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Summary: The Park Mesa Heights Community Council (PMHCC) resolves to support the introduction of an ordinance establishing 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.



Resolution in Support for Approval of a 2500 foot Setback for Oil and Gas Drilling Rigs near or on Residential Property



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April 14, 2018

We, Kahlid A. Al-Alim (President) and Nedra Journigan (At-Large Representative) are submitting this Resolution on behalf of the Park Mesa Heights Community Council and **that on March 13, 2018, a Brown Act noticed public meeting was held by this NC with a quorum of 12 board members present and by unanimous vote of 12 ayes, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions adopted the following resolution:**

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 Angelinos' 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 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 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:

1. The Park Mesa Heights Community Council (PMHCC) resolves to support the introduction of an ordinance establishing 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.
2. The Park Mesa Heights Community Council (PMHCC) authorizes the submission of a community impact statement if such an ordinance does get introduced into the Los Angeles City Council.
3. The Park Mesa Heights Community Council (PMHCC) resolves to support Land Use and Legal Study to determine the feasibility of such an ordinance.
The Park Mesa Heights Community Council (PMHCC) authorizes the submission of a community impact statement if such a study takes place.

Respectfully,

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Jan. 6, 2018

The PMHCC strongly supports a comprehensive analysis regarding the possible implementation of changes to the Los Angeles City's Land Use Codes relative to oil and gas development.

Summary: In support of Council File 17-0447 calling on the Los Angeles City Council 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.

Furthermore, the PMHCC strongly supports a setback of 2,500 feet as a human health and safety buffer to protect sensitive areas from the health and safety risks that are associated with neighborhood drilling. The Park Mesa Heights Community is being impacted by oil and gas operations; Residents, community members and business owners that live, work, go to school, play and Worship are inundated with air, land and dust pollution from the Brownfields oil drilling activities nearby. Not only does our communities suffer from the range of pollution, more likely than not, but the danger of "Chemical Exposure" and "Explosion" from many of the oil drilling activities are happening right in the backyards, on the fence-lines of people's' homes and near our parks.

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