

MOTION

The City has the discretion to authorize and issue franchise agreements to entities that seek to install, construct, replace, repair, reconstruct, operate, maintain and use the streets to convey liquids, gasses, and vapors through pipelines. The West Pico Drill Site is a major production facility operated by the Pacific Coast Energy Company, LP and in near proximity to homes, schools, businesses and places of worship. Neighborhoods and communities that are living in the shadows of the site have complained for years about being exposed to exhaust, pollutants, odors, chemicals, and noise that can inevitably affect the health of residents. The site has also had several citations for violations of city code and state law.

The franchise agreements issued by the Board of Public Works, for the transport of oil and gas through underground pipeline infrastructure connected to the West Pico drill site expired in March of 2019. It is currently in a "franchise carryover" status. The carryover status continues the rights and obligations as stated under the expired agreement pending the City's process to consider new terms for a new/extended franchise agreement. The City Council adopted a motion (CF:23-1352) in December 2023 asking for an investigation and imposition of all appropriate fines for violations at this site, options to terminate the franchise agreements for pipelines serving this site, and a list of all expired pipeline franchises in the city.

It is time for the City to move forward and commit to protecting communities from the harmful operations of oil and gas drilling and their detrimental consequences on the environment. The City Council should proceed with the affirmative decision to terminate the West Pico Drill pipeline franchise agreement and the use of all associated pipeline infrastructure.


I THEREFORE MOVE that the Board of Public Works deny any further requests from the Pacific Coast Energy Company, LP to initiate a new franchise agreement for the transport of oil/gas through pipeline infrastructure connected to the West Pico Drill Site, including denying the renewal of any "carryover" status for these agreements; and act immediately to affirmatively terminate the expired franchise agreements for pipelines serving this site.

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