

Communication from Public

Name: Elaine Kamil

Date Submitted: 12/14/2021 02:05 PM

Council File No: 21-1025

Comments for Public Posting: I am a pediatrician, Professor of Pediatrics at the David Geffen School of Medicine and at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center. I am a long time resident of Cheviot Hills and I am concerned about oil drilling in and near our residential area. I insist that the City perform a proper Environmental Review in the West Pico Drill Site case and reject the improper Categorical Exemption. I 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. The City needs to 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 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. Looking forward to a safe and ethical resolution of this problem, Elaine S. Kamil, MD

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Name: Teri Cohan Link

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Comments for Public Posting: There has been an oil spill at the West Pico Drill site this week. This is further proof of the environmental impact this site has in our community and highlights the failures both from the City and PCEC to mitigate. I expect the City to perform a proper Environmental Review of the West Pico Drill Site case and reject the improper Categorical Exemption. All unapproved and illegal projects at the West Pico Drill Site particularly the 24 major illegal oil well projects executed since 2000 without ZA review, NEED to be REVIEWED. I expect our City to follow the State, CEQA, and own CEQA guidelines that clearly state that drilling or redrilling or conversion of oil wells cannot be granted a categorical exemption from Environmental Review. I expect the City to reverse its illegal approval of "By-Right" oil drilling in the West Pico Drill Site. It's wrong and dangerous to the whole City because it signals that oil companies have a "right" to do whatever they please without applying for reviews and approvals. I live a bit over a mile from the West Pico Drill site and about 2 miles from the Rancho Park Drill site. This matters to the quality and health of our City and our neighborhoods.

Communication from Public

Name: helen chaudhuri

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Name: Saran K.

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Comments for Public Posting: The oil spill as proof that there is environmental impact and a spectacular failure of protecting the community from such an event. I do not live that far from the oil well, can walk there in 15 or so minutes, stop the drilling NOW please.

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