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Action: Support

In reference to City Council and Committees Council File Number: 17-0447:

Resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council supports the establishment of a human health and safety buffer that prohibits oil and gas extraction sites within 2,500 feet of sensitive land uses including homes, schools, early childhood centers, senior centers, hospitals and medical clinics, parks, etc. for the following reasons:

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;

- 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.

- Neighborhood drilling threatens the health and safety of those living along the fence line of these oil wells.

- 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 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;

- 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.

- 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.