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# COASTAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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## CSPNC Sustainability and Environment Committee Meeting Agenda

**Monday November 27, 2017, 6.30 pm**

Marine Exchange Conference Room

3601 S Gaffey Street #803

San Pedro CA 90731

**Participation is open to all Stakeholders of the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council.**

**Note: Anything on this agenda could result in a motion.**

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- 1) Call to Order 6.30 pm
- 2) Motion to support Stand LA and the suggested 2500 ft buffer zone around active oil and gas operations (motion attached at the end of the agenda)
- 3) Citizens' Climate Lobby (CCL) Presentation by South Bay / Long Beach chapter member Jeffrey Cohlberg
- 4) Discuss strategies for increased impact on issues. For example utilizing NC slots on City council or Harbor commissioners agendas or filing Community Impact Statements
- 5) Discuss other topics of concern
- 6) Public Comment-Non Agenda Items
- 7) Adjournment

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## 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 Over 620,000 Angelinos live within a mile of an active oil well;

*Whereas*, the City of Los Angeles contains over 1,000 active oil wells and 80% are located within 2,500 feet of a sensitive land use, impacting residents, students and workers;

*Whereas*, neighborhood drilling threatens the health and safety of those living along the fence line of these oil wells;

*Whereas*, oil and gas extraction sites routinely use and emit as byproducts toxic chemicals that are known carcinogens, endocrine disruptors, and are harmful to multiple organ systems. These include but are not limited to formaldehyde, hydrochloric acid, hydrofluoric acid, naphthalene, xylene, benzene and volatile organic compounds;

*Whereas*, the primary health risk factor associated with oil and gas development within urban areas is proximity to active sites, because any toxic emission will be at its highest and most dangerous concentration at the source of pollution;

*Whereas*, the closer you live, work, and play to an active oil well, the more severely your health and safety are threatened. Whereas living next door to neighborhood drilling means chronic headaches and migraines, frequent nosebleeds, exacerbated asthma and other respiratory illness, reproductive harm and an increased risk of cancer;

*Whereas*, the transport, onsite storage and use of toxic and flammable chemicals in industrial facilities in close proximity to homes and other sensitive land uses also raises the risk of catastrophic accidents;

*Whereas*, neighborhood drilling is incompatible with public health and has no place near sensitive land uses such as homes, schools, churches or daycare facilities; and 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 Sustainability City pLAN requiring dramatic reductions in GHG emissions with an 80% GHG reduction target by 2050 and more recent commitments by Mayor Garcetti and the City of Los Angeles to expedite the transition to renewable energy and meet GHG reduction goals;

*Whereas*, the City of Los Angeles has a duty to protect the health and safety of its residents and can use its power over land use and oil operations to protect those residents in this instance;

*Resolved*, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council supports the establishment of a human health and 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.

*Further resolved*, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council will issue a Community Impact Statement to Council File 17-0447 stating as much.