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### Fwd: City Council File #17-0447

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**Sharon Dickinson**

May 26, 2017 8:46 AM

Posted in group: **Clerk-PLUM-Committee**

From: **Catherine Garoupa White** <catherine@californiansagainstfracking.org>  
Date: Fri, May 26, 2017 at 2:12 AM  
Subject: City Council File #17-0447  
To: sharon.dickinson@lacity.org, michael.espinosa@lacity.org, maria.espinoza@lacity.org, sharon.gin@lacity.org

Hello, Please submit the attached letter to Council File #17-0447.

Sincerely,  
Catherine Garoupa White

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[www.californiansagainstfracking.org](http://www.californiansagainstfracking.org)  
<https://www.facebook.com/CaliforniansAgainstFracking/>  
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May 26, 2017

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:

I am writing on behalf of Californians Against Fracking & Dangerous Drilling, a coalition of almost 200 organizations united in calling for a ban on enhanced oil recovery methods, the implementation of health protective buffer zones, and ultimately a phase out fossil fuels. Science as well as our climate and public health require that we phase out fossil fuels. The issue of neighborhood drilling is of special concern to our organization because of the enormous health and safety risks posed to people living near these operations, and because of the environmental injustice that most of these facilities are concentrated in communities of color and communities with lower socioeconomic status.

We strongly support an ordinance establishing a 2,500-foot setback separating oil and gas extraction operations from sensitive land uses like homes, schools, and hospitals. We want to express support for the motion introduced by the City Council 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. We 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.

Los Angeles is the largest and most densely populated urban oil field in the nation. The city hosts more than 900 active oil wells, with over 77% located within 2,500 feet of a home or sensitive land use. More than half of the active wells are located in low-income Latino and African-American neighborhoods already overburdened by environmental hazards, such as Wilmington and South L.A. Residents from these neighborhoods have documented serious health problems—including nosebleeds, chronic migraines, nausea, asthma and other respiratory illness—in addition to daily disruption from drilling noise and vibrations, foul odors, and diesel truck traffic.

Oil drilling operations are wholly incompatible with residential neighborhoods, and we urge the Council to act swiftly to pass the motion for a legal and land use study to alleviate the symptoms that frontline communities experience daily. 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 us if you have any questions or would like additional information.

Sincerely,

Catherine Garoupa White, Coordinator  
Californians Against Fracking and Dangerous Drilling  
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### Fwd: Letter to City Council

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**Sharon Dickinson**

May 26, 2017 11:47 AM

Posted in group: **Clerk-PLUM-Committee**

From: <catsmail13@aol.com>

Date: Fri, May 26, 2017 at 10:50 AM

Subject: Letter to City Council

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Please see attached letter of support for the 2500 foot setback on separating oil and gas extraction from homes, schools, etc.

Thank you so much!

Cathy Familathe

President

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# INTERNATIONAL LONGSHORE & WAREHOUSE UNION SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DISTRICT COUNCIL

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May 26, 2017

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 the ILWU since so many of our families live, work, go to school, play, etc. in the immediate area of where the oil and gas extraction is being done

I would like to express our 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 Martínez for co-sponsoring the motion.

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,

*Cathy Familathe*

Cathy Familathe, President

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