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**DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**  
**COMMUNITY IMPACT COMMITTEE MEETING**

Wednesday, October 1, 2014, 6:30 P.M.

**MEETING MINUTES**

1. Call to order and roll call.
  - Chairman: Eric Garcia (EG) - Present
  - Co-Chairman: Robert Newman (RN) – Present
  - Committee Member: Patti Berman (PB) – Present
  - Committee Member: Michael Eisman (ME) – Present
  - Committee Member: James Todd (JT) – Present
  - Committee Member: Ashley Stracke (AS) – Not Present
2. First Public comment opportunity on Non-Agenda Items within the board’s subject matter. No public comment.
3. Matters for Committee Discussion
  - 3.1 Council File **13-1152-S1**: Hydraulic Fracturing / Fracking / Prohibition of Well Stimulation Activities. Review, discuss, and revise draft Community Impact Statement (“CIS”) in support of fracking moratorium and requesting City Attorney to timely draft ordinance prohibiting fracking.

**MOTION: The CIC shall approve the draft Letter concerning Council File 13-1152-S1.**

Presented by EG Seconded by RN

Y = Yes; N = No; A = Abstain

Eric Garcia	Y
Robert Newman	Y
Patti Berman	Y
Michael Eisman	Y
James Todd	Y

Yes = 5; No = 0; Abstain = 0

**OUTCOME: Motion As Amended PASSES**

- 3.2 Council File **14-1062**: Vending and Camping in Public Parks / Prohibitions / Penalties for Violation / Ordinance Amendment. Review, discuss, and revise draft CIS in support of the amendment of Subdivision 3 of Subsection B of Los Angeles Municipal Code, which regulates commercial sales and services in parks, to prohibit unpermitted commercial vending. The proposed amendment however, should allow use of public parks for fitness or other wellness-related uses regardless of whether such use is a commercial activity.
 

**MOTION: The CIC shall approve the draft Letter concerning Council File 14-1062.**  
 No vote taken. Committee decided to gather more information about permit pricing and whether the amendment inhibits freedom to assemble on south lawn of City Hall.
- 3.3 Council File **14-0163-S4**: Comprehensive City Sidewalk Repair Program / Regular Program for Improvements (Identify, Prioritize and Budget). Review, discuss, and revise draft CIS stating that DLANC supports a “fix and release” plan for the repair of damaged sidewalks and requests that it be provided an opportunity to provide input as to which sidewalks should take priority for repair.
 

**MOTION: The CIC shall approve the draft Letter concerning Council File 14-0163-S4.**

No vote taken. Committee could not arrive at a consensus for a sidewalk repair program and decided to draft a survey for the Board to consider to solicit further input.

- 3.4 Council File **14-0223**: Imposing Living Wage / Hotel Employees / Hotels with 100 Rooms or more / Citywide Economic Impacts / Study and Public Input. Update on status of CF 14-0223. Review, discuss, and revise draft CIS.  
Postponed to next Committee meeting.
- 3.5 Council File **14-0593**: Sharing Economy / Comprehensive Study Report / Working Group. Discuss whether the CIC should take any action. ME agreed to review the Council File to consider whether a CIS should be drafted.
- 3.6 Fifth and Broadway: Update on status of Fifth and Broadway concerns. Committee agreed to engage in conversation with Police Commission or LAPD.
- 3.7 Disabled Placard Abuse: Discuss whether the CIC should take any action. Committee agreed to take this matter. PB will take lead.
4. Member comment: Comments from Committee members on subject matters within the Committee's jurisdiction.
5. Second Public comment opportunity on Non-Agenda Items within the board's subject matter. No public comment.
6. Chair's report
  - 6.1 Update on submission of CIS statements.
  - 6.2 Outreach: Meeting our neighboring NCs and CD 14 staff
  - 6.3 Homelessness panel
  - 6.4 Jaywalking enforcement: Committee to discuss this issue with Police Commission or LAPD.
  - 6.5 Metro safety: Committee to discuss best course of action for increasing ridership safety via lights or cell usage.
7. **MOTION: The CIC shall approve the CIC's Meeting Minutes from the August 2014 CIC meeting.**  
Postponed to next meeting.
8. Adjournment.

# APPENDIX A

**SUMMARY OF MOTIONS PASSED BY THE  
COMMUNITY IMPACT COMMITTEE ON  
OCTOBER 1, 2014**

**3.1 Council File 13-1152-S1:** Hydraulic Fracturing / Fracking / Prohibition of Well Stimulation Activities. Review, discuss, and revise draft Community Impact Statement (“CIS”) in support of fracking moratorium and requesting City Attorney to timely draft ordinance prohibiting fracking.

