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**Resolution in support of establishing a 2500-foot human health and safety buffer around oil drilling operations in the City of Los Angeles**

Whereas Los Angeles is one of the only places in the United States where oil drilling occurs right in the middle of a densely-populated urban metropolis. Over 620,000 Angelenos live within a mile of an active oil well;

Whereas the City of Los Angeles contains over 1,000 active oil wells and 80% are located within 2,500 feet of a sensitive land use, impacting residents, students, and workers;

Whereas neighborhood drilling threatens the health and safety of those living along the fence line of these oil wells;

Whereas oil and gas extraction sites routinely use and emit as byproducts toxic chemicals that are known carcinogens, endocrine disruptors, and are harmful to multiple organ systems. These include but are not limited to formaldehyde, hydrochloric acid, hydrofluoric acid, naphthalene, xylene, benzene and volatile organic compounds;

Whereas the primary health risk factor associated with oil and gas development within urban areas is proximity to active sites, because any toxic emission will be at its highest and most dangerous concentration at the source of pollution;

Whereas the closer you live, work, and play to an active oil well, the more severely your health and safety are threatened. Whereas living next door to neighborhood drilling means chronic headaches and migraines, frequent nosebleeds, exacerbated asthma and other respiratory illness, reproductive harm and an increased risk of cancer;

Whereas the transport, onsite storage and use of toxic and flammable chemicals in industrial facilities in close proximity to homes and other sensitive land uses also raises the risk of catastrophic accidents;

Whereas neighborhood drilling is incompatible with public health and has no place near sensitive land uses such as homes, schools, churches or daycare facilities; and studies show that a buffer of at least 2,500 feet between active oil wells and these sensitive land uses is necessary to protect community health from oil extraction;

Whereas the City of Los Angeles is a leader at the forefront of enacting policies to protect the environment and address global climate change, including the Sustainability City pLAN requiring dramatic reductions in GHG emissions with an 80% GHG reduction target by 2050;

Whereas the City of Los Angeles has a duty to protect the health and safety of its residents and can use its power over land use and oil operations to protect those residents in this instance;

The \_\_\_\_\_ Neighborhood Council resolves to call on the City of Los Angeles, and the Los Angeles City Council specifically to establish a human health and safety buffer that prohibits oil drilling within 2,500 feet of sensitive land uses including homes, schools, early childhood centers, senior centers, hospitals and medical clinics, parks, etc.

The \_\_\_\_\_ Neighborhood Council resolves to submit a Community Impact Statement to Council File 17-0447 and to communicate support to our City Council member expressing support for this position.



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to me ▾

Ms. Block,

Hope you are well. I'm writing to inquire about getting an item agendaized for discussion at your next green committee meeting.

I'm volunteering on behalf of STAND LA, a coalition of community groups working to end the practice of neighborhood oil drilling within LA communities. Currently, LA City Council is studying the idea of requiring a health and human safety buffer zone for oil drilling sites within the city.

I would love to come speak to the council about the issue, the health effects associated with living next to an oil drilling site, and why STAND LA believes a buffer zone is necessary to protect our communities. We have been speaking in front of multiple NC's, and numerous (nearly half of all NC's in LA) have already agreed to submit CIS statements in support of the idea of 2,500ft setback of active oil wells from residences and other sensitive areas.

Please let me know what would be the best way of getting the proposed CIS statement (link below) onto the agenda for discussion. I would be thrilled to come to your next meeting to discuss the issue in more depth and answer any questions you might have.

All the best,

- Ethan

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**Subject: Re: Tree Trimming Request on Motor Ave.**

Hey Lee,

Thank you for your email. I've copied my District Director who is handling tree requests in CD 5. At this time, I am unsure if we have any discretionary funding to trim the trees on Motor Ave. between National Blvd. and Venice Blvd. We submitted priority locations to Urban Forestry at the beginning of the fiscal year so we may not be able to have Motor Ave. trimmed as part of that list. However, we will let them know for next years schedule.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Thank you.

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