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James Dear, City Clerk

CITY OF CARSON  
701 East Carson Street  
Carson, CA 90745

Dear Mr. Dear,

I am a resident of Carson and have been a member of this community since 1960. I am writing to you to appeal the votes taken by the planning commission in regards to the Oil & Gas Code on November 24, 2015.

The commissioner's decisions on the Oil & Gas Code go against everything the residents created the City of Carson to do. In 1968, thousands of residents came together with the goal of protecting our residents and communities from the contamination of bad business practices that were not conducive with our then populated communities. As you know, we are even more densely populated and it is the city and commissioners responsibility to protect the now 92,000+ residents.

The Cal Compact Landfill is a perfect example, 50 years after it shut down, all the work and millions of dollars spent, the Daily Breeze reported in order to protect surrounding communities from our contamination, the Carson Reclamation Authority must cover the entire property with plastic. The oil industry is responsible for much of the contamination here in Carson. We have the Carousel tract, Monterey Pines, and the Dominguez Channel all contaminated by the oil industry.

It also ignores the fact that our homes were built when oil drilling was declining and they cannot withstand the earthquakes that the Oxy Project/California Resources Corporation/SoCal Holdings, LLC site is causing, and additional wells will cause. Many of our homes are older than the city with original pipes. In 2011, a small earthquake hit our area and in the middle of the night, we could smell gas. The gas company came out, tightened a loose connection, and declared the problem fixed. We continued to smell gas and called again, the gas company discovered a 60 cubic feet

an hour leak. Enough gas to fill a 6-story cubed building every hour. Oil drilling on the Newport-Inglewood fault caused earthquakes will destroy the quality of life not just for Carson but surrounding cities.

In addition, the planning commissioners were handpicked and appointed before the residents of Carson had a chance to apply for the seats vacated by the mayor. The commissions have been holding public hearings and making decisions despite not being sworn in or proper notice given of the vacant seats. This is a violation of California Code 54974.

It looks like all planning commission seats have been filled with people willing to vote to pass this bad ordinance. Just weeks before the commissioners were appointed one of them told me, he/she did not understand what city staff was talking about and couldn't keep up with the oil & gas code. Yet this person voted to pass this bad ordinance. Another commissioner has the hopes of recycling fracking water. The entire process regarding oil drilling in Carson since 2011 was designed to deceive the residents in order to force oil drilling. As such, the vote to send a bad ordinance to the City Council that allows more of the same contamination completely dismisses the true purpose and history of the City of Carson.

This ordinance forces the residents to take all the risk and hands the oil interests all the benefits. It gives the corporations power over the people and control of the health and wellbeing of our people and community. This city was created of, by and for the people not the corporations.

For the above reasons and the concerns brought to the attention of city staff in the past 3+ years that have been brushed under the rug I am requesting an appeal of all November 24, 2015 Oil & Gas Code votes. The city has presented the ordinance at its worst; I am also requesting the city to provide the residents with complete information on what the city can legally do to protect its residents to the fullest extent of the law in regards to oil drilling. I look forward to hearing from you and appreciate your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

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