

Communication from Public

Name: Sam Yebri

Date Submitted: 09/21/2021 09:07 AM

Council File No: 21-1025

Comments for Public Posting: Re: Support Appeal Filed By NASE (Council File #21-1025) Dear Los Angeles City Council: As a concerned Los Angeles resident, attorney, former Los Angeles City Commissioner, father of four children, and candidate for Los Angeles City Council to represent the 5th Council District ("CD5"), I am writing to express my strong support for the appeal filed by Neighbors for A Safe Environment ("NASE") (Council File #21-1025) (the "Appeal"). For far too long, residents of Los Angeles, including families like my own in CD5, have been forced to live near dangerous and largely unregulated urban oil and gas wells that are active under our homes, schools, and homes of worship. I join thousands of concerned residents in supporting the Appeal filed by NASE. Specifically, we demand that the City of Los Angeles perform a proper Environmental Review in the West Pico Drill Site case and reject the improper Categorical Exemption. In addition, the City must immediately review all unapproved and illegal projects at the West Pico Drill Site, especially the illegal oil well projects executed without ZA review since 2000. The City must comply with its own laws governing the regulation of oil drilling and state and city CEQA laws. Angelenos demand that unregulated by-right oil drilling end and demand that the City Council pass and enforce a robust inspection ordinance forthwith. The time for excuses and delay is over. The health and safety of our families and neighborhoods are being threatened. I vigorously urge the City Council to grant the Appeal. Sincerely, Sam Yebri

September 21, 2021

Los Angeles City Hall
200 N. Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'SE', followed by a long horizontal flourish.

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Name: Pamela White

Date Submitted: 09/21/2021 10:37 AM

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Communication from Public

Name: Leslie McDowell

Date Submitted: 09/21/2021 03:17 PM

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