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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(13) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

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Council File Number: 17-0447

Agenda Date: 09/26/2018

Item Number: 14A

Summary: The Boyle Heights Neighborhood Council supports CF 17-0447 Land Use Codes /Oil and Gas Development / Impact on Resident Health and Safety / Code Change Proposals and its resolution in support of establishing a 2500-foot human health and safety buffer around oil drilling operations in the City of Los Angeles. The closer in proximity someone lives, works, and plays to an active oil well, the more severe their health is impacted by this is a major public health issue. Every Angeleno deserves to live in a safe and healthy neighborhood.

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September 26, 2018

Re: Council File 17-0447

Dear Council President Wesson and Los Angeles City Council,

The Boyle Heights Neighborhood Council voted [13 yea, 0 nay, 0 abstain 0 ineligible] in support of CF 17-0447: Land Use Codes/ Oil and Gas Development/ Impact on Resident Health and Safety / Code Change Proposals

We respectfully express our support for an ordinance to establish a minimum of 2,500-foot setback separating oil and gas extraction operations from sensitive land uses such as homes, schools, and hospitals. We would also like to express gratitude to the City Council for the motion passed on June 30, 2017 (Council File # 17-0447). Our community has felt the direct impact of environmental injustices and encourage prioritization of residents' well-being.

Los Angeles contains the largest and most densely populated urban oil field in the nation. There are over 1,000 active oil wells in the City of Los Angeles, and 80 percent of these wells are located within 2,500 feet of a sensitive land use such as a home, school, hospital, or church. Oil and gas extraction sites routinely use and emit toxic chemicals, and these emissions are at their highest and most dangerous concentration at the source of pollution.

Additionally, more than half of the active wells are located in low-income Latino and African-American neighborhoods, such as Wilmington and South L.A., which are already overburdened by environmental hazards. Residents from these neighborhoods have documented serious health problems—including nosebleeds, chronic migraines, nausea, asthma, and other respiratory illness—in addition to daily disruption from drilling noise and vibrations, foul odors, and diesel truck traffic.

Every Angeleno deserves to live in a safe and healthy neighborhood. Oil drilling operations are wholly incompatible with residential neighborhoods, and we urge swift completion of the legal and land use study. Further, upon timely completion of the study, we support the passage of a 2,500-foot setback ordinance but recommend a 3,000 ft set back to alleviate the symptoms and externalities that front-line communities experience daily. Thank you for your action to protect the health and safety of residents living near oil drilling operations.

Sincerely,

The Boyle Heights Neighborhood Council

CC: JOSE HUIZAR, CITY OF LOS ANGELES, COUNCIL DISTRICT 14