

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Catherine M Ronan

**Date Submitted:** 11/16/2020 12:12 PM

**Council File No:** 17-0447

**Comments for Public Posting:** I stand with STAND LA in requesting that the City of Los Angeles (1) Require that all oil wells within 2500' of inhabited areas be sunsetted within 5 years via a just transition using the oil company's revenue to retrain their workers to do so. (2) That all oil and gas storage and/or production facilities provide adequate bonding to protect residents within a half-mile of their operations by demanding an escrow account funded by 1/4 of their quarterly gross revenue. And if not needed to address costs of a disaster or other risks incurred, that the money remains in escrow to be used for properly plugging their abandoned & end-of-life wells. (3) If any owner/ operator cannot afford to carry out the above two requirements, they thereby go into receivership to address these critical needs for the well-being of the climate, of their workers, and of all who reside in or come within a half-mile of their operations.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Elisabeth Wahlander

**Date Submitted:** 11/25/2020 09:09 AM

**Council File No:** 17-0447

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear ECCEJ Committee and Mayor Garcetti, My name is Elisabeth Wahlander and I am a resident of Los Angeles from Highland Park. I am writing to you today to urge you to pass a buffer of 2,500 feet between all fossil fuel infrastructure and the places where people live, work, and learn in order to protect the health and safety of our communities. In Los Angeles, over 750 oil wells are located within dangerous distances from people's homes, schools, and workplaces. This places all of those people at risk of developing severe health consequences as well as soil and water contamination due to the toxic chemicals emitted by fossil fuel extraction. Most of these oil drill sites are placed in low income and BIPOC communities. This is outrageous. LA city council must take action and enact a 2500ft buffer zone to protect Los Angeles residents. Even though I live in an area that is not near these wells, I experience negative health effects from the poor air quality that is pervasive in Los Angeles. When the AQI is above 80 I experience headaches fatigue, and memory issues. I can only imagine the health issues that these families and children on the frontlines are dealing with. None of us are healthy until all of us are healthy. Once again, I am asking you to enact a 2500 foot health and safety buffer zone between fossil fuel infrastructure and the places where people live. Your inaction costs lives when the health of so many Angelenos is on the line. Sincerely, Elisabeth Wahlander

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Stephanie Tong

**Date Submitted:** 11/25/2020 09:13 AM

**Council File No:** 17-0447

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear ECCEJ Committee and Mayor Garcetti, My name is Stephanie Tong and I am a resident of Los Angeles in Atwater Village. I am writing to you today to urge you to pass a buffer of 2,500 feet between all fossil fuel infrastructure and the places where people live, work, and learn in order to protect the health and safety of our communities. In Los Angeles, over 750 oil wells are located within dangerous distances from people's homes, schools, and workplaces. This places all of those people at risk of developing severe health consequences as well as soil and water contamination due to the toxic chemicals emitted by fossil fuel extraction. Most of these oil drill sites are placed in low income and BIPOC communities. This is outrageous. LA city council must take action and enact a 2500-foot buffer zone to protect Los Angeles residents. It's too easy to live a life of convenience using fossil fuels for energy while ignoring the families that suffer day in and day out living next to fossil fuel infrastructure. No longer can you live a life of ignorance. You know you can save lives. You know we will unseat you if you ignore the messages. Once again, I am asking you to enact a 2500-foot health and safety buffer zone between fossil fuel infrastructure and the places where people live. Your inaction costs lives when the health of so many Angelenos is on the line. Sincerely, Stephanie

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Domenica Leibowitz

**Date Submitted:** 11/25/2020 09:21 AM

**Council File No:** 17-0447

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear ECCEJ Committee and Mayor Garcetti, My name is Domenica and I'm an LA resident in the Pacific Palisades. I am writing to you today to urge you to pass a buffer of 2,500 feet between all fossil fuel infrastructure and the places where people live, work, and learn in order to protect the health and safety of our communities. In Los Angeles, over 750 oil wells are located within dangerous distances from people's homes, schools, and workplaces. This places all of those people at risk of developing severe health consequences as well as soil and water contamination due to the toxic chemicals emitted by fossil fuel extraction. Most of these oil drill sites are placed in low income and BIPOC communities. This is outrageous. LA city council must take action and enact a 2500ft buffer zone to protect Los Angeles residents. I work in sustainability, specifically related to the fashion industry. To me it's crazy that our city can set ambitious goals as laid out in our Green New Deal while ignoring our dark ties (historically and present) with the oil industry and the series consequences it has on the health of thousands of angelinos. Especially our youth, the future of our city, who are sick. Once again, I am asking you to enact a 2500 foot health and safety buffer zone between fossil fuel infrastructure and the places where people live. Your inaction costs lives when the health of so many Angelenos is on the line. Sincerely, Domenica Leibowitz

