

MITGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION, ERRATA, MITIGATION MONITORING PROGRAM and RELATED CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) FINDINGS, ENERGY, CLIMATE CHANGE, ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE, AND RIVER (ECCEJR) and PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT (PLUM) COMMITTEES' REPORTS 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. APPROVE the September 6, 2022, Los Angeles City Planning Commission (LACPC) report, attached to the Council file.
2. INSTRUCT the Board of Public Works/Petroleum Administrator to report to the Council on the status of the amortization study and well remediation efforts/plan/policy recommendations on a quarterly
3. 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.
4. ADOPT the FINDINGS dated September 26, 2022 of the LACPC as the Findings of Council.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. CONCUR with the ECCEJR 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 October 6, 2022, the ECCEJR Committee considered a proposed ordinance amending 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. After an opportunity for public comment, the ECCEJR Committee recommended to approve the September 6, 2022 LACPC report 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. On November 1, 2022 the PLUM Committee considered the propose ordinance and concurred with the ECCEJR Committee recommendations of October 6, 2022, to approve the proposed ordinance, and environmental clearance and Findings, and instruct the Board of Public Works, Petroleum Administration to report to Council on the status of the amortization study as well as remediation efforts, plan and policy recommendations on a quarterly basis. This matter is now submitted to the Council for consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

ENERGY, CLIMATE CHANGE, ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE, AND RIVER

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
O'FARRELL:	YES
KORETZ:	YES
KREKORIAN	YES

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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