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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(15) Nay(0) Abstain(1) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

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Summary: The United Neighborhoods of the Historic Arlington Heights, West Adams and Jefferson Park Communities Neighborhood Council (UNNC) SUPPORTS the motion, Council File 17-0447-S2, Proposed Oil Drilling Ban (Ordinance), if amended. UNNC supports the eventual ban on these operations in our community and throughout the city, but we are concerned about many aspects of the proposal, not least of which is that this process is far too rushed for anyone to make a deep consideration of the issues. In the first draft of the ordinance, one of UNNC's primary concerns was that the goal of closing drill sites should not require eliminating from the Code all current (and necessary) safety and environmental protections and potential remedies that serve to protect our community and provide a proven path to redress grievances. Thankfully, the current version retains the Zoning Administrator's oversight provisions and the ability to impose updated protective conditions has not been deleted from the ordinance. But other issues remain: 1). CPC and now this Council Committee have been asked to approve an environmental document, ENV-2022-4865-MND, that is still circulating for public comment until mid-October; and without a specified process within the ordinance for final site remediation (full clean-up to avoid environmental disaster). This project clearly has unmitigated potential significant impacts and thus is not eligible for an MND -- an EIR is required. 2). It is problematic to have an open-ended amortization period. 3). Despite public testimony pointing out the error, there is no process describing site closures, site remediation requirements, operator responsibility for remediation without abandonment, required completion bonds, etc. UNNC strongly requests that the final ordinance provides a complete and mandatory methodology for not just the closure of these sites, but also their remediation by operators (not taxpayers) so the land can be used for other beneficial purposes.