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June 30, 2017

Los Angeles City Council
200 N. Spring St.
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Re: Support for Motion for Land Use and Legal Analysis of Setback Around Oil and Gas Extraction in Los Angeles (Council File # 17-0447)

Dear Council President Wesson and Los Angeles City Council:

The issue of neighborhood drilling is of special concern to me. I'm a life-long resident of Los Angeles and have educated myself on what can be done to manage our environment through personal study and volunteering with organizations such as SoCal350 Climate Action. This is a huge health issue for too many Angelenos.

I would like to express my support for an ordinance to establish a 2,500-foot setback separating oil and gas extraction operations from sensitive land uses like homes, schools and hospitals. I would also like to express support for the motion introduced on April 19, 2017 (Council File # 17-0447) directing the City Attorney, Petroleum Administrator and Department of Planning to perform a legal and land use study of such an ordinance. I applaud the leadership of Council President Wesson introducing this motion and to Councilmembers Bonin, Cedillo, Harris-Dawson, Koretz, and Martinez for co-sponsoring the motion.

As a child growing up in Los Angeles, I remember the well head pumps near my home at the corner of Beverly and La Cienega as well as the vast field near our friend's home in Signal Hill. I realize now unhealthy it was for a young child to play in an area that toxic. I am horrified to imagine the health impacts to Angelenos today that must live in such close proximity to an active drilling site.

It is clear that oil drilling operations are wholly incompatible with residential neighborhoods, and I urge the Council to act swiftly to pass the motion for a legal and land use study as an important step toward alleviating the harm that front-line communities experience daily. Every Angeleno deserves to live in a safe, healthy neighborhood.

Please submit this letter to **Council File # 17-0447**.

Thank you for your attention and action on matters that directly impact the health and safety of residents living near oil drilling operations. Please contact me if you have any questions or would like additional information.

Sincerely,

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