

Communication from Public

Name: Pamela White

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Comments for Public Posting: I live in very close proximity to the West Pico Drill Site, which is CD #5. I support NASE's appeal to the City Council. I am writing to: Demand that the City perform a proper Environmental Review in the West Pico Drill Site case and reject the improper Categorical Exemption; and 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; and 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; and 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; and To tell you that I 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. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

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Name: Batsheva Kasdan

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Comments for Public Posting: I live five blocks away from the West Pico Drill Site. It's bizarre and extremely distressing that the city has been ignoring its own laws on regulating oil drilling, California's CEQA law, and the City's own CEQA guidelines. These guidelines clearly state that the drilling, re-drilling or conversion of oil wells CANNOT be granted Categorical Exemption from Environmental Review. Why is the City not performing a proper Environmental Review in the West Pico Drill Site case and rejecting the improper Categorical Exemption? Why are you not reviewing all unapproved and illegal projects at the West Pico Drill Site, especially the 24 major illegal oil well projects executed without ZA review since 2000? I urge you to reverse your illegal approval of By-Right Oil Drilling in the West Pico Drill Site case - it endangers the entire City by giving the green light for oil companies to do whatever they want without applying for reviews and approvals. How can the City claim to 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 inspection, and enforcement by the City. Sincerely,
Batsheva Kasdan