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The following individuals submitted comments on agenda item: Position Comments Agenda # Relate To Name 8. Favor Fred Brown Gladys Delgadillo The Center for Biological Diversity submits the following attachments in support of agenda item 8. The first is a petition from Los Angeles County residents, and Center supporters, urging the Board to phase out oil drilling throughout the County (including the Inglewood Oil Field) within 5 years. It has been collecting signatures since the Board's first motion on this topic. The second is an excel sheet w/ comments our supporters submitted specifically in response to agenda item 8, once the agenda item was posted. Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you for your consideration. Sincerely, Gladys Delgadillo (she/her) Organizer, Climate Law Institute Center for Biological Diversity Paulina Torres Bring down our gas prices. Stop sending our California oil to China and Oppose Ben T Ukraine. Debra Layton September 26, 2022 The Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 W Temple Street Los Angeles, CA 90012 RE: Hearing on Project No. PRJ2020-000246-(1-5) and Advance Planning Case No. RPPL2020000624-(1-5) Signal Hill Petroleum is providing the following comments relating to the Los Angeles County proposed amendment to the Oil Well Ordinance. We ask that these comments be made part of the record of proceedings regarding this ordinance. Signal Hill Petroleum is a privately owned, California-based energy group specializing in responsible and sustainable exploration, development, and production of oil and gas in Southern California. All of Signal Hill Petroleum's production goes to local refineries and returns to the region as the critically

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	important liquid transportation fuels: gasoline, diesel and jet fuel.
	Our comments are: 1. Application of Amortization is Improper a. Amortization constitutes an unconstitutional taking of private property without just compensation. 2. The finding of a Public Health Risk is not supported. The studies cited to support the ordinance did not: a. Show evidence of harm from traditional wells operated in California. b. Account for environmental health factors other than oil operations such as effects proximity to transportation corridors and proximity to other industries and commercial uses. c. conduct actual air sampling and analysis. 3. The determination of a Categorical Exemption per CEQA is flawed and incorrect. 4. The determination that the ordinance has no potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. 5. The ordinance will most likely increase the prices for gasoline and diesel in Southern California. According to the US Energy Administration, oil inventory on the West Coast is at its lowest level in about a decade while gas prices are continuing to rise. California electricity prices are amongst the highest in the nation, the Russian Ukraine war adds extreme uncertainty to the global energy market and our national security is at risk. The Oil Well Ordinance you decide today will only exacerbate the unnecessary energy mess that the State of California has created. The policy decisions you make could make affordable energy UNATTAINABLE for Angelinos. Please consider your role when an Angelino must take transportation to work to support their family, or when they need heat or cool their home or are looking for employment with no college degree and find work in the oil and
	gas industry. We urge you all to support the California families and not pass this politically driven ordinance based on misinformation. Sincerely,
	Debra Montalvo Layton Vice President Signal Hill Petroleum
Eloy Armendariz	
Jacob Itzkowitz	
	If adopted, this ordinance would bring about the phase out of oil and gas
Jennifer Heighton	production in Los Angeles County and result in the condemnation of our private property. I understand, and fully agree, that protecting the public is an



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	important goal, however, I am also concerned that the revenue we receive from oil production, that has helped us to support our property for many years, will be coming to an end. Our property was purchased by my Great Grand Father in 1911. The property has been a treasured family retreat for 111 years. If you are going to take away my mineral rights, I feel that I should be compensated accordingly. We will be forced to sell our property if we don't have the income to help support it. Thank you for your time and consideration.
Jessica Paquette	This ordinance is going to force small operators into Bankruptcy and the county is going to get stuck with orphan wells. With SB1137 why is the county taking the litigation risk. Let the state take control
Jessica Paquette	
Jonathan Gregory	
Kary Weybrew	There is no safe oil well drilling or fracking in our neighborhoods. This has been clearly demonstrated in many states and communities. Drinking water, unsettling our earth's foundation, natural gases, it is not worth the trouble it stirs up. Regardless of what "cost" or "reliance" on foreign or domestic oil producer, it is clear California is moving to become NOT reliant on fossil fuels by moving to NO fossil fuels by not selling gas dependent cars by 2035 so why would we move to loosen our regulations on this? This is clearly a financial move if passed and not one that is meant to enhance our environment or the health of our residents of our communities.
Oliver Sweningsen	
Pamela C McVicar	Please protect small minority businesses and oppose the oil well ordinance. These businesses are critical to the economic viability of our community
Pamela C McVicar	I recommend delaying a vote on this ordinance until a complete evaluation of the full life-cycle economic consequences of this ordinance to all stakeholders is completed.
Ralph Combs	Please see the attached letter in opposition to the Oil Well Ordinance. Thank you.
Sarah Taylor	Please see attached comment letter.
Scott R Evans	Please see attached PDF letter
Seth D Briones	The oil industry has provided for me and my 3 siblings and continues to do so for my wife and 3 children as I am a second generation oilfield worker. I grew up right next door to the field that I have currently operated for 25 years. My entire 42 years I have been in or near oil and have zero health effects to speak of. The thought of my livelihood being taken away is a terrifying reality that would devastate mine and thousands of other families. I strongly OPPOSE this ordinance because it would be another step in completely eliminating the industry that has been the life blood of my entire family.
Sigrid Waggener	
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I am opposed to this Ordinance. Silas A Briones I've had the opportunity to work at an oil facility for 42 years, and also have been a resident in the city of Whittier for over 40 years. My family and I are of Hispanic ethnicity. In the city of Whittier oil wells have been part of this community since the 1900's and have provided employment for me and others. In all the years working at the oil facility, and living directly next-door to one, neither myself or my family members have experienced health issues or have been diagnosed by a professional licensed medical/ health official stating we have had any health issues related to the drilling of the oil facility. Having the opportunity to work at this facility has provided my source of income to provide for me and my family of Hispanic ethnicity. Opposing this Ordinance, will continue to allow for future employment, supply source of energy to homes and fuel, lead to a better economy, and reduces us to rely on Foreign OIL. Letter submitted Theodore Cordova Wayne Brechtel Other Glenn La Fevers Dear County Board of Supervisors: Josue Aguilar Please accept these 223 public comments from LA County members and online activists of the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) urging you to support the ordinance that prohibits new wells and phases out existing oil drilling in Los Angeles. Right now, there are nearly 7000 active and idle oil wells throughout Los Angeles and 3.8 million residents live within a guarter mile of drilling operations. Los Angeles communities of color and low-income communities live disproportionately near oil and gas wells and suffer greater health harms. Neighboring communities suffer from both the acute and chronic harms associated with oil drilling. These include but are not limited to headaches, nausea, nosebleeds, respiratory disease, preterm birth, and cancer. Los Angeles is already overburdened with poor air quality and industrial drilling operations are a major contributor. These sites are known to emit toxic hydrogen sulfide gas, known carcinogens, and endocrine disruptors. Further, the risk of catastrophes like chemical leaks, toxic releases, and explosions create an immediate threat to surrounding communities. Even worse, these operations are often taking place right next to schools, hospitals, and homes. We need immediate steps to prioritize the health and safety of L.A. residents. By preventing new wells from being drilled and phasing out existing operations, we can take a huge step forward to better protect our communities. Please support the ordinance that bans new wells and phases out oil drilling in Los Angeles.

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			Thank you,
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September 21, 2022

Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street, Room 381B Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Oil Well Ordinance / Project No 2020-000246-(1-5) Case No RPPL2020000624

Honorable Board of Supervisors:

This office represents Christopher Hayes, who in his capacity as Trustee of the Orcutt Trust, represents the owners of a 50% interest in an approximately 640-acre property in the County of Los Angeles commonly known as Oat Mountain Ranch property ("Ranch"). This, and other properties in the area, have been the site of the responsible operation of oil wells for at least 80 years. Owners of Oat Mountain Ranch depend on royalties from the continued operation of oil wells operated by the Termo Company. The unilateral termination of those rights as proposed would impose an unfair and unnecessary hardship for our clients that can and should be avoided.

As an initial matter, the regulations do not seem to be applied in a uniform manner, as certain landowners have been arbitrarily exempted from the regulations.

