

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the feasibility of amending current City Land Use Codes in connection with health impacts at oil and gas wells and grill sites.

Recommendations for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

1. CONCUR with recommendations 4, 5, 6.a, and 9 from the Planning and Land Use Management Committee transmittal dated May 7, 2021, attached to the Council file.
2. INSTRUCT the Department of City Planning (DCP), with the assistance of the City Attorney, to prepare and present an Ordinance to prohibit new oil and gas extraction and make extraction activities a nonconforming use in all zones.
3. INSTRUCT the Office of Petroleum and Natural Gas Administration and Safety (OPNGAS) to hire an expert to conduct an amortization study of drill sites in the city to determine an appropriate amortization period for existing wells.
4. INSTRUCT the OPNGAS, Climate Emergency Mobilization Office, and other relevant departments to participate in LA County's recently relaunched Just Transition Taskforce.
5. INSTRUCT the OPNGAS, in collaboration with the DCP and the Fire Department, to draft a new city policy to ensure proper plugging and abandonment of wells and comprehensive site remediation to be completed within 3-5 years of those sites ceasing active oil production, with the intention of ensuring oil companies bear the responsibility for abandonment and remediation. OPNGAS should identify which City Departments should play a role in oversight of site remediation and explore collaboration with the Los Angeles Regional Water Board, the California Geologic Energy Management Division, the South Coast Air Quality Management District, and the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health in this process.
6. ADD position authorities to DCP for one Senior Administrative Clerk, and one GIS Supervisor I, and six months funding from the "Amortization Study of Oil Sites" line item in the Unappropriated Balance for those positions as well as existing authorities for two City Planners and two City Planning Associates, for the purposes of supporting the Office of Zoning Administration (OZA) and Code Studies with the administration of zoning amendments and land use work related to the regulation of oil and gas

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the Board of Public Works. Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: Yes

For:

Silver Lake Neighborhood Council
Wilmington Neighborhood Council
Empowerment Congress North Area Neighborhood Development Council
Hollywood Studio District Neighborhood Council
Arroyo Seco Neighborhood Council
Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council
Rampart Village Neighborhood Council
Glassell Park Neighborhood Council
Venice Neighborhood Council
Greater Echo Park Elysian Neighborhood Council
Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council
Los Feliz Neighborhood Council
Van Nuys Neighborhood Council
North Hollywood Northeast Neighborhood Council
Tarzana Neighborhood Council

Park Mesa Heights Neighborhood Council
Eagle Rock Neighborhood Council
Community and Neighborhoods for Ninth District Unity Neighborhood Council
Atwater Village Neighborhood Council
Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council
Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council
Zapata-King Neighborhood Council
Northridge South Neighborhood Council
Encino Neighborhood Council
Boyle Heights Neighborhood Council
Palms Neighborhood Council
Hollywood United Neighborhood Council
Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council
Central Hollywood Neighborhood Council
Westwood Neighborhood Council
West Adams Neighborhood Council
Mid-City West Neighborhood Council
Westside Neighborhood Council
Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Council
Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council
Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council
South Robertson Neighborhood Council
Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council

For, if Amended:

Greater Valley Glen Neighborhood Council
Northridge East Neighborhood Council
Del Rey Neighborhood Council

Against, unless Amended:

Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council

SUMMARY

At the meeting held on November 22, 2021, the Budget and Finance Committee considered a Joint Report from the Department of City Planning and the Board of Public Works (BPW), dated September 23, 2021, and BPW report, dated July 29, 2019, recommendations approved by the Energy, Climate Change, and Environmental Justice Committee on December 1, 2020, and recommendations approved by the Planning and Land Use Management (PLUM) Committee on April 20, 2021, all reports and transmittals attached to the Council file, relative to the feasibility of amending current City Land Use Codes in connection with health impacts at oil and gas wells and drill sites.

Representatives from the each department provided an overview and answered the questions of the Committee members. After an opportunity for public comment was held, the Committee moved to concur with the April 20, 2021 PLUM Committee recommendations as amended, as stated above. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
KREKORIAN	YES
BLUMENFIELD	YES
DE LEON	YES
RODRIGUEZ	ABSENT
PRICE	YES

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