Reuter

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Name: Christina

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