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Keeping Our Community Connected and Providing Assistance with Issues that Matter to Us!

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Oil & Gas Code/Ban Fracking Public Hearing

Tuesday, February 24, 2015 ~ 6:30 p.m.
Carson City Hall
Helen Kawagoe Council Chambers
701 East Carson Street, Carson, CA 90745

If you would like to receive a copy of Carson Connect's talking points please send us an email: lnoflin@carsoncaconnected.org

Banning fracking won't stop oil drilling!

Banning oil drilling **WILL STOP** fracking

[Link to resolution being presented for possible approval on the Oil & Gas Code](#)

[Link to resolution being presented for possible approval on Banning Fracking](#)



As stated in the notice of Public Hearing it is important you attend and or send your written questions, concerns or comments in.

"If you challenge the approval or denial of these matters in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the planning Commission at or prior to, the public hearing."



The new code, which allows new drilling in Carson, may be voted on at the Planning Commission Public Hearing. **Unless the Planning Commission finds they need more research and refuses to send it to City Council for approval this is our last chance to have any input or effect on that ordinance before it is passed. You should by all means attend this meeting.**

Please send your concerns in writing to:

Saied Naaseh, Planning Commission Staff
Carson City Hall
701 East Carson Street, Carson, CA 90745

You should also contact your planning commission members listed below and let them know your concerns:

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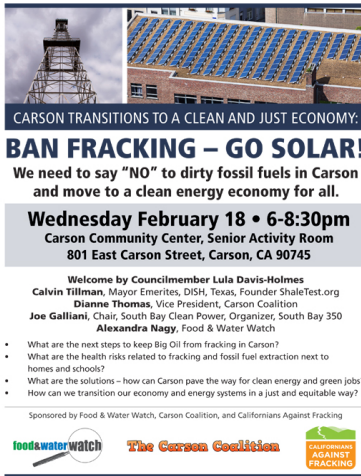
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City of Carson Oil & Gas Code Workshop and Ban Fracking Go Solar

Ban Fracking Go Solar and City of Carson Oil & Gas Code




CARSON TRANSITIONS TO A CLEAN AND JUST ECONOMY:
BAN FRACKING – GO SOLAR!
We need to say "NO" to dirty fossil fuels in Carson and move to a clean energy economy for all.

Wednesday February 18 • 6-8:30pm
Carson Community Center, Senior Activity Room
801 East Carson Street, Carson, CA 90745

Welcome by Councilmember Lula Davis-Holmes
Calvin Tillman, Mayor Emeritus, DISH, Texas, Founder ShaleTest.org
Dianne Thomas, Vice President, Carson Coalition
Joe Galliani, Chair, South Bay Clean Power, Organizer, South Bay 350
Alexandra Nagy, Food & Water Watch

- What are the next steps to keep Big Oil from fracking in Carson?
- What are the health risks related to fracking and fossil fuel extraction next to homes and schools?
- What are the solutions – how can Carson pave the way for clean energy and green jobs?
- How can we transition our economy and energy systems in a just and equitable way?

Sponsored by Food & Water Watch, Carson Coalition, and Californians Against Fracking



On Wednesday, February 18, 2015 we attended the Ban Fracking Go Solar event where Calvin Tillman, Mayor Emeritus of Dish, Texas spoke of **how drilling close to our residential communities brings our property value down**. He spoke of **health issues that only subsided when he moved his family**. We heard from a nurse who spoke of how she is seeing more and more sick young people. These people also spoke of how we needed to stop fracking, oil drilling and the pollution that comes with it in our communities. In addition, we were encouraged to go solar. **We agree we need to go green.**

We were then lead into the Oil & Gas Code Workshop where we were told the code was better than what we have (**anything would be better than what we have**). We were being sold an ordinance that will allow the oil

industry to **Drill baby drill!** This oil & gas code is not good enough for the people or City of Carson. **We want No New Drilling in Carson.**

[Link to Ban Fracking Go Solar flyer](#)

Carson has the same rights as all cities in California



Attorney Wynder on
Preemption

Carson has the same rights as all cities in California

[Beverly Hills Patch Article](#)

[Beverly Hills Oil & Gas Code](#)

Beverly Hills has put in an ordinance to stop the oil industry. We have the same rights; we are only asking they cap the drilling where it is. We are not asking them to stop existing sites or the storage of oil and its byproducts. **We feel the residents are doing their fare share by housing and refining and the drilling that already exist. We want No NEW Drilling.**

The below statement is taken from the staff report from the proposed Oil & Gas Code.

