

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: As a resident of Los Angeles, I urge the members of the ECCEJR Committee to adjust Agenda item 21-0065 to include language that ensures the revenue generated from this motion contributes to the phase out of fossil fuel production in Los Angeles. Los Angeles is the largest urban oil field in the nation and oil production has been in steady decline for the last few decades. There are over 6,000 unplugged oil wells across LA County, disproportionately threatening the lives of Angelenos of color -- the same communities hit hardest by the COVID-19 pandemic. The oil industry is not covering the full cost of remediation or addressing the industry's negative impacts on our health, our environment, and our economy. The City Council not only has a right but an obligation to ensure that oil operators are paying for the full cost of clean-up and environmental restoration to existing well sites, as well as health and climate impacts from fossil fuel pollution. I urge Council members to amend the motion so that funding goes to the oversight and phase out of fossil fuel extraction, full remediation of well sites, and a just transition for workers and frontline communities to ensure climate resilience. The City Council should consider creating revenue from increasing bonding requirements, fees, and penalties as well as assess and remove any potential subsidies to the fossil fuel industry. Thank you for taking this stand to protect communities, the environment and taxpayers.