

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Alison Hahm

**Date Submitted:** 04/20/2021 02:41 PM

**Council File No:** 17-0447

**Comments for Public Posting:** Low-income communities of color throughout LA exhibit a higher rate of respiratory problems such as asthma caused by aggressive neighborhood oil drilling. These drilling sites are not incidentally concentrated in low-income communities and communities of color – this is the result of decades of racist land use decisions such as redlining and racial covenants. Neighborhood oil drilling sites, often an arm's length from schoolyards and homes, greatly increase and compound toxic emissions. People today should not be forced to live on the frontline of oil drilling. Please approve the Energy Committee recommendations without amendment -- to declare all oil and gas drilling a non-conforming land use and move to phase out oil and gas production city-wide.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Catherine M Ronan

**Date Submitted:** 04/20/2021 04:29 PM

**Council File No:** 17-0447

**Comments for Public Posting:** I ask this committee to vote in support of Council file 17-0447 for three reasons First, oil drilling in our neighborhoods has been shown to jeopardize the health of the residents living nearby. I have seen oil drilling within 25 feet of homes. Disadvantaged neighborhoods and communities of color are disproportionately affected. The state of California has not taken action to make this illegal and, in fact, is continuing to issue permits for new drilling so it is up to us to take steps to protect the health of our community. Second, it is not just the people living nearby who are affected. The gases and particulate matter released by drilling have contributed to our region's smog making us the region with the worst air quality in the nation. Everyone in Los Angeles is impacted. Thirdly, Los Angeles has stated its intention to end its reliance on fossil fuels. Continuing to extract oil and gas right here in our city flies in the face of that promise. The climate crisis is upon us and we must take a stand, here where we live, to stop the extraction of fossil fuels.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Max Phillips

**Date Submitted:** 04/20/2021 02:37 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** The freedom to swing one's arm ends where another's nose begins. The freedom of the Murphy Drill Site, and other drill sites across the country, to pollute the environment ends where citizens's property begins. It is a violation of our rights when our air is polluted and toxic chemicals land on our property. The fact that corporations make money at our expense doesn't rectify that fact. For decades, redlining was U.S. Government policy. White neighborhoods were zoned for single family residences and our neighborhoods were zoned for pollution and mixed use. Today's council vote is one voice in a chorus of legislatures across the country doing the work of rectifying past wrongs. I respectfully urge a yes vote on the motion to end oil and gas drill in Los Angeles County.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Kathy Schaeffer

**Date Submitted:** 04/20/2021 03:16 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** It's time. It's time to protect the residents of our vulnerable communities from the effects of oil extraction in their neighborhoods. It's time to take action on all of the reports, all of the studies, all of the talking. It's time to demonstrate bold leadership. It's time for the City Los Angeles to lead because some state leaders are not willing to take on the oil industry. It's time, because we don't have a minute to waste. Please vote yes to phase out oil and gas extraction within the City of Los Angeles.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jennifer Blue

**Date Submitted:** 04/20/2021 03:19 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** My name is Jennifer Blue - I want to comment on agenda item 14 from the Planning and Land Use Committee meeting on April 20, 2021. I was not called on to comment during the 30 minute designated window. I am a mother of 3 and I live within a mile of 3 oil drilling sites in Jefferson Park. My children went to preschool less than half a mile from the Allen Co site, and they had frequent nosebleeds in those years. We had no idea there was a drill site next so close. My son currently goes to Mid-City Prescott school and has asthma, along with many of his classmates. When they run around and play outside, they are breathing the burn off gas pollution from the Murphy drill site less than half a mile down the street. My mother and father in law live in St John's Retirement Center which is across the street from the Murphy Drill Site. If there were an explosion at the Murphy site from the multiple gas leaks there, they and all of their neighbors would be injured if not killed. Oil drilling and oil processing operations have absolutely no place in the city of LA. We need you - our elected officials - to protect us. Please vote yes on to phase out oil operations in LA.