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*Re: Rancho Park oil and gas drilling – denial of use*

To the City,

At the Feb. 27, 2019, meeting of the West Los Angeles Sawtelle N.C., the Board of Directors voted, 12-0-0, to request that the Zoning Administrator follow precedent and deny drill-site approval of CEB industrial equipment within the residentially zoned Rancho Park Public Golf Course, and mandate all the following safety conditions:

- 24/7 emissions monitoring using up-to-date laser-based equipment.
- Annual compliance inspections by the ZA's office and Petroleum Administrator.
- Mandatory periodic Reviews of Conditions on a 5-year cycle to allow for updating of ZA assigned conditions of use.
- A clear emergency and accident reporting plan by which the oil company must notify LAFD, LAPD, the Petroleum Administrator, and Council District 5.

Facts and background:

1. Industrial oil drilling operations at Rancho Park Public Golf Course are ongoing and in close proximity to thousands of residents.
2. There is an extensive history at this drill-site of City Code violations, Conditions-of-Use violations, and repeated industrial accidents.

Findings and justifications:

1. Neighbors have widespread concern regarding human health and safety from extractive oil and gas operations in close proximity to dense residential areas, and numerous physical symptoms and complaints about communications were noted following the odorant spill of Nov. 2017, reminiscent of the 2015 natural gas leak at Aliso Canyon in the San Fernando Valley.

Ex parte communications: None disclosed by any committee members.

Disclosures and conflicts of interest: None disclosed by any committee members.

To government agencies: Only the Chair and designated Boardmembers may testify to public agencies on behalf of the West L.A. Sawtelle NC. The Board requests that the Council Office and private/non-profit entities do not testify or speculate on behalf of the NC.

*/s/ Jamie L. Keeton*

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