

Resolution in support of establishing a 2500-foot human health and safety buffer around oil drilling operations in the City of Los Angeles

Whereas Los Angeles is one of the only places in the United States where oil drilling occurs right in the middle of a densely-populated urban metropolis;

Whereas City Council District 15 contains 55% of the active wells in the City of Los Angeles, impacting residents, students, and workers throughout the Harbor area, and a total of more than 620,000 Angelenos live within a mile of an active oil well;

Whereas living next door to neighborhood drilling means chronic headaches and migraines, frequent nosebleeds, asthma and other respiratory illness, reproductive harm and an increased risk of cancer;

Whereas studies show that a buffer of at least 2,500 feet between active oil wells and these sensitive land uses is necessary to protect community health from oil extraction;

Whereas the City of Los Angeles is a leader at the forefront of enacting policies to protect the environment and address global climate change, including the Sustainable City pLAN requiring dramatic reductions in GHG emissions with an 80% GHG reduction target by 2050;

The Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council resolves to support the establishment by the Los Angeles City Council of an ordinance establishing a health and human safety buffer that prohibits oil drilling within 2,500 feet of sensitive land uses including homes, schools, early childhood centers, senior centers, hospitals and medical clinics, parks, etc.

The Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council further resolves to submit this as a community impact statement in support of such an ordinance.