

June 2nd, 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 Indivisible CA-43. The issue of neighborhood drilling is of special concern to our organization. Our members and families live very close to oil and gas extraction sites. These sites often smell badly so we are concerned that our health, quality of life, and property value is at risk.

We respectfully 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. We would also like to express support and gratitude to Council 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. 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.

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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,



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June 2, 2017

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

Dear Los Angeles City Council:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide you
with our organization's concerns about the
legislation you are considering – specifically
the item referred to in the council file #17-
0447.

Our organization's founders have worked
since 1995 to protect the Ballona Wetlands,
and we have long held concerns about the
unsafe and toxic environment to the
wetlands, as well as to the adjacent
residents and businesses, caused by the
underground gas storage field in Playa del
Rey – which lies directly beneath the
ecological reserve, and extends into Playa
del Rey, Del Rey, Venice and Marina del

Rey. At this facility, there are regular extractions of gas from the field – extractions that include many chemicals that are harmful to the health of humans and to wildlife. We have witnessed fires and other harm and worry to the community. Residents and their pets have suffered from cancers and other health-related maladies. Additionally, we have witnessed leaks into the wetlands from the old oil field where the gas is stored.

There are children who visit the wetlands whose health we are most concerned as they visit the Ballona Wetlands outdoor classroom to learn about nature and our environment, yet toxic chemicals (with warnings posted about Proposition 65 poisons) are all around due to the gas drilling & storage operation.

For these and other reasons of concern for the health and safety of the community and the environment where we do our work, as well as for our concern for residents throughout Los Angeles who are impacted by similar oil and gas extraction operations, Ballona Institute is in strong support of the ordinance to establish a 2,500 foot setback separating oil and gas extraction operations from sensitive land uses like homes, schools and hospitals.

With best regards,

Marcia Hanscom, Executive Director



June 2, 2017

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 the Alliance for Community Transit – Los Angeles. We are a coalition of 34 organizations that work on various aspects of community development throughout the City of Los Angeles. Neighborhood drilling is at odds with our vision for thriving, sustainable and healthy communities in the City. We also recognize the disproportionate impact that drilling has on local communities of color, making this a key environmental justice issue for LA.

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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,

Laura Raymond
Campaign Director
Alliance for Community Transit – Los Angeles



June 2, 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:

We write on behalf of Esperanza Community Housing Corporation, a member organization of the Stand Together Against Neighborhood Drilling – Los Angeles (“STAND-L.A.”) coalition. STAND-L.A. is an environmental justice coalition of community groups that seeks to end neighborhood drilling to protect the health and safety of Angelenos on the front lines of urban oil extraction. Esperanza is a social justice non-profit that achieves comprehensive, long-term community development in the Figueroa Corridor of South Central Los Angeles. We work alongside low-income community residents, of all ages and ethnicities, advocate for stronger provisions to protect all our communities. Our communities are negatively impacted by oil extraction activities in their neighborhoods – a fact well-documented in the community’s effort to hold the AllenCo oil facility accountable for the safety and health hazards it caused, as well as against whom the City Attorney won an injunction, last year, to protect the health, safety, and well-being of the residents. Along with community members, we firmly believe that urban oil extraction is fundamentally incompatible with human health.

We respectfully 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. We 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. We applaud the leadership of Council President Wesson in introducing this motion, and also that of Councilmembers Bonin, Cedillo, Harris-Dawson, Koretz, and Martinez for co-sponsoring the motion.

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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 as an important step toward alleviating the harm that front-line communities experience daily. Every Angeleno deserves to live in a safe, healthy neighborhood.

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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,

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Nancy Halpern Ibrahim
Executive Director, Esperanza Community Housing Corporation

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June 2, 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 the Center for Environmental Health, a national nonprofit organization that works with parents, communities, businesses, workers, and government to protect children and families from toxic chemicals in our homes, workplaces, schools, and neighborhoods. Neighborhood drilling is of special concern to our organization as we have been examining the potential public health impacts of oil and gas drilling – particularly as it relates to maternal and child health.

We would like to express our strong support for the establishment of a 2,500 foot setback for oil and gas extraction operations from sensitive land uses such as residences, schools and healthcare facilities as well as the motion introduced on April 19, 2017 (Council File #17-0447) directing the City Attorney, Petroleum Administrator and the Department of Planning to perform a legal and land use study of the proposed setback ordinance. We commend Council President Wesson for his leadership in introducing the motion as well as Councilmembers Bonin, Cedillo, Harris-Dawson, Koretz, and Martinez for their co-sponsorship.

We have concerns about the ongoing and future health of Angelenos as Los Angeles is home to the largest urban oil field in the country and one of the most densely populated metropolitan area in the US. There are thousands of active oil wells throughout Los Angeles County and over 900 active oil wells within the City of LA. Over 77% of the active wells in LA are located within 2,500 feet of a home or sensitive land use such as a school, park or hospital and more than half are located in low-income Latino and African-American neighborhoods already disproportionately affected by environmental hazards, such as Wilmington and South L.A.

