

MOTION

In 2011-2012, E&B Natural Resources applied for and was granted a permit by the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) to construct a CEB 1200 Enclosed Gas Burner with the capacity to burn up to 12 MMCF per month of natural gas at the Rancho Park Drill Site located at 10460 W. Pico Blvd in Council District 5 (CD5). The Drill Site is located above the Cheviot Hills Oil Field in the Rancho Park Public Golf Course.

On November 16, 2016 the SCAQMD issued a new Permit to Operate the CEB 1200 Enclosed Gas Burner.

In response to inquiries from the CD5 council office, staff reports that no new permit applications exist in either the Planning or Building and Safety Departments approving the installation of new gas burner equipment to operate at the site or on this City property which may be a violation of Los Angeles Municipal Code.

Three schools, Temple Isaiah Preschool, Le Lycee Francais de Los Angeles and St. Timothy School, are located within a 1,500 foot radius of the facility. Schools and daycare facilities are recognized as sensitive receptors. These are areas where the occupants are more susceptible to the adverse effects of exposure to toxic chemicals, pesticides, and other pollutants. Extra care must be taken when dealing with contaminants and pollutants in close proximity to areas recognized as sensitive receptors.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Planning Department be directed to work with the Petroleum Administrator, the Department of Building and Safety and the Fire Department and the Recreation and Parks Department to immediately investigate and report back within 30 days on the oil and gas operations at 10460 W. Pico Blvd in Council District 5, per Los Angeles Municipal Code section 12.27.1, to do the most thorough site review for all equipment onsite, including a full site review of conditions to verify the site's city permits, approved zoning conditions, to ensure compliance with the increased health, safety and environmental requirements of recent Planning ZA Memo 133, and to include the possibility if necessary of initiating Nuisance Revocation proceedings, in order to keep the public and the environment safe and to give the public an opportunity to voice any concerns they may have regarding the ongoing operations at this site.

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