We support the detailed and thoughtful comments that have been submitted by the Termo Company regarding the merits of the proposed Oil Well Ordinance. Of particular importance is the negative impact the proposed regulations would have on air quality in California and the reduction of greenhouse gases worldwide. Reducing the consumption of oil and gas is a long-term process that requires development of alternative means of providing energy, a process that is underway. However, the need for oil and gas will continue into the foreseeable future and shutting down local oil production will not shut down local oil consumption. The only difference will be increased importation of oil and gas from foreign oil companies that do not adhere to the strict environmental regulations applied to local producers.

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The use of CEQA exemptions 15301. 15308 and 15061 is not appropriate, given the unusual circumstances of this proposal and the potential for significant indirect and cumulative impacts that could result from the proposed termination of local oil and gas supplies. (CEQA Guidelines § 5300.2 subd. (b) and (c).)

We urge you to take a step back and either reject the proposed Oil Well Ordinance outright or delay its consideration until after an environmental impact report (EIR) that fully considers the potential impacts of the proposed law can be prepared.

Very truly yours, WORDEN WILLIAMS LLP

D. Wayne Brechtel D. Wayne Brechtel, Esq.

CC: Client

September 21, 2022

Dear Supervisor Janice Hahn and LA County Board of Supervisors,

Regarding Oil Well Ordinance, PRJ2020-000246, Plan No. RPPL2020000624, September 27, 2022 Meeting:

Thank you for allowing me to enter public comment on the proposed oil ordinance.

I am a 33 year resident of La Habra Heights, and I am an elected Director and Vice-President of the La Habra Heights County Water District. My family has lived in La Habra Heights for 4 generations. I raised my children in this beautiful city.

I live next door to one of Matrix Oil's operating well sites in the city of La Habra Heights and can report that they are excellent neighbors and are a benefit to the community. I encourage any Los Angeles County Supervisors or staff member to visit my home to see how little impact the wellsite has on my enjoyment of my property.

Residents of La Habra Heights receive over \$1,000,000/year in royalties from Matrix Oil Company, and over 60% of them voted in favor of maintaining oil operations in La Habra Heights when we had a ballot initiative to eliminate oil operations in our city.

Matrix Oil Company participates in our community events including being a Platinum Sponsor of La Habra Meals on Wheels and the La Habra Heights Improvement Association's Music in the Park Summer concert series. I am on the Board of Directors of both of these organizations and have been very impressed by Matrix's involvement and support in our community.

I think that Los Angeles County should be supporting partnerships with minority businesses that provide financial benefit to the community and employment opportunities for Los Angeles County residents, rather than eliminating these businesses.

I personally urge you to vote NO on the proposed Oil Ordinance.

Thank you again for allowing me the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Pamela McVicar Director and Vice President, La Habra Heights County Water District Treasurer, La Habra Meals on Wheels Director, La Habra Heights Improvement Association 2253 Hillside Ct., La Habra Heights, CA 90631 Phone: 714-504-3415 Email: pmcvicar@earthlink.net

From:	ExecutiveOffice
То:	PublicComments
Cc:	ExecutiveOffice
Subject:	FW: Community Prevention & Population Health Task Force SUPPORT for Oil Well Ordinance (Plan No. RPPL2020000624)
Date:	Friday, September 23, 2022 7:28:14 AM
Attachments:	CPPH TF Oil Well Ordinance Letter 092222.pdf

From: Nagami, Damon <dnagami@nrdc.org>

Sent: Thursday, September 22, 2022 10:30 AM

To: First District <firstdistrict@bos.lacounty.gov>; Holly J. Mitchell <HollyJMitchell@bos.lacounty.gov>; Sheila <Sheila@bos.lacounty.gov>; Supervisor Janice Hahn (Fourth District) <fourthdistrict@bos.lacounty.gov>; Barger, Kathryn <Kathryn@bos.lacounty.gov> **Cc:** ExecutiveOffice <ExecutiveOffice@bos.lacounty.gov>; Cespedes, Anthony <ACespedes@bos.lacounty.gov>; Weinberg, Elise <EWeinberg@bos.lacounty.gov>; Vera, Yolanda <YVera@bos.lacounty.gov>; Jew, Jessica <JJew@bos.lacounty.gov>; Shultz, Elan <EShultz@bos.lacounty.gov>; Cohen, Stephanie <SCohen@bos.lacounty.gov>; Butler, Katie <KButler@bos.lacounty.gov>; Mockeridge, Julia <JMockeridge@bos.lacounty.gov>; Corey, Anders <ACorey@bos.lacounty.gov>; Vartanian, Natalie <NaVartanian@bos.lacounty.gov>; Laura Muraida <LMuraida@bos.lacounty.gov>; Gutierrez, Claudia <ClGutierrez@bos.lacounty.gov>; Freeman, Sophie <SFreeman@bos.lacounty.gov>; Zapata, Danielle <dzapata@bos.lacounty.gov>; Pasebani, Aydin <AyPasebani@bos.lacounty.gov>; Amy J. Bodek <ABodek@planning.lacounty.gov>; Connie Chung <cchung@planning.lacounty.gov>; Bruce Durbin <bdurbin@planning.lacounty.gov>; Adrienne Ng <ang@planning.lacounty.gov>; Gary Gero <GGero@ceo.lacounty.gov>; Barbara Ferrer <bferrer@ph.lacounty.gov>; Liza Frias <LFrias@ph.lacounty.gov>; Christine De Rosa <cderosa@ph.lacounty.gov>; Charlene Contreras <chcontreras@ph.lacounty.gov>; Joshua Bobrowsky <jbobrowsky@ph.lacounty.gov>; Noel Barakat <nbarakat@ph.lacounty.gov>; Sonya Vasquez <SVasquez@ph.lacounty.gov>; Susan Blackwell <sblackwell@ph.lacounty.gov>; Jocelyn Ramirez <JRamirez@ph.lacounty.gov>; MissyNitescu@nevhc.org; Frazzini, Ali <AFrazzini@cso.lacounty.gov>

Subject: Community Prevention & Population Health Task Force SUPPORT for Oil Well Ordinance (Plan No. RPPL2020000624)

Dear Supervisors:

On behalf of the Los Angeles County Community Prevention and Population Health Task Force, please find the attached letter in **SUPPORT** of the proposed Oil Well Ordinance (9/27/22 BOS meeting, agenda item #8). As a reminder, the Task Force is comprised of public health experts, healthcare providers, academics, and executives and staff from local, state, and national organizations, and advises this Board, the Alliance for Health Integration, and the Department of Public Health on public health priorities, initiatives and practices and provides guidance on primary strategies for improving population health to promote healthy, equitable communities.

Thank you for considering our views and feel free to contact either of us if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

Damon Nagami and Missy Nitescu Co-Chairs, Community Prevention and Population Health Task Force



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September 22, 2022

The Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, CA 90012

OIL WELL ORDINANCE, PLAN NO. RPPL2020000624 - SUPPORT

Dear Supervisors:

As members of the Community Prevention and Population Health Task Force (Task Force), we write to express our support for the proposed Oil Well Ordinance that would prohibit all new oil wells and production facilities and designate all existing oil wells and production facilities as nonconforming uses on unincorporated County lands. Comprised of public health experts, healthcare providers, academics, and executives and staff from local, state, and national organizations, the Task Force advises the Board of Supervisors, the Alliance for Health Integration, and the Department of Public Health on public health priorities, initiatives and practices and provides guidance on primary strategies for improving population health to promote healthy, equitable communities.

The Board's adoption of the proposed Oil Well Ordinance is essential to protect community health within the County and is consistent with the growing body of scientific literature that demonstrates the risks and dangers of allowing oil drilling near homes, schools, and other sensitive sites. In unincorporated Los Angeles County, there are nearly 2,000 active and idle oil and gas wells, the majority of which are located within 2,500 feet of homes, schools, and hospitals, and more than half a million County residents live within one-quarter mile of an actively producing oil and gas well. It is County residents in communities of color, however, who live disproportionately near oil and gas wells and suffer greater health harms: specifically, 44 percent of Black, 37 percent of Latino, and 38 percent of Asian residents live near oil and gas wells, compared to 31 percent of White residents.¹ In adopting

Community Prevention and Population Health Task Force Members:

Dahlia Alé-Ferlito · Dr. Oliver Brooks · Celia Brugman · Russia Chavis · Grace Cotangco · Augusto Dolce · Kenny Green · Anisha Hingorani · Naomi Iwasaki · Nomsa Khalfani · Margaret B. Martinez · Chad Monk · Jovita Murillo · Damon Nagami · Theresa "Missy" Nitescu · Dr. Gilda Noori · Jennifer Ponce · Cori Racela · Hector M. Ramirez · Venezia Ramirez · Tiara Sigaran · Benjamin Torres · Debra M. Ward

¹ Srebotnjak, Tanja and Miriam Rotkin-Ellman, "Drilling in California: Who's at risk?," Natural Resources Defense Council, October 2014, p. 4. <u>https://www.nrdc.org/sites/default/files/california-fracking-risks-report.pdf</u>

the proposed Oil Well Ordinance, the Board will be protecting County residents from harmful local pollution that unduly burdens workers, low-income communities, and communities of color.