The City Council held several meetings regarding these and other petroleum related issues on March 18, 2014, April 15, 2014, April 29, 2014, and May 20, 2014. On May 2014, the City Council directed City Staff to commence a complete and comprehensive review to update the Municipal Code regarding oil and gas operations and to study and address all modern-day drilling issues and applications.



April 29 2105 Public Hearing to Extend
Moratorium Speakers

People from across Southern California April 29, 2014 many of whose concerns are not addressed in this proposed Oil & Gas Code.

Call for an emergency item to be placed to the agenda to add a ban on oil drilling in our Oil & Gas Code

Thank you to all the people who came to stand with us and to speak against the assault our City Council is perpetrating against the residents of Carson. **The 4 council members are the only thing standing in the way of our protecting our investments and future generation's health and wellbeing.**

City Council is very aware their **non-action has resulted in 2 new wells in South Carson** one of which is **close to the Carousel community.** They know the residents have been **fighting to uphold the true purpose and history of Carson.** They know there are no protections to stop the oil industry if we allow them to drill, do to the loss of our right to place a moratorium on drilling. They know we will have to fight once again to stop them.



Attorney Wynder loss of moratorium Forever

They also know the people who spoke for the Oxy Project were for the most part, not Carson residents. The people running our city have put their **political ambitions before our health and wellbeing**. They were willing to vote a non-emergency item as an emergency.

We love our Pilipino brothers and sisters that's why we shared the clip in a past email from Democracy Now that tells us about the destruction oil companies are causing and how the Philippines is one of the hardest hit.



Putting People Before Profit



Leading Filipino Environmental Voice Silenced at U N Climate Talks

We would have understood sending our condolences as an emergency if city council would have **taken protecting our community as an emergency**. They were unwilling to discuss the state of **emergency that they created**. It seems to me that was like a slap in the face. They are not willing to do anything until we die? And then it will be a proclamation to our family.



Add emergency item to agenda



Speakers Request Emergency Item

It seems now that Oxy has backed out of the fight (not drilling in Carson) **just the fight** in Carson. We don't have to worry about the bullies they bused in to rob us of our voice and right to protect our residents.

At the last council meeting there was **no one who stood up for drilling**. There were **no**

Jobs for Carson people or stickers, just Carson residents and community activists speaking up, and those who did not want to speak up put on **No New Drilling buttons to show they stand with us**. We need you to do the same until Carson protects us and future generations from the effects of additional oil drilling.

I hope our city council has not made deals/commitments that will cost the 92,000+ of us. The only hope to stop the oil industry from being handed a portion of the value of our homes and future generation's health and well-being is to **convince the Planning Commission that we want No New Drilling in Carson**. We don't want anything that causes the corruption we have seen in the last 3+ years. A perfect example on the DEIR they indicated the **Newport/Inglewood fault moved almost 2 miles**? As long as I can remember the fault has always been the mountainous formation that runs from Newport Beach to Inglewood, the mountainous formation runs through North East Carson. **I guess it couldn't stand what is going on in Carson and just packed up and moved almost 2 miles**. They are perpetrating a fraud on us and it is up to us to protect our families and homes.

ExxonMobil Explosion



Aerial view of affected area at the Exxon/Mobil refinery in Torrance following an explosion and fire on Feb. 28, 2015. (Brad Graverson / Staff Photographer)
By The Los Angeles News Group Editorial Board, The Daily Breeze

ExxonMobil missed mark with initial response to refinery explosion

By The Los Angeles News Group Editorial Board, The Daily Breeze

ExxonMobil says dust from explosion can irritate skin, eyes, throat



thick layer of ash covers the cars at Scott Robinson Honda on Hawthorne Blvd Wednesday following the explosion at the Exxon/Mobil refinery in Torrance. (Chuck Bennett / Staff Photographer)



Communities for a Better Environment Whats the Deal with Refinery Explosions and Who's at Fault

What's the deal with Oil Refinery Explosions, Flaring, Pollution, Worker Strikes, Tar Sands Crude Oil, and Fracked Oil?



