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Summary: "The North Westwood Neighborhood Council (NWWNC) urges the City Council to protect communities from the harmful health impacts of oil drilling by adopting the draft ordinance in Council Files 17-0447 and 17-0447-S2. Los Angeles is one of the only places in the U.S. where oil drilling occurs in a densely populated city. Over 620,000 Angelenos live within a mile of an active oil well. The city contains over 1,000 active wells; 80 percent are located within 2,500 feet of a sensitive land use. Neighborhood drilling threatens the health and safety of those living nearby. Extraction sites routinely use and emit toxic chemicals. Living next door to drilling can mean headaches, nosebleeds, asthma, reproductive harm, and cancer. The use of dangerous and flammable chemicals also raises the risk of catastrophic accidents. Homes are even built atop capped wells, a practice that should be prohibited. NWWNC recognizes that communities of color are often most affected: of the 1.8 million Californians living near drilling in heavily polluted areas, 92 percent are from communities of color. All told, neighborhood drilling is incompatible with public health and has no place near sensitive land uses, such as homes, schools, churches, daycares, senior centers, hospitals, and parks. The City of Los Angeles has a duty to protect residents' health and safety, by using its power over land use and oil operations. Therefore, NWWNC calls on the City Council to adopt the draft ordinance, end new oil drilling in Los Angeles, and phase out existing drilling. Additionally, we want the city to enforce existing regulations on oil drilling to keep communities safe, including timely inspections."