

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Say that you: Demand that the City perform a proper Environmental Review in the West Pico Drill Site case and reject the improper Categorical Exemption. Say that you: Insist that the City review all unapproved and illegal projects at the West Pico Drill Site now in this review, especially the 24 major illegal oil well projects executed without ZA review since 2000. Say that you: Demand that the City follow its own laws on the regulation of oil drilling, follow the State's CEQA law, and follow the City's own CEQA guidelines that say the drilling or redrilling or conversion of oil wells CANNOT be granted Categorical Exemption from Environmental Review. Say that you: Insist that the City reverse its illegal approval of By-Right Oil Drilling in the West Pico Drill Site case because it is wrong and it endangers the entire City by signaling a green light for oil companies to do anything without applying for reviews and approvals. Say that you: Cannot believe that the City will ever be serious about phasing out oil drilling and production if it continues to allow illegal oil well drilling and rampant non-compliance with City laws and CEQA at oil drill sites. Stricter new laws mean nothing if there is no implementation, inspection, and enforcement by the City. I live on Cardiff ave, near the oil wells.

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Name: Joanne Helperin
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Comments for Public Posting: I live in Beverlywood, a straight shot south on Doheny from Robertson, in District 5 (Paul Koretz). Years ago, I was part of the group that compelled the company drilling oil at Pico-Doheny to monitor air quality, after noxious smells kept plaguing local residents. You can imagine my surprise at the recent developments. So, I'm writing to insist that the City perform a proper Environmental Review in the West Pico Drill Site case and reject the improper Categorical Exemption. This includes reviewing all unapproved and illegal projects at the West Pico Drill Site now in this review, especially the 24 major illegal oil well projects executed without ZA review since 2000. I want the City to follow its OWN laws on the regulation of oil drilling, follow the State's CEQA law, and follow the City's own CEQA guidelines that say the drilling or redrilling or conversion of oil wells CANNOT be granted Categorical Exemption from Environmental Review. I ask that that the City reverse its illegal approval of By-Right Oil Drilling in the West Pico Drill Site case because it is wrong and it endangers the entire City by signaling a green light for oil companies to do anything without applying for reviews and approvals! Why should I believe that the city is serious about phasing out oil drilling and production if it continues to allow illegal oil well drilling and rampant non-compliance with City laws and CEQA at oil drill sites? Stricter new laws mean nothing if there is no implementation, inspection, and enforcement by the City. Resident of the City have a lot of reasons to move out these days -- I can't tell you how many friends of mine have moved out in the last year -- and illegal oil drilling in a RESIDENTIAL area is just one more nail in the coffin. I hope you'll take residents' requests seriously.
Thanks, Joanne