This Task Force has been following the development of this ordinance since at least 2018, when we formed an Ad Hoc Committee to advocate for the protection of public health near neighborhood oil and gas sites. Since then, this Oil Well Ordinance has been improved significantly, thanks to this Board's unprecedented actions last September to pass a set of motions to begin phasing out oil drilling across Los Angeles County; the diligent and thoughtful work to implement those motions that has been carried out by the Department of Regional Planning, the Department of Public Health, and other agencies; and the frontline communities and advocates who have been pushing for proactive health-first policies like this one for years. We thank this Board for your commitment to make Los Angeles County a healthier place for all, particularly for residents most impacted by the harmful pollution and operational hazards associated with oil production. We urge you to adopt the proposed Oil Well Ordinance and look forward to our continued collaboration.

Respectfully,

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Damon Nagami, JD Task Force Co-Chair

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Theresa (Missy) Nitescu, MS, RDN, CHSP Task Force Co-Chair

Cc: Board Deputies Community Prevention and Population Health Task Force Executive Office, Board of Supervisors Los Angeles County Chief Sustainability Office Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning



LA County Board of Supervisors 500 West Temple Street Room 383 Los Angeles, CA 90012

Submitted via email to: cpc@lacity.org

Dear County Board of Supervisors:

Please accept these 223 public comments from LA County members and online activists of the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) urging you to support the ordinance that prohibits new wells and phases out existing oil drilling in Los Angeles. Right now, there are nearly 7000 active and idle oil wells throughout Los Angeles and 3.8 million residents live within a quarter mile of drilling operations. Los Angeles communities of color and low-income communities live disproportionately near oil and gas wells and suffer greater health harms. Neighboring communities suffer from both the acute and chronic harms associated with oil drilling. These include but are not limited to headaches, nausea, nosebleeds, respiratory disease, preterm birth, and cancer.

Los Angeles is already overburdened with poor air quality and industrial drilling operations are a major contributor. These sites are known to emit toxic hydrogen sulfide gas, known carcinogens, and endocrine disruptors. Further, the risk of catastrophes like chemical leaks, toxic releases, and explosions create an immediate threat to surrounding communities. Even worse, these operations are often taking place right next to schools, hospitals, and homes.

We need immediate steps to prioritize the health and safety of L.A. residents. By preventing new wells from being drilled and phasing out existing operations, we can take a huge step forward to better protect our communities.

Please support the ordinance that bans new wells and phases out oil drilling in Los Angeles.

Thank you, Josue

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September 26, 2022

Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street, Room 869 Los Angeles, CA 90012

Via Email Via Public Portal Submittal

RE: Los Angeles County Board Agenda Item #08 – Hearing on Project No. PRJ2020-000246-(1-5) for the Oil Well Ordinance

Honorable Board of Supervisors,

On behalf of The Termo Company, I am writing to express our absolute opposition to Agenda Item #08 which, if adopted, will bring about the phase out of oil and gas production in Los Angeles County. This blanket policy change is unwarranted and short-sighted. Moreover, this ordinance illegally condemns and takes real property from mineral interest owners without offering compensation for that taking as required by the law.

In the last 12 months, Termo has paid over \$1.7 million to our mineral owners and royalty recipients from our operations in unincorporated Los Angeles County. Many of these royalty owners rely on this income to supplement their retirement and Social Security benefits.

The Department of Regional Planning, in drafting this ordinance, has not engaged in a valid and transparent public consultation with the mineral owners. If the County were to condemn or exercise eminent domain over a private property, such as a private residence, for a park or other public project, they would notify the property owners by letter. They wouldn't just show up one day and bulldoze the house. Yet that is what the County, through this ordinance, is doing. It is disingenuous for the Department of Regional Planning to hide behind the Brown Act and a few newspaper postings. Takings and condemnation require just compensation, and this includes for zoning changes that limit the way property can be used. Further, there are potential significant unintended consequences from this ordinance, including lost jobs, lost tax revenue, litigation, and increased economic burdens for the citizens of Los Angeles. Therefore, we ask that the Board postpone the vote on this motion in favor of a continuance to allow for key stakeholder consultation and additional study. In addition to notifying all mineral owners of the condemnation of their property, the County should engage in a full analysis of the impacts of ordinance implementation.

Los Angeles County's energy policy needs to be rooted in reality, considering not only the goal, but all of the unintended consequences that come with it. This shutdown does not contemplate our current reality. Restricting local oil and gas production will not decrease our energy demands, it will only increase our dependence on costly foreign oil and drive energy prices even higher at a time when working families are struggling to make ends meet.

Imported oil is not subject to the strict air emission regulations that domestic production adheres to nor does this foreign oil employ local labor or pay taxes that benefit the County and citizens. Foreign production is unregulated, polluting, and a greater risk to our environment. The oil industry in California is the most regulated in the world. It represents clean, safe, reliable energy.

<u>Unintended consequences, takings and condemnation without compensation, lost jobs and tax</u> revenue; for these reasons and many others, the County must engage in a full and transparent effort to engage all stakeholders and undertake a rigorous analysis of the effects of this ordinance. We respectfully request that this Board of Supervisors hearing and vote be postponed until such an effort has been undertaken.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this issue, and please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions. I can be reached anytime at <u>ralphc@termoco.com</u> or (562) 595-7401

Sincerely,

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Ralph E. Combs Manager of Regulatory, Community, and Government Affairs The Termo Company

Cc: LA County Board of Supervisors: Supervisor Kathryn Barger Supervisor Janice Hahn Supervisor Sheila Kuhl Supervisor Holly Mitchell Supervisor Hilda Solis LA County Department of Regional Planning Valley Industry and Commerce Association California Independent Petroleum Association

J. L. Vignes Ranch, Inc. PO Box 90 Orinda, CA 94563

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September 24, 2022

Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors https://publiccomment.bos.lacounty.gov C/O Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, Public Hearing Section 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration Los Angeles, California 90012 https://publiccomment.bos.lacounty.gov

Subject: Comments to PROJECT NO. 2020-000246-(1-5) ADVANCE PLANNING CASE NO. RPPL2020000624-(1-5) OIL WELL ORDINANCE

The J. L. Vignes Ranch, Inc. and its family members, employees and shareholders are owners of properties and associated mineral rights located in the un-incorporated Santa Susana Mountains. For over one undred years, the family properties have produced gas and oil and contributed to the development of Los Angeles. Geological studies conducted in the past indicate that deep reserves are highly likely to be present that could provide valuable hydrocarbons for another one hundred years.

J. L. Vignes Ranch, Inc. opposes LA County's "Oil Well Ordinance". The Ordinance is not in the long-term public benefit and interest. The proposed phase-out and elimination of proven oil resources will deplete local energy resources and impact the wider California economy.

1. L.A. County's oil wells yield wide-ranging economic benefits and pose no significant safety hazards. Oil and gas drilling and production practices in California are arguably the cleanest and most environmentally sound operations in the world.

2. The oil and energy industry is a major employer in LA County that will be negatively impacted. Oil field production and down-stream refineries, chemical factories, natural gas and related retail distribution chains will be driven out of business.

3. The oil wells and production facilities located on our properties have a useful life that greatly exceeds the proposed phase-out period. The Ordinance outlines an unlawful 'taking' of mineral rights.

Please delay action on the Draft Oil Well Ordinance until all economic and social impacts can be quantified. The draft ordinance requires detailed study to avoid massive unintended consequences and costs to community.

Sincerely,

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Oliver Sweningsen, Ranch Manager J. L. Vignes Ranch, Inc.

