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RE: Agenda Item 4: Proposed West Adams-Baldwin Hills-Leimert New Community Plan

Dear Honorable Members of the Planning and Land Use Committee:

As Operator of the Inglewood Oil Field ("IOF") in the County of Los Angeles and City of Culver City, and 4th Avenue Drill Site within the City of Los Angeles, Freeport-McMoRan Oil & Gas ("FM O&G") has reviewed the proposed West Adams-Baldwin Hills-Leimert New Community Plan ("Plan"). Both FM O&G and our predecessor Operator, Plains Exploration & Production Company, has commented on prior versions of the draft and the associated Draft Environmental Impact Report ("DEIR"); however, unfortunately, the City has not responded adequately to our prior comments.

The current version of the Plan continues to contain significant legal deficiencies that should be addressed before being advanced to the City Council. These issues include, but are not limited to confusing regulatory requirements among local, state and federal jurisdictions, and inclusion of policies related to existing, permitted and vested oil and gas drill sites in the City that are infeasible and could create more environmental impacts than they intend to mitigate. We encourage the City to take the time to review and remediate these policy concerns before the proposed document is advanced.

The attached table identifies sections of the Plan that are of concern and briefly discusses why these issues touch on significant legal considerations. **FM O&G urges the Planning and Land Use Committee to continue this item until resolution of these issues occurs.**

Sincerely,

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