

MITGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION, ERRATA, MITIGATION MONITORING PROGRAM and RELATED CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) FINDINGS, and PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT (PLUM) COMMITTEE REPORT relative to a proposed ordinance amending Los Angeles Municipal Code Sections 12.03, 12.20, 12.23, 12.24, and 13.01 to prohibit new oil and gas extraction and make existing extraction activities a nonconforming use in all zones.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. ADOPT the Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15074(b); consider the whole of the administrative record to date, including the Mitigated Negative Declaration, No. ENV-2022-4865-MND ("Mitigated Negative Declaration"), and all comments received, with the imposition of mitigation measures; FIND there is no substantial evidence that the Project will have a significant effect on the environment; Find the Mitigated Negative Declaration reflects the independent judgment and analysis of the City; FIND the mitigation measures have been made enforceable conditions on the Project; and ADOPT the Mitigated Negative Declaration and the Mitigation Monitoring Program prepared for the Mitigated Negative Declaration.
2. ADOPT the FINDINGS dated September 26, 2022 of the Los Angeles City Planning Commission (LACPC) as the Findings of Council.
3. REQUEST the City Attorney to prepare and present an Ordinance amending Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) Sections 12.03, 12.20, 12.23, 12.24, and 13.01 to prohibit new oil and gas extraction and make existing extraction activities a nonconforming use in all zones. The proposed Ordinance would phase out all oil drilling activities in the City of Los Angeles by immediately banning new oil and gas extraction and requiring the abandonment of existing wells after an amortization period.
4. INSTRUCT the Department of City Planning to incorporate the ordinance once adopted by the Council into the LAMC, Chapter 1A, New Zoning Code, subject to changes to conform to the format and style of the New Zoning Code.
5. CONCUR with the Energy, Climate Change, Environmental Justice, and River Committee recommendations of October 6, 2022, to approve the proposed ordinance and environmental clearance and Findings, and INSTRUCT the Board of Public Works, Petroleum Administrator to report to Council on the status of the amortization study as well as remediation efforts, plan and policy recommendations on a quarterly basis.

Applicant: City of Los Angeles

Case No.: CPC-2022-4864-CA

Environmental Case No.: ENV-2022-4865-MND

Fiscal Impact Statement: The LACPC reports that there is no General Fund impact as administrative costs are recovered through fees.

Community Impact Statement: Yes

For, if Amended: United Neighborhoods Neighborhood Council

For: Westside Neighborhood Council

**(Arts, Parks, Health, Education, and Neighborhoods Committee waived consideration of the matter)**

Summary:

At a regular meeting held on November 1, 2022, the PLUM Committee considered a report and recommendations from the LACPC relative to a proposed ordinance amending Los Angeles Municipal Code Sections 12.03, 12.20, 12.23, 12.24, and 13.01 to prohibit new oil and gas extraction and make existing extraction activities a nonconforming use in all zones. DCP staff provided an overview of the matter. After an opportunity for public comment, the Committee recommended to approve the above recommendations. This matter is now submitted to the Council for consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
HARRIS-DAWSON:	YES
BLUMENFIELD:	YES
LEE:	ABSENT
RODRIGUEZ:	YES

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