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Los Angeles City Council

200 N. Spring St.

Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Support for Motion for Land Use and Legal Analysis of Setback Around Oil and Gas Extraction in Los Angeles (Council File # 17-0447)

Dear Council President Wesson and Los Angeles City Council:

The issue of neighborhood drilling is of special concern to me. I teach **Social Justice and Law** and coordinate **Labor Studies** at **Cal State University, Dominguez Hills**, and many of our students live in **Wilmington** and have health concerns due to the impact of **neighborhood drilling**.

I would like to express my support for an ordinance to establish a 2,500-foot setback separating oil and gas extraction operations from sensitive land uses like homes, schools and hospitals. I would also like to express support for the motion introduced on April 19, 2017 (Council File # 17-0447) directing the City Attorney, Petroleum Administrator and Department of Planning to perform a legal and land use study of such an ordinance. I applaud the leadership of Council President Wesson introducing this motion and to Councilmembers Bonin, Cedillo, Harris-Dawson, Koretz, and Martinez for co-sponsoring the motion.

I am impressed that we have courageous council people who will stand up for the rights of the community. I have seen community struggles firsthand that turned into a ratification vote for our elected officials, and I do believe that residents are informed and will vote for the candidates who stand for the community.

It is clear that oil drilling operations are wholly incompatible with residential neighborhoods, and I urge the Council to act swiftly to pass the motion for a legal and land use study as an important step toward alleviating the harm that front-line communities experience daily. Every Angeleno deserves to live in a safe, healthy neighborhood.

Thank you for your attention and action on matters that directly impact the health and safety of residents living near oil drilling operations. Please contact me if you have any questions or would like additional information.

Sincerely,

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