



COASTAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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At the recent public meeting of the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council, the following resolution was passed by the Board of Directors:

Council File 20-0002-S120 - RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AB345 REGARDING ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AND SETBACKS FOR OIL AND GAS EXTRACTION FACILITIES

Whereas Assembly Bill 345 (Al Muratsuchi, CA Assembly 66th District) would require

1. the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency to create an environmental justice program within the agency to identify and address any gaps in existing programs, policies, or activities that may impede the achievement of environmental justice; and,
2. the department to, on or before July 1, 2022, adopt regulations to protect public health and safety near oil and gas extraction facilities. The bill would require those regulations to include safety requirements and the establishment of a minimum setback distance between oil and gas activities and sensitive receptors such as schools, childcare facilities, playgrounds, residences, hospitals, and health clinics based on health, scientific, and other data, and would require the department to consider a setback distance of 2,500 feet at schools, playgrounds, and public facilities where children are present, and a range of other protective measures, including, but not limited to, enhanced monitoring and maintenance requirements. Because a violation of these regulations would be a crime, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program. The bill would require the department to comply with certain consultation and public participation requirements before adopting the regulations, as provided.

Whereas AB345 passed the California State Senate on January 23, 2020 and on referral to the Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee on August 5, 2020, failed on a vote of five Noes and four Ayes). Whereas the coalition supporting AB345 will continue to encourage establishment of setback and other health and safety protections around oil and gas extraction activities.

Whereas the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council previously supported a 2,500 foot setback between oil and gas activities and sensitive receptors and supports Environmental Justice.

Therefore be it resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council supports the implementation of the measures defined in AB345 in the state and the implementation of AB345 measures in the City and County of Los Angeles. **Be it further resolved** that the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council **supports council file 20-0002-S96**

Reference https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB345

Resolution passed with 15 yes (Cade, Dominguez, Ellis, Epperhart, Gelfand, Gould, Havenick, Herman, Hernandez, Kohn, Koczynski, Martin, Muthuswamy, Pentcheff, and Rudisill), 0 no, and 0 abstention.

Please contact Richard Havenick, Chair of the CSPNC Environment & Sustainability Committee, at 310-918-8650 should you have any questions related to this letter.

Sincerely,

Doug Epperhart, President
On behalf of the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council Board