Q: Are refinery explosions the refinery workers fault? The contractors fault?

A: No → It's the oil industry management's responsibility to sustain safe operations, and when the company cuts corners despite warnings from their workers, it has resulted many times in explosions, fires, and deaths.

It's time to stop blaming the workers and to start holding oil companies responsible:

- A California Governor's report identified oil industry cut-backs in maintenance as a statewide problem. Some of these refineries are being run into the ground, and many workers in the oil industry are not allowed to speak out about safety without losing their jobs.
- Experienced oil industry workers are the last line of defense for community safety.
- The Steelworkers who operate most of our refineries are on strike right now in safety measures in their contracts with refiners and CBE supports the strikers. But the oil industry so far has not agreed to allow them to put these safety measures into their contracts. The Steelworkers are putting their livelihoods on the line to win these measures.
- As an Environmental Justice nonprofit organization, at CBE, we don't see the false distinction between workers & the rest of the community. Oil corporations have often tried to build a wall between workers and the community. We think all communities deserve to have access to good jobs and good health, and that they should not have choose between one, and the other.
- The oil industry has engaged in strikebreaking by trying to take jobs away from the experienced Steelworkers, to give them to other unions, who do not have the same level of experience running refineries, or, to contract workers.
- At the same time, the oil industry is also bringing in dirtier, cheaper, more dangerous, bottom of the barrel crude oils into their refineries, such as Tar Sands crude oil by rail, ship, and pipeline, which is even more corrosive and dangerous than most crude oils in use now. They are also bringing in fracked crude oil, containing a dangerous level of explosive gases.

→ It's time to improve safety, public warnings, air monitoring, and public information, and to support our experienced refinery workers in standing up to the oil industry, while we transition off of dirty fossil fuels.

Communities for a Better Environment
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 Wilmington field office (after hours only): 114 E. Franklin Ave., Wilmington, CA 90744 | 310-951-9997
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REPORT ON TORRANCE TOWN HALL MEETING ON 2/20/2015

By Sherry Lear, Attorney and Environmental Activist

ExxonMobile held a "Town Hall" at 6 p.m. on 2/20/2015 in response to public concerns about the explosion at the ExxonMobil Torrance refinery on 2/18/2015. The meeting was held at Torrance Cultural Arts Center and was attended by several hundred people. From what I could see on the sign-in sheet, the attendees were overwhelmingly residents. There was also media coverage from several news stations (NBC4 and KTLA) along with the Daily Breeze, Reuters and I expect the L.A. Times. The entire meeting was filmed by ExxonMobil.

[Read Complete article](#)

NO ON MEASURE A

Carson Citizens For Reform
 21718 Avalon Blvd
 Carson, CA 90716
 (562) 532-7373

No More Higher Taxes! Vote NO on measure A!

NO ON MEASURE A

Your City Council is not telling the whole truth. Measure A is NOT a continuation of the current 2% Utility Tax on Gas and Electricity that was passed by the voters in 2009 and annually in 2016. Instead Measure A is a NEW proposition that extends the current tax AND ADDS 3 more utilities: Water, Cable and Telecommunications to the existing tax.

Measure A **DOES NOT** have a sunset clause so it will go on FOREVER. Since seniors and lower income families are exempt, the never ending burden to pay for the extravagant spending habits of the City Council falls on the backs of the residents and businesses.

There is NO financial crisis at this time. The Mayor stated January 20th at a Special Meeting, "The City of Carson... Ironically a City that has nearly a \$30 million dollar surplus of funds."

Don't be fooled. Send a message to the City Council that they need to stop spending our money recklessly. We don't need to buy 2 acres of land for an indoor soccer stadium, pay \$500,000.00, or new parklets to staff each council member, spend over \$1 million dollars on two land parcels, spend \$50,000 on parklets to Chico, or spend \$1 million dollars remodeling the Community Center.

