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“Silver RV Park” - A Proposed Recreational Vehicle Park to be Located on Nine Plugged Oil Wells

“Silver RV Park” is a proposed recreational vehicle (RV) park to be located at 23416 President Avenue in Harbor City. The proposed project includes sizable RV plots with full hookups, free water, sewer, trash disposal, and internet. There are nine plugged oil wells at this construction site.

Plugged oil wells can pose significant health risks. Over time, if a well is not properly sealed or if the plug degrades, toxic gases such as methane or hydrogen sulfide could potentially leak, causing harmful exposure to people in the area. These gases can be dangerous to inhale, and in enclosed or low-ventilation areas like RVs, the risk could increase.

Plugged oil wells can also be prone to leaks, which could result in soil and groundwater contamination. Building on these sites could disturb the wells or the surrounding environment, leading to potential spills or contamination that could affect wildlife, water sources, and public health.

Additionally, individuals that choose to rent a space at the RV park should be ensured that the site is suitable for residential or recreational use, especially if the land was previously zoned for industrial purposes.

Due to the potential safety hazards, it is crucial to ensure that all environmental and structural

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safety standards are thoroughly reviewed and adhered to.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Department of Regional Planning to consult with the Department of Public Works, the Fire Department, and the Department of Public Health to conduct an assessment and report back in 60 days in writing on the following actions:

1. Well Integrity and Sealing:

- a. Ensure that the original plugging and abandonment records for each well are available and reviewed;
- b. Ensure that proper plugging materials, such as cement or other approved substances, were used to create a long-term seal;

2. Ingress and Egress:

- a. Ensure there are sufficient and safe points of ingress and egress for emergency vehicles, RVs, and residents;
- b. Evaluate the traffic flow patterns to ensure that vehicles can enter and exit the RV park safely without congestion, particularly for larger vehicles like RVs;
- c. Verify that ingress and egress points meet fire code requirements, ensuring that fire trucks can access the site in case of an emergency; and

3. Environmental and Regulatory Compliance:

- a. Ensure that local environmental and building regulations are followed including all required permitting with the City of Los Angeles. This includes compliance with

environmental agencies like the California Geologic Management Department and
The California Environmental Protection Agency.

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