



Office of the Los Angeles City Attorney
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**REQUEST FOR CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO
GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(d)(1)**

REPORT RE:

PENDING LITIGATION AND SETTLEMENT PROPOSAL

OIL ORDINANCE LITIGATION:
WARREN E&P, INC., ET AL. v. CITY OF LOS ANGELES, ET AL.
LASC CASE NO. 23STCP00060 (Lead Case)

The Honorable City Council
of the City of Los Angeles
Room 395, City Hall
200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Honorable Members:

This Office recommends that discussions with, and advice from, legal counsel regarding the recommendation for City Council action in this pending litigation be scheduled and held in closed session pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1). Government Code Section 54956.9(g) requires you to state publicly prior to the closed session, what subdivision of this section authorizes the closed meeting, and that the closed session is being held to confer or discuss with, or receive advice from, legal counsel regarding pending litigation.

Four related lawsuits¹ filed by various oil operators, lobbying groups, and petroleum royalty owners challenge the City's adoption of Ordinance No. 187,709, 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 oil extraction activities a nonconforming use in all zones.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Deputy City Attorney Marvin E. Bonilla at (213) 574-6467. A member of this Office will be present when you consider this matter to answer questions you may have.

Sincerely,

HYDEE FELDSTEIN SOTO, City Attorney

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JOHN W. HEATH
Chief Assistant City Attorney

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¹ Besides the lead case captioned above, there are three related cases also challenging the City's Oil Ordinance: E&B Natural Resources Management v. City of Los Angeles, Case No. 23STCP00070; Native Oil Producers and Employees of California/Western States Petroleum Association v. City of Los Angeles, Case No. 23STCP00085; and National Association of Royalty Owners-California, Inc. v. City of Los Angeles, Case No. 23STCP00106.