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The City of Los Angeles has a long history of oil and gas extraction, ranging from Edward Doheny’s discovery well in the Los Angeles City Oil Field in 1892 to the establishment of our local “Oil Code” in the 1940’s. These efforts led to the expansion of oil and gas drill sites throughout the City. However, over the last several decades oil production has declined dramatically. Many of these oil wells and production facilities are no longer in operation and have been abandoned.

The City’s Municipal Code (Section 13.01) allows for the establishment and termination of urban oil districts within the City’s boundaries. The “Oil Code” established clear land use criteria to create urban oil districts and a process to legally terminate them.

There are hundreds of abandoned urban oil drilling districts throughout the City; and there is no longer a public interest in maintaining them. In many cases they pose incompatible land uses with needed residential and commercial developments.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council REQUEST the Petroleum Administrator, with the assistance of the Planning Department and the City Attorney, to report in 30 days on the identification and evaluation of all urban oil drilling districts and their associated ordinances within Council District 1, consistent with Municipal Code Section 13.01 criteria.

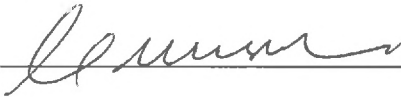
I FURTHER MOVE that the Petroleum Administrator, and the relevant departments, report on the steps necessary to terminate the identified inactive oil drilling districts.

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