September 26, 2022

Supervisor Holly Mitchell, Chair, 2nd District Supervisor Hilda Solis, 1st District Supervisor Sheila Kuehl, 3rd District Supervisor Janice Hahn, 4th District Supervisor Kathryn Barger, 5th District Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors 500 West Temple St., Suite 383 Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: Oil Well Ordinance, Plan No. RPPL2020000624 - SUPPORT

Dear Honorable Supervisors of Los Angeles County:

We are writing on behalf of over 130 environmental justice, environmental, health, community, labor and faith organizations to commend your historic commitment to prioritize the health, safety and well-being of Los Angeles County residents by instructing the Department of Regional Planning ("DRP") to amend LA County's Planning and Zoning Code (Title 22) to prohibit all new oil wells and production facilities and designate all existing oil wells and production facilities as nonconforming uses. Our organizations are deeply concerned about both the acute and chronic harms to the people and communities we represent from pollution caused by the extraction, processing, and burning of fossil fuels. We support DRP's amendments to Title 22 and urge the Board to adopt the proposed Oil Well Ordinance. We recognize that the adoption of the Oil Well Ordinance is a necessary first step to ensure oil drilling is eventually phased out throughout *all* of unincorporated Los Angeles County and we look forward to continuously working with this Board and DRP to ensure that residents living around the Inglewood Oil Field share this same benefit.

The Board's adoption of the proposed Oil Well Ordinance is essential to protect our communities and is consistent with the growing body of scientific literature that demonstrates the risks and dangers of allowing oil drilling near homes, schools, and other sensitive sites. In unincorporated Los Angeles County, there are nearly 2,000 active and idle oil and gas wells and the majority are located within 2,500 feet of homes, schools, and hospitals.¹ More than 580,000 Los Angeles

¹ "Urban Oil and Gas Production in Los Angeles County," USC Environmental Health, August 6, 2019. <u>https://envhealthcenters.usc.edu/2019/08/urban-oil-and-gas-production-in-lacounty.html</u>

County residents live within one-quarter mile of an actively producing oil and gas well.² Los Angeles County communities of color live disproportionately near oil and gas wells and suffer greater health harms: 44 percent of Black, 37 percent of Latinos, and 38 percent of Asian residents live near oil and gas wells, compared to 31 percent of White residents.³ By adopting the proposed Oil Well Ordinance, the Board is protecting its residents from harmful local pollution that unduly burdens workers, low-income communities, and communities of color.

Our coalition understands that adopting the proposed Oil Well Ordinance is the first of many steps the County must take to phase out oil drilling in Los Angeles County. We also understand that with more than half of the oil wells in unincorporated Los Angeles County concentrated in the Inglewood Oil Field, the County must quickly ensure that this Board's September 2021 motion to phase out oil drilling applies to the Inglewood Oil Field. As such, once the proposed ordinance takes effect, this Board should ensure that the Department of Regional Planning concurrently amends the Baldwin Hills Community Standards District, as DRP stated its intention to do in its September 27, 2022 letter to the Board. We urge DRP to amend the Baldwin Hills Community Standards District and individual specific plans to immediately prohibit new wells and to set a timeline to wind down existing production. Phasing out oil drilling throughout the County, including at the Inglewood Oil Field, is consistent with recommendations in LA County's own OurCounty sustainability plan, state and federal policies to reduce carbon emissions to maintain a livable planet, policies being pursued by a growing number of other local jurisdictions including the City of Los Angeles and Culver City, and recent legislative action in California that prevents new permits for oil drilling within 3,200 feet of a sensitive receptor.

We thank this Board for your commitment to make Los Angeles County a healthier place for all, particularly for residents most impacted by the harmful pollution and operational hazards associated with existing oil production. We urge you to adopt the proposed Oil Well Ordinance and look forward to our continued collaboration.

Respectfully,

Alan Weiner, Chapter Lead, 350 Conejo - San Fernando Valley Alex Marquardt, Co-Founder and Staff Attorney, Climate Defense Project Alison Hahm, Associate Attorney, Communities for a Better Environment Allis Druffel, Southern California Director, California Interfaith Power & Light Amanda Perez, Executive Director, Maravilla Historical Society Amanda Tapia, Co-Founding Organizer, The People of South Gate

² O'Connor et al. "Filling the Void," Environmental Defense Fund, 2017

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³ Srebotnjak, Tanja and Miriam Rotkin-Ellman, "Drilling in California: Who's at risk?," Natural Resources Defense Council, October 2014, p. 4. <u>https://www.nrdc.org/sites/default/files/california-fracking-risks-report.pdf</u>

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Catherine Reheis-Boyd President and CEO

September 26, 2022

Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Via comment website: https://publiccomment.bos.lacounty.gov

Re: Project No. 2020-000245-(1-5) Oil Well Ordinance

The Western States Petroleum Association ("WSPA") appreciates this opportunity to provide comments on the proposed ordinance amending Title 22 – Planning and Zoning and Title 12 – Environmental Protection of the Los Angeles County Code ("Oil Well Ordinance"). WSPA is a trade association that represents energy companies that explore for, produce, refine, transport and market petroleum products, natural gas, and other energy supplies in California and four other western states, including oil and gas producers in the City and County of Los Angeles.

WSPA is strongly opposed to the proposed Oil Well Ordinance, which seeks to: (1) prohibit new oil wells and production facilities; (2) designate existing oil wells and production facilities as nonconforming uses subject to the County Code's 20-year amortization period; (3) establish consistent regulations for existing oil wells and production facilities during the amortization period; and (4) remove the exception for oil wells from regulations for noise and vibration.

The Oil Well Ordinance will increase dependence on foreign oil.

WSPA believes it is fundamentally unwise to curtail production in the state while our President is forced to call for other oil-producing nations to increase their production to avoid a global and national energy crisis. California's oil and gas resources are produced under some of the strictest environmental and public health regulations in the world, and many of California's refineries were specifically designed to process California crudes in the most environmentally and economically efficient manner possible. Even aside from the energy crisis, banning production in Los Angeles increases both the state's reliance on foreign oil not subject to such rigorous environmental standards and the amount of imported crude coming through our already crowded ports.

The Oil Well Ordinance will have devastating economic impacts.

Currently 152,000 men and women have careers in the oil and gas industry in California and 366,000 people have careers whose jobs depend on the industry. The industry in California contributes \$152 billion every year in economic activity and directly contributes \$21.6 billion in local, state, and federal tax revenue to support schools, roads, public safety, and other vital services.

The City of Los Angeles Petroleum Administrator's 2019 report¹ to the Los Angeles City Council indicates that the oil industry contributes \$430 million annually in economic output, and more than \$270 million in gross

¹ City of Los Angeles, Department of Public Works, Office of Petroleum and Natural Gas Administration and Safety (OPNGAS), Oil and Gas Health Report: A Report on Council File 17-0447 Land Use Codes / Oil and Gas Development /Impact on Resident Health and Safety / Code Change Proposals. July 25, 2019, (p 121).

regional product. The 1,480 direct jobs in the industry collectively bring \$155 million in labor income. These 1,480 jobs mean 1,480 careers, many of which have been the result of years of education and investment in order to support families and communities in the Los Angeles region. The average salaries in the production sector exceed \$160,000 annually.

The Oil Well Ordinance amounts to a taking, for which those affected must be justly compensated.

The Oil Well Ordinance designates existing oil wells and production facilities as nonconforming uses subject to a 20-year amortization period under Sections 22.172.050.B and 22.172.050.B.1.f of the County Code. This nonconforming designation and planned phase out of existing facilities will almost certainly result in substantial financial liabilities to the City under the takings clause of the United States Constitution and comparable provisions of the California Constitution. These clauses require payment of just compensation when a government entity takes private property for a public use.

Under California law, a city may terminate nonconforming uses without compensation if the governing jurisdiction provides a reasonable amortization period "commensurate with the investment involved."² In this case, it is clear that the County Code's 20-year amortization period is neither reasonable nor commensurate with the investment required to develop, construct, and maintain existing wells and production facilities. Amortization periods can adequately compensate for movable property, such as billboards or liquor stores, as owners of those businesses may recoup the entire value of their investment *and* move any remaining inventory to a new location in an appropriate zone. But amortization utterly fails as a substitute for just compensation for vested oil and gas rights, where the extraction of minerals, including an expansion of that use, is recognized and protected under the diminishing asset doctrine.³ In fact, no case has held that amortization can be used when eliminating a diminishing asset use. Because the 20-year amortization period provided for in the County Code is not commensurate with the investment involved in oil production, the Oil Well Ordinance constitutes a taking.

WSPA hopes that the Board of Supervisors seriously considers the issues raised in this letter and the risks associated with approving the proposed Oil Well Ordinance.

