

PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT (PLUM) COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the feasibility of amending current City Land Use Codes in connection with health impacts at oil and gas wells and drill sites.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. INSTRUCT the Department of City Planning (DCP), with the assistance of the City Administrative Officer (CAO), to report on the necessary budget and staff needs to further address oil wells in urban residential neighborhoods in the City, including:
 - a. Hiring an expert to conduct an amortization study of drill sites in residential neighborhoods of the City to determine a legally justifiable amortization period for the establishment of health and safety buffers for existing wells, including the development of parameters for this study.
 - b. Developing changes to the zoning code, upon completion of an amortization study, to codify restrictions, processes, and requirements with respect to drill sites in residential neighborhoods, particularly in disadvantaged neighborhoods.
2. INSTRUCT the DCP, with the assistance of the City Attorney, to prepare and present an Ordinance in the interim to prohibit oil and gas extraction, and make extraction activities a nonconforming use in all zones, contingent on the results of the amortization study and the proposed revisions to the zoning code.
3. INSTRUCT the Office of Petroleum and Natural Gas Administration and Safety (OPNGAS) to report on the types of health assessments available, and on the costs necessary to conduct health assessments at oil and gas drill sites in residential neighborhoods in the City.
4. INSTRUCT the OPNGAS to participate in the California Air Resources Board's Study of Neighborhood Air near Petroleum Sources (SNAPS) programs and studies, and utilize the findings to develop air monitoring and community notification programs for drill sites in residential neighborhoods in the City.
5. INSTRUCT the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) to report on the necessary budget and staff needs if designated with Health Officer Authority, and/or to transfer the Hazardous Waste Generator Program to the LAFD from the County of Los Angeles.
6. ADOPT Recommendations 6 and 10 of the OPNGAS report dated July 29, 2019, attached to Council File No. 17-0447, as follows:
 - a. INSTRUCT the Petroleum Administrator and other relevant City staff to report back on possible measures to establish Community Emergency Preparedness and Comprehensive Safety Plans at oil and gas drills sites across the City.

- b. INSTRUCT the Chief Legislative Officer (CLA) to add to the City's Legislative Agenda the funding for additional oil and gas health studies to be conducted by the State of California, Southern California Air Quality Management District, and the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health.
7. INSTRUCT the Economic and Workforce Development Department, with the assistance of the DCP, to prepare a report on the job impacts associated with the Ordinance prohibiting oil and gas extraction.
8. DIRECT the Director of Planning, DCP, in coordination with the City Attorney, to take necessary steps to ensure that drilling is no longer allowed by-right in any zone.
9. DIRECT the OPNGAS to organize a Strike Team comprised of representatives from the Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety and LAFD, in coordination with other County and State regulatory entities, to proactively visit oil and gas extraction facilities on a regular basis to ensure the facilities are in compliance with existing regulations, which should be a full cost-recovery undertaking modeled on other collaborative efforts such as the Administrative Citation Enforcement (ACE) Program; and, modeled after the existing County of Los Angeles Strike Team.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the BPW. Neither the CAO nor the CLA 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

For, As Is:

Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council

For if Amended:

Greater Valley Glen Neighborhood Council
Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council
Northridge East Neighborhood Council
Del Rey Neighborhood Council

Against unless Amended:

Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council

(Also referred to Arts, Parks, Health, Education, and Neighborhoods Committee, and Budget and Finance Committee)

Summary:

At its regular meeting held on April 20, 2021, the PLUM Committee considered the BPW report dated July 29, 2019, and the recommendations approved by the Energy, Climate Change, and Environmental Justice (ECCEJ) Committee on December 1, 2020, 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 of the DCP, BPW, and the Office of the City Attorney provided comments regarding the matter. After providing an opportunity for the public comment, the PLUM Committee concurred with Recommendation Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, of the ECCEJ Committee, dated December 1, 2020, and added additional Recommendations as detailed above. This matter was transmitted to the Arts, Parks, Health, Education, and Neighborhoods Committee, and the Budget and Finance Committee, for further consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

<u>. MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
HARRIS-DAWSON:	YES
CEDILLO:	YES
BLUMENFIELD:	YES
RIDLEY-THOMAS:	YES
LEE:	YES

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