Chemicals used in oil & gas extraction are linked to infertility (difficulty getting pregnant), miscarriage (loss of baby), birth defects, breathing problems, cancer, and other illnesses. Residents from these neighborhoods have reported serious health problems that include nosebleeds, chronic migraines, nausea, asthma and other respiratory illness. This is in addition to the daily disruptions they experience from nearby drilling activities such as noise and vibrations, bad odors, and diesel truck traffic.

Oil drilling operations have no place in residential neighborhoods, and we urge the Council to pass the motion for a legal and land use study to alleviate the symptoms that front-line communities experience day in and day out. Every Angeleno deserves to live in a safe, healthy neighborhood.

We appreciate your attention and swift action on matters that directly impact the health and safety of people living, working and playing near oil drilling operations. Feel free to contact us if you have any questions or if we can provide additional information.

Sincerely,

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Sue Chiang, MPH, MPP
Pollution Prevention Director
Healthy Energy Program



June 2, 2017

Los Angeles City Council
200 N. Spring St.
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Motion for Land Use Analysis of Health and Safety Buffer Zone Around Oil and Gas Production Sites (Council File # 17-0447) - SUPPORT

Dear Council President Wesson and Council Members:

On behalf of the Natural Resources Defense Council (“NRDC”), I am writing to express our support for the above-referenced motion by Council Members Wesson, Bonin, Cedillo, Harris-Dawson, Koretz, and Martinez, File No. 17-0447. The motion would direct the City Attorney, Petroleum Administrator, and Planning Department to analyze the creation of a city-wide setback that would separate oil and gas production operations from sensitive land uses like homes, schools, and hospitals. Emissions from oil drilling and production operations include toxic air contaminants and smog-forming pollutants, and have been linked to health and environmental concerns in numerous locations across the City. This motion would help to address those concerns.

Los Angeles is the largest and most densely populated urban oil-bearing region in the country, hosting more than 900 active oil wells, with over 77% located within 2,500 feet of a home or sensitive land use such as a school, park, or hospital. More than half of these wells are in low-income Latino and African-American neighborhoods such as Wilmington and South L.A. that are already overburdened by environmental hazards. Residents from these neighborhoods have documented serious health problems including nosebleeds, chronic migraines, nausea, asthma, and other respiratory illnesses, while also enduring the daily stresses, risks, and impacts from drilling noise and vibrations, foul odors, and diesel truck traffic.

We urge the Council to act swiftly to pass this motion to move quickly toward alleviating the symptoms that front-line communities experience daily. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Very truly yours,

Damon Nagami
Senior Attorney
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June 2, 2017

Councilmember Curren Price
Los Angeles City Council
200 N. Spring Street, Room 420
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 Councilmember Price:

I am writing on behalf of **SAJE**. The issue of neighborhood drilling is of special concern to our organization. SAJE has worked for many years to support housing health and habitability in the neighborhoods around us.

We respectfully 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. We would also like to express support and gratitude to Council 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. We strongly encourage Councilmember Price to join with his colleagues on the Council to approve this motion and take a step toward protecting Angelenos from harmful oil drilling.

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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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Cynthia Strathmann", is written over a horizontal line.

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June 2, 2017

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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 Food & Water Watch. The issue of neighborhood drilling is of special concern to our organization. As you may know, we have worked for several years with diverse communities struggling against the impacts of oil and gas infrastructure in their neighborhoods. We continue to work to hold SoCalGas accountable for the Aliso Canyon blowout which to this day threatens the safety and health of northern San Fernando Valley residents; we work to shed light on the unsafe operations at the much older Playa Del Ray Gas Storage Facility; and, we maintain relationships in the City of Carson to fend off dangerous and irresponsible drilling operations in communities of color historically placed at the fenceline of oil production, transportation, and storage. In our history working with communities on these issues, it is clear the current standard of zoning and enforcement is incompatible with human health. Action must be taken to prioritize the lives, wellbeing, and safety of Angelenos, before the profits of oil and gas companies. We also believe such action will help to set Los Angeles on a path toward a renewable, clean energy future.

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Sincerely,
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May 31, 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 the Sierra Club and our 3 million members and supporters nationwide, including more than 300,000 in California. The issue of neighborhood drilling is of special concern to our organization as we fight for clean air and healthy neighborhoods across the region and the nation, and as we seek to protect vulnerable communities from the serious hazards of pollution from the fossil fuel industry. Standing with frontline communities in the fight to protect our health, our environment and our climate, is a defining issue of our generation, and we applaud the City of Los Angeles for considering much-needed action.

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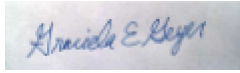
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Thank you for your attention and action on matters that directly impact the health and safety of residents living near oil drilling operations. Please contact us if you have any questions or would like

additional information.

Sincerely,

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June 3, 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 the Center for Biological Diversity (the “Center”), a nonprofit organization with over 1.3 million members and online activists, in Los Angeles and throughout the country. The Center’s mission includes fighting climate change and its catastrophic impacts by working to reduce reducing greenhouse gas and other pollution from oil and gas development, production and combustion. Science, as well as our climate and public health, require that we phase out fossil fuels and transition to a just, sustainable renewable energy system. The issue of neighborhood drilling is of special concern to the Center because of the enormous health and safety risks posed to people living near these operations.

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.

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

Sincerely,



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