Respectfully,

Catherine Reheis-Boyd President and CEO

² Metromedia, Inc. v. City of San Diego, 26 Cal.3d 848, 882 (1980).

³ Hansen Bros. Enters. V. Board of Supervisors, 12 Cal.4th 533 (1996).



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VIA E-MAIL

September 26, 2022

The Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: <u>Proposed Oil Well Ordinance – September 27, 2022, Agenda, Item 8 (Project No. 2020-000246-(1-5); Case No. RPPL2020000624)</u>

Dear Chair Mitchell and Honorable Supervisors:

Southern California Gas Company ("SoCalGas") respectfully submits these comments on the proposed Oil Well Ordinance ("OWO") amendments. SoCalGas supports the County's efforts and the Board of Supervisors' vision to prioritize and protect the public health, safety, and welfare of residents living near oil wells. While we understand the focus of the OWO to be oil wells and oil production facilities, not regulated public utility assets and services, some of the definitions the proposed OWO uses are quite broad and run the potential risk of introducing confusion. SoCalGas therefore respectfully requests that the OWO be clarified with respect to its potential applicability to public utility assets.

As noted in our prior comments dated May 26, 2022, SoCalGas is a public utility regulated by the California Public Utilities Commission ("CPUC"), and operates four underground natural gas storage facilities in Southern California, including three (Aliso Canyon, Honor Rancho and Playa del Rey) located in part within unincorporated Los Angeles County. As defined in the Public Utilities Code, "public utility" includes gas corporations where the service is performed for, or the commodity is delivered to, the public or any portion thereof.^{1,2} Under California law, the CPUC has exclusive jurisdiction to grant certificates of public necessity authorizing gas corporations such as SoCalGas to design, construct, operate, and maintain underground natural gas storage facilities.³ Utility facilities are ratepayer-based assets under the jurisdiction of the CPUC. Under the California Constitution, "[a] city, county, or other public body may not

¹ California Public Utilities Code, § 216(a)(1).

² Moreover, the California Governor's March 19, 2020 Executive Order (N-33-20) in response to the threat of COVID-19, designates SoCalGas as critical infrastructure, essential to continuity of functions critical to public health and safety as well as economic and national security, and underscores that safe and reliable delivery of natural gas to our customers is an essential service.

³ California Public Utilities Code §1002.

regulate matters over which the Legislature grants regulatory power to the [Public Utilities] Commission."⁴ Thus, under the California Constitution, as to matters over which the CPUC has been granted regulatory power, the CPUC's jurisdiction is exclusive. As such, SoCalGas requests that the proposed OWO be revised to clarify that it does not apply to regulated utility assets.

In addition to the regulatory impacts mentioned above, the interpretation of "well" in the current draft of the OWO potentially includes regulated utility assets that may actually impact underground gas storage operations and public utility services. We appreciate that the definition of "well" in the current draft OWO excludes wells used to inject or withdraw gas from an underground storage project. However, public utility storage field operations involve additional activity beyond injecting and withdrawing natural gas. Accordingly, SoCalGas asks and recommends that the definitions of "production facility" and "well" in the proposed OWO be further clarified to exclude all authorized regulated utility assets. We respectfully request incorporation of the edits shown in underline format in <u>Attachment A</u> hereto, which would clarify that "production facility" and "well" exclude any facility or well operated by a public utility for use in and support of the provision of public utility services.

Due to the unique aspects of SoCalGas' facilities and regulated operations, we appreciate your consideration to provide that OWO requirements do not detrimentally impact critical, regulated, and permitted underground natural gas storage facilities and SoCalGas' ability to serve Southern California customers in a reliable and safe manner.

SoCalGas appreciates the opportunity to comment on the draft ordinance.

Sincerely,

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Glenn La Fevers Director – Storage Southern California Gas Company

Attachment

⁴ California Constitution, Article XII, section 8.

ATTACHMENT A

Requested Changes to Draft Oil Well Ordinance (Exhibit A to Board of Supervisors dated September 26, 2022)

SECTION 2. Section 22.14.150 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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Production facility. As defined in Section 3010 of the California Public Resources Code, but excluding an underground gas storage project, as defined by Section 1726.1.(a)(6) of the California Code of Regulations. any facility operated by a public utility.

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Well. As defined in Section 3008(a) of the California Public Resources Code, but excluding any well used by to observe, inject, or withdraw gas from an underground storage project facility as part of its authorized regulated utility operations. This term includes any active well, idle well as defined in Section 3008(d) of the California Public Resources Code, and partially plugged and abandoned well.

September 26, 2022

Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street, Room 381B Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: Oil Well Ordinance/Project No 2020-000246-(1-5) Case No. RPPL2020000624

Honorable Board of Supervisors:

The purpose of this letter is to voice my very strong opposition to the proposed Oil Well Ordinance. To be clear, I am very concerned about our environment as well as the health and safety of our community. These are very important issues that need to be continuously evaluated, addressed and actions need to be taken.

I understand the concept of limiting and/or stopping future drilling and oil production when and if it poses an environmental or health issue. However, the unilateral termination of existing oil and gas production which is and has been in existence in Los Angeles County for decades goes beyond just an extreme measure for the following reasons:

• A REAL NEED FOR OIL RIGHT NOW

- The reality is that your constituents need oil and gas. This may change overtime; however, the transition will take time. Local production of these resources is one of the least costly alternatives available today.
- **REGULATION- NOT TERMINATION**
 - Currently, there are laws and measures in place that serve to monitor and regulate existing oil and gas production. If these are insufficient to insure the safety and wellbeing of our community, it would follow that a logical approach would be to create additional rules and regulations- not a complete termination of all oil and gas production.
- COUNTY INCOME LOSS
 - Los Angeles County currently benefits from oil production on several levels including but not limited to jobs, taxes generated by the oil and gas (which will increase as the price of oil continues to increase driven by global dynamics); and ancillary services that support the industry. This ordinance will cause these revenue sources to stop completely.
- COUNTY EXPENSE/LIABILITY
 - If this Ordinance is approved as proposed, it is very possible that the action would be similar to Condemnation or Eminent Domain. It would follow that compensation will need to be paid by the County to the owners of the existing holdings.

• **PROPERTY CONDITION**

 Current oil and gas production locations are maintained by the operators per existing rules and regulations. If this Ordinance is adopted and the right to operate these production locations is terminated, it is possible that some of the properties will be abandoned: thus creating blighted conditions.

I urge you to review this further and either reject the proposed Ordinance or delay its consideration until more information and/or modifications can be made that are more appropriate given the ramifications.

Thank you for your consideration,

Scott R. Evans



End Oil Drilling in Los Angeles

Sept. 24, 2022

We, the 1,443 undersigned, call for an end to dangerous urban oil drilling in Los Angeles.

For decades, Los Angeles County's oil industry has been given free rein to drill for health-harming fossil fuels in the center of our communities. There are oil wells in our backyards, on school campuses, and next to our hospitals. Los Angeles residents living near oil wells are exposed to carcinogenic chemicals, asthma attack-inducing emissions, and the threat of catastrophic accidents or explosions.

While Los Angeles claims to be a leader on climate action, we continue to concentrate impacts in low-income communities and communities of color.

We are far past the time for L.A. to establish rules to protect public health from oil extraction. We must commit to real solutions that protect residents' health; create pathways for workers to transition into the work of decommissioning these sites and into dignified, family-supporting jobs; and end this extractive practice once and for all. It's time for bold action to transition away from fossil fuels in Los Angeles!

We urge you to phase out oil production across all of Los Angeles by declaring oil drilling a non-conforming land use and establishing a five-year phase-out period for ALL drilling.

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Re: Oil Well Ordinance. Project Number PRJ2020-000246-(1-5). Advance Planning Case Number RPPL2020000624

Dear Supervisors:

E&B Natural Resources (E&B) provides the following comments relating to the LA County proposed Oil & Gas Ordinance.

E&B is a California-based oil and gas producer. We produce over 8,000 barrels of oil per day for Californians including Los Angelenos. We have over 250 staff working for us, many in the Los Angeles area. This year, E&B acquired some of the assets from Brea Canon Oil Company and we look forward to continuing to work with the County of Los Angeles on the draft ordinance. E&B is dedicated to producing the cleanest and most environmentally friendly oil and natural gas in the world. We operate in full compliance with rules and regulations administered by over multiple agencies at the local, state, and federal levels. We deliver consistent income for the many royalty owners in Los Angeles. We have a personal and collective interest in adhering to California's stringent environmental regulations to protect the safety of our workforce.

