

13-0002-579

RULES, ELECTIONS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state or federal governmental body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, hydraulic fracturing, commonly known as fracking, is a method of extracting petroleum and gas used for energy from rock layers and shale, and may pose public health risks and lead to property damage, contaminated air and groundwater, and increased seismicity; and

WHEREAS, the oil and gas industries have been granted exemptions from several environmental and public health laws and regulations to allow them to engage in fracking; and

WHEREAS, current fracking operations in and around the communities of Baldwin Hills, Inglewood, and Culver City may be seriously endangering the health and wellbeing of nearby residents through the risks associated with fracking; and

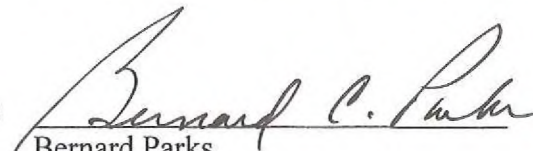
WHEREAS, it is vital that the health and wellbeing of all Los Angeles residents is protected, and until a full and proper study on fracking – complete with risk mitigation strategies and public health and environmental protection requirements – is complete, Los Angeles residents should not be subject to the increased risks that come with fracking operations in and around their communities; and

WHEREAS, concerns about the health and environmental impacts of fracking have been raised by this Council before, including in the introduction of a Resolution last year by my colleague Paul Koretz that I signed on to that called for a suspension of fracking in the state until the process was deemed safe; and

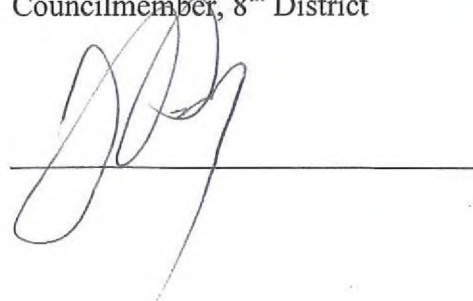
WHEREAS, currently pending in the state legislature is AB 1323 (Mitchell), which would place a moratorium on fracking until a proper study with all agencies and industries and independent experts is conducted that accurately gauges and mitigates all risks associated with fracking;


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2013-2014 State Legislative Program SUPPORT of AB 1323 (Mitchell), which would place a moratorium on hydraulic fracturing in the state until a proper study with all relevant agencies, industries, and independent experts is conducted that fully reviews the potential threats to public health, increased seismicity, property damage, and pollution and contamination of the City's aquifers, groundwater, and air.

PRESENTED BY:


Bernard Parks
Councilmember, 8th District

SECONDED BY:




MAY 15 2013

ORIGINAL