

Communication from Public

Name: Jon Kohan
Date Submitted: 09/23/2021 09:32 AM
Council File No: 21-1025
Comments for Public Posting: We Demand that the City perform a proper Environmental Review in the West Pico Drill Site case and reject the improper Categorical Exemption. We 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. We 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. We 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. We 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. My family and extended family live within 1 mile of this site. That is over 30 people not to mention over another 100 families.

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Name: Adam
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Comments for Public Posting: I am a CD #5 resident who lives near the drill site. As a former board member of the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council and a member of its Public Safety committee. I was shown the evidence by NASE that the West Pico Drill site has ignored numerous laws and agreements. The oil company has never even bothered to refute this evidence. The city has never bothered to inspect or enforce its own rules. Lives are at stake here. This drill site is in the middle of a huge residential neighborhood. Thousands of kids live or go to school in a 20 mile radius. Aside from that, the pollution and health effects of the site and city's lack of enforcement open up the city to enormous legal liability. All we want is that the rules should be enforced; I don't want new rules passed. Inspect the site, inspect the documents, if the oil site is actually in compliance it can stay. But, if they have violated laws and agreements - as I think they have - then they must be shut down. Thank you for doing your duty to the residents of our neighborhood.