We have all witnessed over these last weeks and months and years (i.e., Ukraine and Russia event, COVID-19, supply chain issues, etc.) how important it is to be able to source things and buy locally. Our workforce and product have been recognized as critical and essential to our nation, to our state and to our local economies. We believe that producing locally is in the best interests for the economy and the environment. It does not have to be one over the other. Together we can continue to show leadership in both areas.

This proposed ordinance is concerning in many areas.

We urge the County to study the environmental effects of losing its local production, particularly potential air emissions. Reducing local production often leads to an increase in imports. These foreign imports would increase super tanker traffic to our local ports in Long Beach and Los

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Angeles. South Coast Air Quality Management District considers pollution from the ports as one of the leading causes of local air pollution. We also urge the County to study the countries supplying foreign imports, their human rights records and the countries' environmental regulations. Where will one of the largest local economies in the world continue to get its oil?

In the proposed ordinance, the County calls for an amortization period of existing wells and facilities. We believe that the County's "potential" amortization program / period has no support in fact or in law and instead serves only to violate E&B's constitutionally protected vested rights as well as the rights of the mineral owners. We recommend that the County work with the operators, mineral owners and stakeholders to find the right balance of best practices, regulations and good neighbor provisions. We don't believe the County has done any outreach to the mineral owners. This is a concern.

Bonding Requirements within the draft ordinance need to be clearer with how the amounts will be determined. The ordinance does not consider the bonding requirements that the operators currently have with the state agency, CalGEM. We believe there should be some flexibility to work with the County on meeting any new bonding requirements, such as self-insurance.

It is our hope that we can continue to work together towards a new ordinance that works for all parties. Please do not hesitate to call upon us for additional information. Thank you for your time and consideration of our comments.

Best regards,

Louis Zylstra, PE Senior Vice President, Los Angeles Basin E&B Natural Resources

REFERENCES

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RE: Oil Well Ordinance, Plan No. RPPL2020000624 - SUPPORT

Dear Honorable Supervisors of Los Angeles County:

We are writing on behalf of over 130 environmental justice, environmental, health, community, labor and faith organizations to commend your historic commitment to prioritize the health, safety and well-being of Los Angeles County residents by instructing the Department of Regional Planning ("DRP") to amend LA County's Planning and Zoning Code (Title 22) to prohibit all new oil wells and production facilities and designate all existing oil wells and production facilities as nonconforming uses. Our organizations are deeply concerned about both the acute and chronic harms to the people and communities we represent from pollution caused by the extraction, processing, and burning of fossil fuels. We support DRP's amendments to Title 22 and urge the Board to adopt the proposed Oil Well Ordinance. We recognize that the adoption of the Oil Well Ordinance is a necessary first step to ensure oil drilling is eventually phased out throughout *all* of unincorporated Los Angeles County and we look forward to continuously working with this Board and DRP to ensure that residents living around the Inglewood Oil Field share this same benefit.

The Board's adoption of the proposed Oil Well Ordinance is essential to protect our communities and is consistent with the growing body of scientific literature that demonstrates the risks and dangers of allowing oil drilling near homes, schools, and other sensitive sites. In unincorporated Los Angeles County, there are nearly 2,000 active and idle oil and gas wells and the majority are located within 2,500 feet of homes, schools, and hospitals.¹ More than 580,000 Los Angeles

¹ "Urban Oil and Gas Production in Los Angeles County," USC Environmental Health, August 6, 2019. <u>https://envhealthcenters.usc.edu/2019/08/urban-oil-and-gas-production-in-lacounty.html</u>

County residents live within one-quarter mile of an actively producing oil and gas well.² Los Angeles County communities of color live disproportionately near oil and gas wells and suffer greater health harms: 44 percent of Black, 37 percent of Latinos, and 38 percent of Asian residents live near oil and gas wells, compared to 31 percent of White residents.³ By adopting the proposed Oil Well Ordinance, the Board is protecting its residents from harmful local pollution that unduly burdens workers, low-income communities, and communities of color.

Our coalition understands that adopting the proposed Oil Well Ordinance is the first of many steps the County must take to phase out oil drilling in Los Angeles County. We also understand that with more than half of the oil wells in unincorporated Los Angeles County concentrated in the Inglewood Oil Field, the County must quickly ensure that this Board's September 2021 motion to phase out oil drilling applies to the Inglewood Oil Field. As such, once the proposed ordinance takes effect, this Board should ensure that the Department of Regional Planning concurrently amends the Baldwin Hills Community Standards District, as DRP stated its intention to do in its September 27, 2022 letter to the Board. We urge DRP to amend the Baldwin Hills Community Standards District and individual specific plans to immediately prohibit new wells and to set a timeline to wind down existing production. Phasing out oil drilling throughout the County, including at the Inglewood Oil Field, is consistent with recommendations in LA County's own OurCounty sustainability plan, state and federal policies to reduce carbon emissions to maintain a livable planet, policies being pursued by a growing number of other local jurisdictions including the City of Los Angeles and Culver City, and recent legislative action in California that prevents new permits for oil drilling within 3,200 feet of a sensitive receptor.

We thank this Board for your commitment to make Los Angeles County a healthier place for all, particularly for residents most impacted by the harmful pollution and operational hazards associated with existing oil production. We urge you to adopt the proposed Oil Well Ordinance and look forward to our continued collaboration.

Respectfully,

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VIA ONLINE PORTAL

Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors

Re: Comments on Proposed Oil Well Ordinance / Project No 2020-000246-(1-5) Case No RPPL2020000624; Board of Supervisors Meeting September 27, 2022 Agenda Item No. 8

Dear Supervisors:

This firm represents the California Independent Petroleum Association (CIPA). On CIPA's behalf, we submit the below comments on the County's proposed Oil Well Ordinance, Project No. PRJ2020-000246-(1-5) and Advance Planning Case No. RPPL2020000624-(1-5) (Ordinance). The Ordinance as agendized is preempted by state law; constitutes an unconstitutional taking of property and deprivation of vested rights; and is not supported by substantial evidence, exceeds the County's police power, and violates due process. Further, the County's environmental analysis of the Ordinance as proposed fails to consider significant environmental impacts and improperly relies on inapplicable exemptions to CEQA. The myriad material issues with both the Ordinance itself and the environmental review process make clear that the County is inappropriately rushing this process and should defer any approval of the Ordinance until these issues are fully addressed. We ask that these comments be made part of the record of proceedings regarding the Ordinance.

1. The Ordinance Conflicts with State Law; It Is Therefore Preempted.

The Ordinance is preempted by state law because the state legislature has expressed a clear intent to occupy the field in regard to the regulation of oil and gas operations. Under California law, "[a] county or city may make and enforce within its limits all local, police, sanitary, and other ordinances and regulations not in conflict with general laws." Cal. Const, art. XI, § 7. However, "[i]f otherwise valid local legislation conflicts with state law, it is preempted by such law and is void." *Sherwin-Williams Co. v. City of Los Angeles* (1993) 4 Cal.4th 893, 897, citing *Candid Enterprises, Inc. v. Grossmont Union High School Dist.* (1985) 39 Cal.3d 878, 885. Local legislation conflicts with state law where it "duplicates, contradicts, or enters an area fully occupied by general law, either expressly or by legislative implication." *Id.* Local legislation is "duplicative" when it is coextensive of state law. *Id.* And local law is contradictory where it obstructs or harms state law. *Id.* at 898. Finally, local legislation enters an area that is "fully occupied" by state law when the legislature expressly or impliedly manifested intent to occupy the area. *Id*; *see also Candid Enterprises, Inc., supra*, 39 Cal.3d at 885.

