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**Council File Nos. 17-0447  
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Councilmember John Lee  
Arts, Parks, Health, Education, and Neighborhoods Committee  
Attention: Eric Villanueva, Legislative Assistant

Councilmember Paul Krekorian  
Budget and Finance Committee  
Attention: Mandy Morales, Legislative Assistant

Councilmember Marqueece Harris-Dawson  
Planning and Land Use Management Committee  
Attention: Armando Bencomo and Leyla Campos, Legislative Assistants

RE: TRANSMITTAL FOR COUNCIL FILE NO. 17-0447

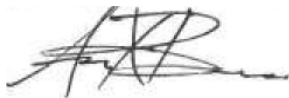
On December 1, 2020, the Energy, Climate Change, and Environmental Justice (ECCEJ) Committee considered the Board of Public Works (BPW) report relative to instructing City departments to report on the feasibility of amending current City Land Use Codes in connection with health impacts at oil and gas wells and drill sites, which is attached to Council File No. 17-0447. The ECCEJ Committee also discussed matters relative to the legal review of the Office of Petroleum and Natural Gas Administration and Safety's (OPNGAS) recommendations in its report entitled *Feasibility of Amending Current City Land Use Codes in Connection with Health Impacts and Oil and Gas Wells and Drill Sites*, attached to Council File No. 17-0447-S1, with input from the OPNGAS and City Attorney's Office. After providing an opportunity for the public comment, the ECCEJ Committee moved to approve the following recommendations:

1. INSTRUCT the Department of City Planning (DCP) to report on the necessary budget and staff needs to further address oil wells in urban residential neighborhoods in the City, including:
  - a. Hiring an expert to conduct an amortization study of drill sites in residential neighborhoods of the City to determine a legally justifiable amortization period for the establishment of health and safety buffers for existing wells, including the development of parameters for this study.
  - b. Developing changes to the zoning code, upon completion of an amortization study, to codify restrictions, processes, and requirements with respect to drill sites in residential neighborhoods, particularly in disadvantaged neighborhoods.

- c. Working with the assistance of the City Attorney to begin drafting an Ordinance in the interim to prohibit oil and gas extraction, and make extraction activities a non-conforming use in all zones.
2. INSTRUCT the Office of Petroleum and Gas Administration and Safety (OPNGAS) to report on the types of health assessments available, and on the costs necessary to conduct health assessments at oil and gas drill sites in residential neighborhoods in the City.
3. INSTRUCT the OPNGAS to participate in the California Air Resources Board's Study of Neighborhood Air near Petroleum Sources (SNAPS) programs and studies and utilize the findings to develop air monitoring and community notification programs for drill sites in residential neighborhoods in the City.
4. INSTRUCT the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) to report on the necessary budget and staff needs if designated with Health Officer Authority, and/or to transfer the Hazardous Waste Generator Program to the LAFD from the County of Los Angeles.
5. ADOPT Recommendations 6 and 10 of the OPNGAS report dated July 29, 2019, attached to Council File No. 17-0447, as follows:
  - a. INSTRUCT the Petroleum Administrator and other relevant City Staff to report back on possible measures to establish Community Emergency Preparedness and Comprehensive Safety Plans at oil and gas drills sites across the City.
  - b. INSTRUCT the Chief Legislative Officer (CLA) to add to the City's Legislative Agenda the funding for additional oil and gas health studies to be conducted by State of California, Southern California Air Quality Management District, and the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health.

Pursuant to the multiple referral of this matter, Council File No. 17-0447 is hereby transmitted to the Arts, Parks, Health, Education, and Neighborhoods; Budget and Finance, and Planning and Land Use Committees for consideration.

Sincerely,



Armando X. Bencomo, Legislative Assistant (former)  
Energy, Climate Change, and Environmental Justice Committee

| <u>MEMBER</u> | <u>VOTE</u> |
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| MARTINEZ:     | YES         |
| KORETZ:       | YES         |
| KREKORIAN:    | YES         |
| CEDILLO:      | YES         |
| O'FARRELL:    | YES         |