

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Parmer Fuller and Narcissa Vanderlip

**Date Submitted:** 10/29/2021 10:52 AM

**Council File No:** 21-1025

**Comments for Public Posting:** I ask that the City perform a proper Environmental Review in the West Pico Drill Site case and reject the improper Categorical Exemption. I ask 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. I ask 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. I 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. I am skeptical 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 Cheviot Drive. I live near the West Pico Drill Site and closely adjacent to the Rancho Park Drill Site and the Hillcrest Country Club Drill Site. (No other part of Los Angeles has as many oil drill sites in as close proximity.) Thank you. Parmer Fuller

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Cherie Lewis

**Date Submitted:** 10/29/2021 03:17 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I have been a resident of Los Angeles for over three decades. I now live in zip code 90035. Because I live relatively close to the West Pico Drill Site, I often shop in this general area. For many years, I have been concerned with the location of the Drill Site and the unpleasant odor that it constantly emits. I now request that the City of Los Angeles quickly perform a proper Environmental Review related to the West Pico Drill Site case. I adamantly reject the totally improper Categorical Exemption. I also request that, as part of the Environmental Review, the City immediately review every unapproved & illegal project at the West Pico Drill Site. I am especially concerned about the 24 major illegal oil well projects that have been executed since the year 2000 without ZA review. This situation is inexcusable. Further, I request the City engage in the following conduct: (1) Follow its own laws on the regulation of oil drilling, (2) Follow the State's CEQA law, and (3) Follow the City's own CEQA guidelines which mandate that drilling, redrilling, and oil well conversion CANNOT be granted Categorical Exemption from Environmental Review. I insist that the City immediately reverse its arguably illegal approval of "By-Right Oil Drilling" in the West Pico Drill Site case, because this approval arguably violates the law and definitely endangers the entire City by signaling a green light for oil companies to do whatever they like without applying for reviews and approvals. If the City continues to allow illegal oil well drilling and rampant non-compliance with City laws & CEQA at oil drill sites, the City will be unable to phase out oil drilling and production. In brief, stricter new laws mean nothing and have no impact, if the City fails to engage in implementation, inspection, and enforcement.

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Andrea Leon-Grossmann

**Date Submitted:** 10/29/2021 02:48 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear City Councilmembers and West Los Angeles Area Planning Commission Members: As an environmental justice advocate, a published author of two books about fracking and renewable energy and a resident of Los Angeles, I demand that the City perform a proper Environmental Review in the West Pico Drill Site case and fully reject the improper Categorical Exemption. In 2017, I was poisoned by the Rancho Park oil well due to a mercaptan leak that could have been avoided and if there is something that I have learned dealing with the mercenaries in the oil & gas industry is that they cannot be trusted and no regulation is good enough to ensure public safety and public health. Even so, these greedy entities try everything in their power to exploit and circumvent the weak regulations that we now have. I must 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. I 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. In December 2020, we had a City Council vote to Direct the City Attorney to draft an ordinance declaring oil and gas drilling a non-conforming land use throughout Los Angeles, why on earth would we allow mercenaries to not only continue to poison Angelenos, but to do so by exempting them from basic regulations? The City must 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. It is hard to 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 city regulators. Sincerely, Andrea León-Grossmann Council District 5