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The property located at 2126 W. Adams Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90018 and 2125 W. 26th Place, Los Angeles, CA 90018—currently operated by E&B Natural Resources as the Murphy Drill Site—has generated numerous neighborhood complaints concerning excessive noise, noxious odors, and non-compliance with City and State requirements, such that in February 2023, the Zoning Administrator determined that additional and modified conditions are required for the continued operation of the Murphy Oil Drill Site to increase the protection of and to preserve the health, safety and general welfare of the residents and stakeholders of the neighborhood, and to afford greater protection to surrounding property and to address the nuisance conditions which were demonstrated by substantial evidence. In 2024, the South Los Angeles Area Planning Commission sustained the aforementioned Zoning Administrator's determination.

However, since the City's corrective actions above, reports of continued non-compliance and complaints of noxious odor, air quality, and operational lapses persist. Residents of Council District 10 report that, as of November 16, 2025, at least 52 operating hour violations were documented in 2025 alone.

This situation needs to be corrected immediately through the City's land use regulatory controls; therefore, the necessary nuisance abatement investigation(s) need to be initiated by the Planning Department, with the assistance of the Department of Building and Safety and Police Department, and in consultation with the City Attorney.

Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) Chapter 1A, Section 13B.6.2, *Nuisance Abatement/Revocation*, allows the Zoning Administrator to modify, discontinue, or revoke any land use or discretionary zoning approval if it is found to jeopardize or adversely affect the public health, peace, or safety of persons residing or working on the premises or in the surrounding area; constitute a public nuisance; resulted in repeated nuisance activities; adversely impact nearby uses; violates any provision of Chapter 1A or Chapter I of the LAMC, or any other city, state, or federal regulation, ordinance, or statute; violate any condition imposed by a prior legislative or discretionary land use approval; or violate an approval initiated by application of a property owner or owner's representative related to the land use.

It is through the City's land use regulatory controls that community members are protected through the maintenance of the public peace, health, and safety of persons living or working in communities and neighborhoods Citywide. Therefore, it is imperative to address these detrimental quality of life activities, and take corrective action as soon as possible, thereby preventing escalation and drain of City enforcement resources.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council instruct the Planning Department, with the assistance of the Department of Building and Safety and Police Department, and in consultation with the City Attorney, to investigate any matters of reported nuisance activities occurring onsite at the property located at 2126 W. Adams Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90018 and 2125 W. 26th Place, Los Angeles, CA 90018; and thereafter, the Zoning Administrator may initiate Administrative Nuisance Abatement Proceedings per LAMC Section 12.27.1; Chapter 1A Section 13B.6.2; and prepare the necessary reports and recommendations, conduct the required public hearings, and thereby protect the public peace, health, and safety of the community by imposing corrective conditions to address the reported nuisance activities that are occurring onsite at the property.

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