

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: It is understood that we are in the midst of a climate emergency. Progress is being made for CF 17-0447, especially with regard to oil extraction being categorized as a non-conforming land use. It is critical that this motion be passed as soon as possible, however, so the real work of phasing out oil extraction facilities can begin. We urge the appropriate councilmembers to waive this motion through the Arts, Parks, Health, Education and Neighborhoods Committee and put it up for a vote before the full council as soon as possible. Kathy Schaeffer Legislative Coordinator San Fernando Valley Climate Reality Project

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Comments for Public Posting: I am submitting general comment to urge LA City Council to move forward the pending motion on the oil drilling ordinance and approve it by the end of the year. The recent Orange County oil disaster, which spewed oil in California's oceans, forcing the closure of beaches, is a stark reminder that there is no safe way to drill or transport fossil fuels. LA's frontline residents are all too familiar with the health and safety hazards such as leaks and spills caused by oil operations. It's important to remember that we can't close down neighborhoods when oil disasters strike in communities that house children and families. There is no safe way to drill or transport oil in neighborhoods. It's been years since a formal process started in this Council to address neighborhood drilling. It's been almost a year since the current motion to phase out oil drilling was passed by its first committee, and it still has one more committee to clear. We ask you to act with the same kind of urgency that other elected officials are showing in response to the Orange County oil disaster. This is your opportunity to stand with frontline communities and send a clear message that the City's decades-long policies of environmental racism and neglect are finally coming to an end.
Very truly yours, Alison Hahm (CBE)