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Implied preemption exists where, inter alia, the subject matter of the local legislation has been (1) "so fully and completely covered by general law as to clearly indicate that it has become exclusively a matter of state concern;" or (2) "partially covered by general law couched in such terms as to indicate clearly that a paramount state concern will not tolerate further or additional local action." Sherwin, 4 Cal.4th at p. 898; see also Morehart v. County of Santa Barbara (1994) 7 Cal.4th 725; N Cal. Psychiatric Soc'y v. City of Berkeley (1986) 178 Cal.App.3d 90, 106-07 ("if the subject matter is one of general or statewide concern, the Legislature has paramount authority; and if the Legislature has enacted general legislation covering that matter, in whole or in part, there must be a presumption that the matter has been preempted"); City of Santa Clara v. Von Raesfeld (1970) 3 Cal.3d 239, 246 (where a subject is regional in scope or statewide in character, it is not a local or municipal affair). The regulatory processes in the Ordinance are preempted by state law. Consistent with its strong interest in oil and gas resources and its intent to maximize the "wise development of oil and gas resources," California has adopted numerous statutes and regulations that comprehensively regulate virtually all aspects of oil and gas operations, including in particular all downhole activities. See e.g., Pub. Resources Code, § 3106(d). The state has vested complete authority in CalGEM to "supervise the drilling, operations, maintenance, and abandonment of wells so as to permit owners or operators of wells to utilize all methods and practices known to the oil industry for the purpose of increasing the ultimate recovery of underground hydrocarbons and which, in the opinion of the supervisor, are suitable for this purpose in each proposed case." Pub. Resources Code,§ 3106(b).

Further expressing the explicit policy of the state, section 3106(b) provides:

To further the elimination of waste by increasing the recovery of underground hydrocarbons, *it is hereby declared as a policy of this state that the grant in an oil and gas lease or contract to a lessee or operator of the right or power, in substance, to explore for and remove all hydrocarbons from any lands in the state ... is deemed to allow the lessee or contractor ... to do what a prudent operator using reasonable diligence would do ... including, but not limited to, the injection of air, gas, water, or other fluids into the productive strata, the application of pressure heat or other means for the reduction of viscosity of the hydrocarbons, the supplying of additional motive force, or the creating of enlarged or new channels for the underground movement of hydrocarbons into production wells, when these methods or processes employed have been approved by the supervisor.*

Id. (emphasis added). Thus, the Ordinance is preempted.

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2. Application of An Amortization Program is Improper Here Because Oil Resources Are Dissimilar From Other Real Property Investments and, In Any Event, the County's Application Is Flawed.

The Ordinance includes an amortization period, which is apparently intended to permit existing owners and operators to recoup some value from their property, thereby avoiding an unconstitutional taking. The amortization concept is based on the premise that a property owner must be given an opportunity to recoup its investment and be made whole. The application of the concept to oil fields does not achieve that purpose. The utility of an oil field depends on its productivity, which requires ongoing infrastructure investment. Amortization does not fully account for such investments and therefore does not facilitate actual recovery on oil field infrastructure investments. Instead, the application of an amortization program in the context of oil field operations amounts to a taking of property without just compensation.

Even if the proposed amortization program was appropriate for oil wells, the County's amortization program relies on fundamentally flawed and legally improper assumptions. The program assumes that all capital investments in oilfields within the County were made decades ago and returns on those investments have already been garnered. Not so. The nature of oil and gas operations requires constant, ongoing capital investment. Such investments have yet to be recouped. A government entity (City, County, or State) cannot determine that an oil and gas producer has achieved "an appropriate rate of return" on their investment given future development is an integral part of production operations. The valuation of a diminishing asset, such as an oil producing property, is far more complex than a straight-line depreciation and amortization of a fixed asset. Any "amortization period" that might be enacted would face significant and protracted legal challenges that would be very costly and time consuming for all parties involved.

3. The County Fails to Take Into Account Significant Environmental Impacts.

The County failed to consider the significant, unmitigated and unmitigable environmental impacts of the Ordinance in violation of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Specifically, the County failed to consider the increases in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions that will result from Ordinance adoption. Reducing oil and gas production in California will result in an immediate, foreseeable increase in the importation of foreign oil. Importation of foreign oil results in increased GHG emissions from tanker ships carrying the oil and the oil itself, which is not climate compliant.¹ These significant impacts include, among other things, impacts to air quality, which are required to be analyzed under CEQA. For example, the increase in foreign oil shipped to California to replace oil that cannot be extracted under the Ordinance will result in an increase in the release of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and nitrogen oxide (NOx)

¹ By contrast, oil produced in California is climate compliant—meaning that oil produced in the State is produced in compliance with some of the most rigorous GHG reduction programs in the world.

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emissions from tanker ships (and, to a lesser extent, trucks) bringing this oil to California ports and refineries.

California produces only a fraction of the oil consumed by the State. Through the end of 2021 California produced an average of 358,000 barrels of oil per day, while consuming more than 1,400,000 barrels per day, requiring over 70% of California's oil to be imported. Since California is an "oil island", meaning that it does not have any pipelines that bring crude into the state, oil must be imported. The largest exporter of crude oil to California is Ecuador, followed by Saudi Arabia and Iraq (65% total from these three countries). In addition, California imported 18,000,000 barrels of crude from Russia in 2021. There are significant impacts associated with these importation activities a, which the County failed to consider.

Moreover, such a failure to evaluate material environmental impacts would certainly be grounds for a CEQA challenge if committed by a project sponsor from the oil and gas industry. It is hypocritical for the County to exempt this project from CEQA under one or more categorical exemptions, where the County has consistently required projects by the oil and gas industry to fully and faithfully undertake the highest level of CEQA review, culminating in preparation of Environmental Impact Reports (EIR). Given the significant environmental impacts of the Ordinance, including the foreseeable and material increase in GHG emissions, it is inappropriate for the County to approve the Ordinance under a categorical exemption and avoid conducting the type of in-depth environmental review routinely required of the industry.

4. The County's Reliance on Categorical Exemptions Is Improper Because the Exemptions Relied On Are Not Available and Because Exceptions Apply.

The County purports to comply with the environmental disclosure, evaluation, and mitigation mandates of CEQA in its adoption of the Ordinance by relying on three (3) categorical exemptions. Such reliance is improper. In deeming the Ordinance exempt from CEQA, the County failed to consider the significant, foreseeable impact the Ordinance would have on mineral resources. The County must undertake a legally adequate evaluation of the impacts to this CEQA resource class prior to adoption of the Ordinance.

Specifically, the County relies on exemptions for Existing Facilities (Class 1), Actions by Regulatory Agencies for the Protection of the Environment (Class 8), and the Common Sense exemption (15061(b)(3)). Reliance on these exemptions is improper. First, the Ordinance does not qualify for the Existing Facilities exemption. Contrary to the County's report, the Ordinance involves significant change to existing facilities, in that it would completely bar their operation in the near future. Therefore, use of this exemption is inappropriate. Second, the Ordinance does not qualify under the Protection of the Environment exemption, because it is an action taken by a local legislative body, not a regulatory agency, as required. Finally, the Ordinance is not exempt under the Common Sense exemption, because, contrary to the County's assertion, there is substantial evidence that there will be significant environmental impacts. As discussed above,

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the Ordinance will result in the foreseeable and material increase in GHG emissions, among other potential impacts.

In addition, CEQA recognizes any limitation on access to mineral resources of local, regional or statewide importance to be an environmental impact, *in and of itself*. Given that the Ordinance will necessarily result in limiting access to mineral resources of local, regional and statewide importance, it cannot be said that the Ordinance provide blanket "assurance" that the environment—*which includes mineral resources*—will be only protected, and not at all impacted. Petroleum and gas reserves in Los Angeles County constitute a "known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state" the loss of availability of which necessarily results in a significant environmental impact. State CEQA Guidelines, Appendix G, section XII(a). The County's failure to consider or address these impacts requires additional review under CEQA, and makes the Ordinance ineligible for exemption under the Common Sense exemption.

Even if the County could reasonably show that the Class 8 exemption applied to the Ordinance-and, as discussed above, it cannot- the unusual circumstances exception of State CEQA Guidelines, section 15300.2, bars reliance on the Class 8 exemption, or any other categorical exemption found in State CEQA Guidelines, sections 15301 through 15333. The unusual circumstances exception is invoked when evidence shows that a project will have a significant impact on the environment. Berkeley Hillside Preservation v. City of Berkeley (2015) 60 Cal.4th 1086, 1105; World Business Academy v. Cal. State Lands Commission (2018) 24 Cal.App.5th 476, 499. Under this one-element test, if a project will have a significant environmental effect, that project necessarily presents unusual circumstances and cannot be found exempt from environmental review. World Business Academy, supra, at 499. Here, it is clear that the Ordinance will result in a significant impact on the environment. State CEQA Guidelines, Appendix G, section XII(a) defines projects that result in "the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state" as resulting in a significant environmental impact to mineral resources. State CEQA Guidelines, Appendix G, section XII(b) similarly defines projects that result in "the loss of availability of a locally-important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local general, specific plan or other land use plan" as resulting in a significant environmental impact to mineral resources. Under both of these thresholds, the Ordinance will result in a significant environmental impact. Given the foregoing, there is no evidence supporting the County's conclusion that the Ordinance would not have a significant adverse environmental effect, and in fact significant evidence to the contrary.