Most significantly is that Measure A will amend Section 61116 of the Carson Municipal Code by deleting it completely. This section allows you to vote on any changes to the tax. This section allowed amendments to this tax only by a vote of the people. Your right to amend this tax up or down in the future will be taken away from you unless you vote **NO on Measure A**.

City of Carson		
OWNER	MEASURE A	MEASURE A
2% Utility Tax Rate	YES	YES
Electricity taxed	YES	YES
Gas taxed	YES	YES
Water taxed	NO	YES
Cell Phones taxed	NO	YES
Home/Business	NO	YES
Phone taxed	NO	YES
Cable taxed	NO	YES
Internet taxed	NO	YES
Tax Expires	YES-2016	NEVER

Comments: **VOTE NO ON MEASURE A!**

TAX

[Link to mailer NO on measure A](#)

Community Calendar

Primerica Financial Wellness Seminar



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- Retirement savings strategies
- The power of compound interest
- The importance of asset diversification
- The role of insurance in your plan

Location: Carson Community Center
881 E. Carson Street
Carson, CA 90715

Date: Thursday, February 26, 2015

Time: 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Contact: Sandra Ray, Regional Leader
(310) 961-8747 or (310) 991-3999

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**Thursday, February 26, 2015
7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.**

IN THE NEWS

The Boulevards project is dead!

[Carson outlines financing for NFL stadium that could house Chargers, Raiders](#)

[Jim Dear injects his personal agenda into Gipson ceremony](#)

[Eight candidates vying for two seats on the fractious Carson City Council](#)

[Carson Mayor Jim Dear targets City Hall rival in bid for clerk's pos](#)

[Carson needs a shakeup](#)

NO Drilling in Populated Areas Petition to Regulate the Oil Industry

We the undersigned, call for immediate action by the Obama Administration, U.S. Congress, California State Legislature, and local government officials to put into effect the following regulations for the oil industry to protect the people, communities and America.

- All new activity must be developed and maintained in unpopulated areas.
- All existing permits in populated areas when expire will not be renewed.
- The oil companies must maintain a bond in the event of an emergency to correct ALL damages to Americans and America.

[Link to NO Drilling in Populated Areas PRINTABLE Petition](#)

[Link to NO Drilling in Populated Areas ONLINE Petition](#)

What You Can Do

Report Illegal or Unethical Behavior

If you have any information on the illegal or unethical behavior of any community organization, business interest, the oil industry, any Carson elected official(s) or employee(s) that contributed to this ill gotten vote please contact me Lori Noflin at lnoflin@carsoncaconnected.org. To keep your

complaint completely confidential you can mail to Lori Noflin, P.O. Box 5503, Carson, CA 90746.

Or you can submit a complaint directly to the governing agencies listed below:

<p><u>California Fair Political Practices Commission</u> <u>Enforcement Division</u> 428 J Street, Suite 620 Sacramento, CA 95814 General Contact Line: (916)322-5660 Advice Line: 1-866-ASK-FPPC (1-866-275-3772)</p> <p>(Link to Complaint Form)</p>	<p><u>District Attorney's Office County of Los Angeles Public Integrity Division</u></p> <p>210 West Temple Street Suite 18000 Los Angeles, CA 90012-3210</p> <p>Telephone (213) 974-3512</p>
<p><u>County of Los Angeles Civil Grand Jury Criminal Justice Center</u></p> <p>Telephone: (213) 893-1047 Email: info@lacounty.gov</p>	<p><u>California Environmental Protection Agency</u></p> <p>916 323-2514 Email: cepacomm@calepa.ca.gov</p> <p>Link to CAL/EPA ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLAINT FORM</p>
<p><u>California Department of Justice Office of the Attorney General</u></p> <p>P.O. Box 944255 Sacramento, CA 94244-2550 (916) 322-3360 or (Toll-free in California) (800) 952-5225 Fax: (916) 323-5341</p>	<p><u>FBI Federal Bureau of Investigation</u> Long Beach 4811 Airport Plaza Drive, Suite 500 Long Beach, CA 90815 Phone: (562) 982-1600 Fax: (562) 982-1799 County: Southern Los Angeles</p>

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