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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(16) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

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Item Number:

Summary: On behalf of over 40,000 stakeholders, the Los Feliz Neighborhood Council supports this motion and urges that an oil and natural gas extraction tax be placed on the ballot or otherwise adopted. As the motion notes, Los Angeles is the largest urban oil field in the U.S. According to the STAND-L.A. coalition, an astounding 580,000 Angelenos live within just one quarter-mile of an active oil well. Many were developed in an era with “minimal regulation” yet still pump out oil today. Fossil fuel extraction in Los Angeles contributes to climate change worldwide and runs against the City’s climate goals. It also harms those who live nearby—who are disproportionately low-income residents and residents of color—by worsening air quality, raising rates of disease, and damaging people’s health, education, and vocations. For all these reasons, the LFNC supports taxing the extraction of oil and gas—as the City in Los Angeles did until 1996. In addition, the City should increase fees, penalties, and other costs on wells to more fully capture their costs to society, which fossil fuel companies currently do not nearly pay. Furthermore, the LFNC hopes that the revenues will be used to justly transition away from fossil fuels and to equitably clean up and compensate nearby communities. While this tax is worth adopting without delay, we offer two cautions: • Such a tax should not be a substitute for other measures to stop drilling in Los Angeles. The LFNC reaffirms its previous support for establishing a setback between wells and other land uses like homes and schools (Council File 17-0447). • Though the LFNC welcomes the equitable use of such tax revenues, the City budget should not become dependent on this revenue stream, lest it get in the way of ultimately phasing out oil and gas drilling in LA.



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Council File: [21-0065](#)

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Position: Support

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-APPROVED-

April 20th, 2021
Yay:16. Nay:0