Moreover, the Ordinance is not exempt because application of the claimed exemptions are barred under CEQA Guidelines sections 15061(b)(2) and 15300.2. The exception for cumulative impact, 15300.2(b), applies in this case, because (as noted above) there will be significant cumulative impacts arising from the foreseeable and unavoidable closure of facilities

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under the Ordinance. In addition, the Ordinance may not be exempt under other exceptions that may apply.

Finally, the County fails to provide sufficient evidence for its assertions. Despite an agency's factual determination that a project qualifies for a CEQA exemption, such claims will only be upheld if supported by substantial evidence. *Fairbank v. City of Mill Valley* (1999) 75 Cal. App. 4th 1243, 1251; *Citizens for Environmental Responsibility v. State ex rel 14th Dist. Agric, Ass'n* (2014) 224 Cal. App. 4th 1542, 1555; *North Coast Rivers Alliance v. Westlands Water Dist.* (2014) 227 Cal. App. 4th 832, 852. The Ordinance fails to provide necessary evidence to qualify for a CEQA exemption. Instead, the County only provides conclusory statements regarding potential impacts, which are insufficient to support the exemptions claimed.

5. The Ordinance Is an Unconstitutional Taking of Private Property.

The Ordinance represents an unconstitutional and unlawful taking of private property without just compensation, in contravention of the United States and California Constitutions. The state and federal Constitutions prohibit government from taking private property for public use without just compensation. Cal. Const., art. I, ß 19; U.S. Const., 5th Amend.; Chicago, Burlington &c. R'd v. Chicago (1897) 166 U.S. 226, 239 (applying the federal takings clause to the states). In Penna. Coal Co. v. Mahon (1922) 260 U.S. 393, 415 (Penna. Coal), the United States Supreme Court recognized that a regulation of property that "goes too far" may effect a taking of that property. When a regulation does not result in a physical invasion and does not deprive the property owner of all economic use of the property, a reviewing court must evaluate the regulation in light of the "factors" the high court discussed in Penn Central Transp. Co. v. New York City and subsequent cases. Penn Central emphasized three factors in particular: (1) "[t]he economic impact of the regulation on the claimant"; (2) "the extent to which the regulation has interfered with distinct investment-backed expectations"; and (3) "the character of the governmental action." Penn Central Transp. Co. v. New York City (1978) 438 U.S. 104, 124. Subsequent cases, as well as a close reading of Penn Central, indicate other relevant factors such as whether the regulation affects the existing or traditional use of the property and thus interferes with the property owner's "primary expectation" (id. at 125, 136), and whether the regulation "permit[s the property owner] . . . to profit [and] . . . to obtain a 'reasonable return' on . . . investment." Id. at 136. Under these factors, regulations which significantly limit the uses of private property constitute a taking. Such changes require just compensation, as well as due process and public consultation. This is true, for example, of zoning ordinances which render an existing use nonconforming.

In addition, the United States Supreme Court has definitively established that a land use regulation "goes too far"—amounting to a facial taking of property—where it "denies an owner economically viable use of his land." *Lucas v. SC Coastal Council* (1992) 505 U.S. 1003,1016, citing *Agins v. City of Tiburon* (1980) 447 U.S. 255, 260. This occurs where a regulation, by implementation alone, leaves the property owner without "substantial economic use" of the

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affected property. *See Maritrans Inc. v. U.S.* (2003) 342 F.3d 1344, 1351-52. A facial taking analysis does not require a fact-based probe as set forth in *Penn Central.* Rather, the dispositive inquiry is "whether the mere enactment of the [regulation] constitutes a taking." *Agins*, 447 U.S. at 295, *abrogated on other grounds*; *see also Tahoe-Sierra Pres. Council, Inc. v. Tahoe Reg'l Planning Agency* (2002) 535 U.S. 302, 318.

The Ordinance would give rise to a claim for just compensation by oil well operators and owners as well as royalty holders. The Ordinance would severely restrict the ability of well operators, owners, and royalty holders to use their property and would materially infringe on their property rights and interests, up to and including completely eliminating the value of those rights. Therefore, the Ordinance constitutes a taking for which compensation must be made. The cost of such compensation could run into the hundreds of millions of dollars, if not greater.

6. The Ordinance Violates Owners' Vested Rights.

The Ordinance constitutes a violation of the vested rights of oil well operators, owners, and royalty holders. Under *Avco Community Developers, Inc. v. South Coast Regional Commission*, (1976) 17 Cal.3d 785 ("Avco"), where a permit holders make an investment in that permit, they possess vested legal rights. Subsequent case law has clearly concluded that the doctrine of vested rights applies to use permits and the activities authorized thereunder. *See Hansen Brothers Enterprises v. Board of Supervisors*, (1996) 12 Cal.4th 533 ("Hansen"). Post-*Avco* decisions have held that use permits confer vested rights. *HPT IHG-2 Properties Tr. v. City of Anaheim* (2015) 243 Cal. App. 4th 188, 199 (where a CUP has been issued and the landowner has relied on it to its detriment, the landowner has a vested right.); *see also Malibu Mountains Recreation, Inc. v. County of Los Angeles* (1998) 67 Cal.App.4th 359, 367. The scope of the vested rights is the scope of activity authorized under the permit. *Santa Monica Pines, Ltd. v. Rent Control Bd.* (1984) 35Cal.3d 858, 865. Here, the Ordinance will unlawfully curtail the vested rights related to the oil wells at issue.

7. The Ordinance is Not Supported by Evidence, Exceeds the County's Police Powers to Enact, and Its Adoption Violates the Substantive Due Process Rights of Owners.

The Ordinance is not supported by substantial or sufficient evidence, and therefore is arbitrary and capricious. The County has provided only a cursory staff report and amortization study. The County has not conducted – or at least not made public as lawfully required – its own health risk study or other analysis of the health and safety impacts of the Ordinance. This is insufficient to support the sweeping changes and infringements of property rights in the Ordinance.

In addition, the Ordinance exceeds the County's police powers. As noted above, the County is preempted by state law from implementing the Ordinance. While counties maintain the power to enact zoning and similar ordinances, they may not do so in arbitrary fashion and without

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providing a justification reasonably related to legitimate government objectives. *Pacific Palisades Assn. v. City of Huntington Beach* (1925) 196 Cal. 211; *Marblehead Land Co. v. City of Los Angeles* (1931) 47 F.2d 528.) The County attempts to justify the Ordinance by relying upon unproven and alleged environmental impacts from the impacted facilities. The County cannot arbitrarily prohibit activities that have taken place safely throughout California for at least 75 years without providing reasonable justification. Moreover, existing state laws adequately protect public health, safety, and the environment; therefore, the County's arbitrary prohibitions create serious costs without any concomitant benefits. In cases involving the prohibition of oil and gas operations, the California Supreme Court has long held that "it is elementary that the enjoyment of property cannot be interfered with or limited arbitrarily" and must be supported with reasonable, non-arbitrary justifications. *Pacific Palisades Assn.*, 196 Cal. at 216. In its current form, the Ordinance would arbitrarily prohibit safe oil and gas operations in the County without providing reasonable justification for doing so.

Finally, the County's adoption of the Ordinance as agendized for the September 27, 2022 Board of Supervisors meeting constitutes a violation of the substantive due process rights of oil well operators, owners, and royalty holders. Due process requires that all members of the public have a fair and meaningful opportunity to be heard. The County's release of relevant documents in this matter only shortly before the Brown Act deadline to do so, considering the voluminous and technical nature of the issue, deprives CIPA and its members of the ability to make fully informed comments. Here, the County is considering depriving property owners of their property rights. A higher level of due process is therefore required. The County should therefore postpone the consideration of the Ordinance.

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We appreciate your time and attention to this matter. Given the significant and material defects in the Ordinance and the lack of any environmental review conducted to support the Ordinance, we strongly urge the County to discontinue its processing of the proposed Ordinance and decline to adopt the Ordinance.

Sincerely,

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