



April 22, 2019

Herb J. Wesson, Jr., President
Los Angeles City Council, District 10
200 N. Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Subject: Delay in addressing active oil and gas extraction sites in residential neighborhoods (CF # 17- 0447)

Dear President Wesson,

The San Pedro Democratic Club supports the establishment of a 2500 ft setback ordinance between oil and gas operations and sensitive land uses in Los Angeles.

As an organization representing the City's highly impacted Harbor Area communities of San Pedro, Wilmington, Harbor City, and Harbor Gateway, we are writing to express our concern about the continued delay in City Council's consideration of a human health and safety buffer ordinance addressing active oil and gas extraction sites in residential neighborhoods. We ask you to take concrete and prompt action to ensure substantial progress in the next three months on this important public health issue: 1) ensure the release of 18-month overdue report; 2) promptly agendize the report at the Health Committee and other relevant Council committees; and 3) introduce a new motion to draft such an ordinance.

The 2018 Los Angeles County Department of Public Health report on health impacts and risks reaffirmed what residents and independent researchers already knew and experienced about the health risks associated with close proximity to active oil and gas activity. Yet nearly 230,000 Los Angeles residents continue to live within 2,500 feet of one of these facilities at great risk to their health and children's health and futures.

We expect that Councilmembers will act with all deliberate speed to enact this common sense measure to protect public health and safety and advance racial, economic, and environmental justice in our City. We ask City Council ensure the release of the Petroleum Administrator's report to move this process forward. We await your response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carrie Scoville".

Carrie Scoville, President

cc: Councilmembers Gil Cedillo CD1, Nury Martinez CD6, Marqueece Harris-Dawson CD8, Mike Bonin, CD11, and Joe Buscaino CD15

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