

## Communication from Public

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I SUPPORT the appeal\_ by NASE (Neighbors for A Safe Environment) to overturn the ‘Categorical Exemption from Environmental Review’ at the West Pico Drill Site. The City simply cannot allow illegal oil well drilling and rampant non-compliance with City laws and CEQA at oil drill sites. Stricter new laws under consideration will mean nothing if there is no implementation, inspection, and enforcement of the City’s current laws. This exemption is unsupportable. The 2017 odorant leak in Rancho Park drew my attention to the magnitude of the problem of still-active oil drill sites in my neighborhood. I didn’t really comprehend, when we moved into WLA in 1994, that oil extraction remained such an active proposition here. But what I really had no inkling of, is the utter stagnation of the City’s regulatory apparatus in overseeing these activities, and its abdication of responsibility for prioritizing the safety and security of its citizenry living amongst it. But I understand now that this legacy continues apace in the Cheviot Hills and West Pico drill sites, with these facilities’ brazen disregard of building and equipment-installation regulations, maintenance and safety inspections. I’m at a loss to understand how our political representatives could be so cavalier about their constituents’ safety. As former secretary of the Mar Vista Community Council (an official NC) and current elected delegate to the Democratic LA County Central Committee, I could not condone prioritizing the needs of the extraction industry at the expense of my constituents. I will tell them as much. And I will communicate that I will never endorse politicians who would. Please **\*SUPPORT\*** \_NASE's appeal to overturn the Categorical Exemption from Environmental Review at the West Pico Drill Site\_. Thank you. Sara Roos CD11, AD54; Mar Vista