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Andrew Bartels

**Date Submitted:** 11/25/2020 09:25 AM

**Council File No:** 17-0447

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear ECCEJ Committee and Mayor Garcetti, My name is Andrew Bartels, and I am a resident of Los Angeles from Los Feliz. In February, I attended Fire Drill Friday at City Hall, where a host of speakers detailed the urgency of the climate crisis. One of those speakers was Nalleli Cobo, a youth activist who has suffered from all sorts of health problems as a result of living near an oil site. That day in February, she revealed she had a rare and aggressive cancer and would not be able to have children. For obvious reasons, I have not forgotten Cobo's story. I hope you will keep it in mind when making decisions as a member of the Council's ECCEJ Committee. One decision you could make now is to enact a buffer of 2,500 feet between all fossil fuel infrastructure and the places where people live, work, and learn in order to protect the health and safety of our communities. In Los Angeles, over 750 oil wells are located within dangerous distances from people's homes, schools, and workplaces. This places all of those people at risk of developing severe health consequences as well as soil and water contamination due to the toxic chemicals emitted by fossil fuel extraction. Most of these oil drill sites are placed in low income and BIPOC communities like the one where Nalleli Cobo lived. This is outrageous. LA city council must take action and enact a 2500ft buffer zone to protect Los Angeles residents. Your inaction costs lives when the health of so many Angelenos is on the line. Sincerely, Andrew Bartels

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jessica Spotts

**Date Submitted:** 11/25/2020 09:31 AM

**Council File No:** 17-0447

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear ECCEJ Committee and Mayor Garcetti, My name is Jessica Spotts and I am a resident of Los Angeles from Studio City. I am writing to you today to urge you to pass a buffer of 2,500 feet between all fossil fuel infrastructure and the places where people live, work, and learn in order to protect the health and safety of our communities. In Los Angeles, over 750 oil wells are located within dangerous distances from people's homes, schools, and workplaces. This places all of those people at risk of developing severe health consequences as well as soil and water contamination due to the toxic chemicals emitted by fossil fuel extraction. Most of these oil drill sites are placed in low income and BIPOC communities. This is outrageous. LA city council must take action and enact a 2500ft buffer zone to protect Los Angeles residents. In my experience, just from nearby smoke and fires, having environmental factors detrimental to health impacts work quality and health. The same goes for the thousands of harmful chemicals and effects of oil wells on residents. It's dangerous and complete insanity that this is allowed to go on. But I believe you all can make a difference and change this to protect Angelenos. And if you're afraid of oil lobbies and companies paying your election money - just know they are killing the planet and people with their business model every day. And they literally cannot continue with business as normal if we want to have functioning society in the next 40-50 years. We must all do our part to take responsibility and enact meaningful change. And this is one clear concrete step you can take to do so - Once again, I am asking you to enact a 2500 foot health and safety buffer zone between fossil fuel infrastructure and the places where people live. Your inaction costs lives when the health of so many Angelenos is on the line. Sincerely, Jessica Spotts

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Catherine Newell-Hanson

**Date Submitted:** 11/25/2020 09:35 AM

**Council File No:** 17-0447

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear ECCEJ Committee and Mayor Garcetti, My name is Catherine and I am a resident of mid-city Los Angeles. I used to live closed to the Baldwin Hills drilling sites. I am writing to you today to urge you to pass a buffer of 2,500 feet between all fossil fuel infrastructure and the places where people live, work, and learn in order to protect the health and safety of our communities. In Los Angeles, over 750 oil wells are located within dangerous distances from people's homes, schools, and workplaces. This places all of those people at risk of developing severe health consequences as well as soil and water contamination due to the toxic chemicals emitted by fossil fuel extraction. Most of these oil drill sites are placed in low income and BIPOC communities. This is outrageous. LA city council must take action and enact a 2500ft buffer zone to protect Los Angeles residents. I used to live near Baldwin Hills, and when I moved to LA, I was shocked that these sites were so close to people's homes. I then learnt that this was the case throughout Los Angeles and beyond, and I couldn't believe that in 2020, with the specter of the climate crisis looming large over California, that this buffer zone has not yet been enacted (let alone phasing out fossil fuels entirely, urgently.) Additionally, this is a racial justice issue, with these sites disproportionately affecting people of color and lower-income communities. Is this the best we can do as a city? I believe not, I think we can do better and start making urgent changes to lead the way for the rest of the state, and this country. Be the change! Once again, I am asking you to enact a 2500 foot health and safety buffer zone between fossil fuel infrastructure and the places where people live. Your inaction costs lives when the health of so many Angelenos is on the line. Sincerely, Catherine Newell-Hanson

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Joanna Kenney

**Date Submitted:** 11/25/2020 10:00 AM

**Council File No:** 17-0447

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear ECCEJ Committee and Mayor Garcetti, My name is Joanna Kenney. I am writing to you today to urge you to pass a buffer of 2,500 feet between all fossil fuel infrastructure and the places where people live, work, and learn in order to protect the health and safety of our communities. In Los Angeles, over 750 oil wells are located within dangerous distances from people's homes, schools, and workplaces. This places all of those people at risk of developing severe health consequences as well as soil and water contamination due to the toxic chemicals emitted by fossil fuel extraction. Most of these oil drill sites are placed in low income and BIPOC communities. This is unsafe and discriminatory. LA city council must take action and enact a 2500ft buffer zone to protect Los Angeles residents. Once again, I am asking you to enact a 2500 foot health and safety buffer zone between fossil fuel infrastructure and the places where people live. Your inaction costs lives when the health of so many Angelenos is on the line. I care about people who have to live near extraction sites, and I'm sure you do, too. Sincerely, Joanna E Kenney