**MOTION: “The Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council supports a moratorium on well stimulation, including hydraulic fracturing, and the use of waste disposal injection wells in the City of Los Angeles until the measures identified in the Motion are met. In addition, the Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council urges the Los Angeles City Attorney, Mike Feuer, to take swift action in developing regulatory controls over hydraulic fracturing in the City of Los Angeles as requested by the Planning and Land Use Management Committee on February 28, 2014. Furthermore, DLANC opposes any activity that could be characterized as well stimulation (including hydraulic fracturing) and use of waste disposal injection wells, within the boundaries of DLANC.”**

See “CIS\_14-0471\_CIC\_2014\_09\_09.pdf” for approved CIS.

# **APPENDIX B**

## **Committee Approved Community Impact Statement**



October 14, 2014

Council File 13-1152-S1

Honorable City Council  
c/o Office of the City Clerk  
Los Angeles City Hall  
200 North Spring Street, Room 395  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Honorable Members,

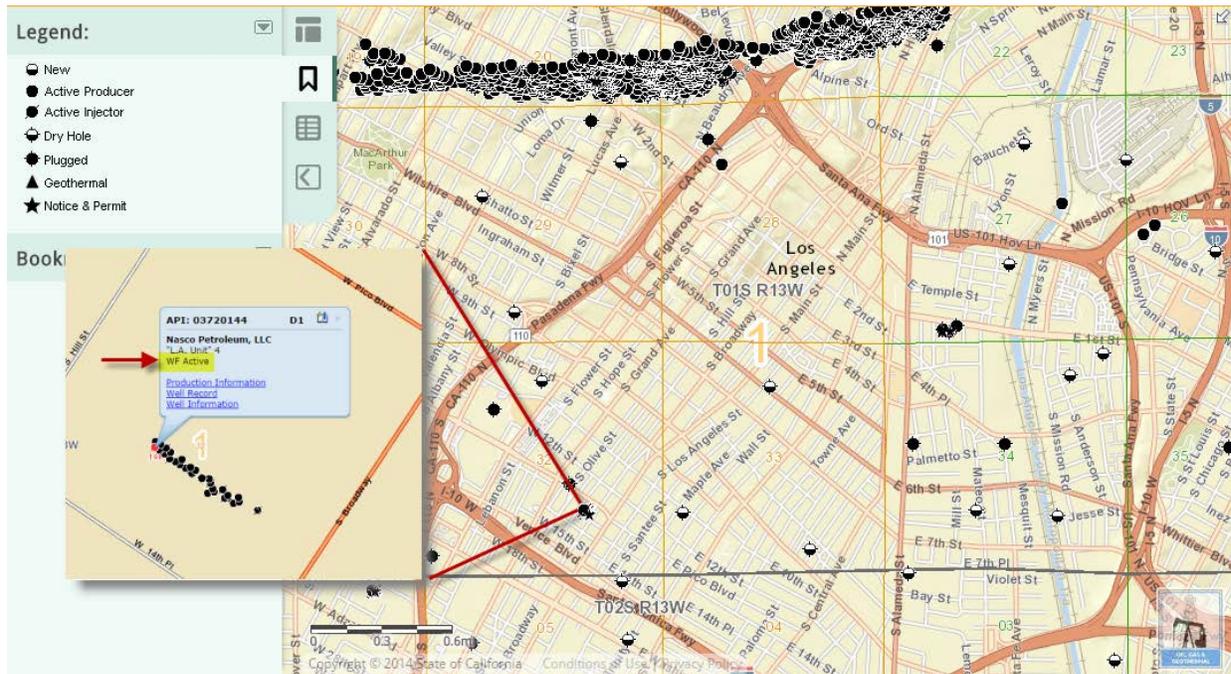
The Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council requests that the following Community Impact Statement be added to Council File 13-1152-S1, regarding regulation of well stimulation and hydraulic fracturing in the City of Los Angeles.

### COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council (“DLANC”) supports a moratorium on well stimulation, including hydraulic fracturing, and the use of waste disposal injection wells in the City of Los Angeles until the measures identified in the Motion are met. *See* Motion at p. 3-4. In addition, the Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council urges the Los Angeles City Attorney, Mike Feuer, to take swift action in developing regulatory controls over hydraulic fracturing in the City of Los Angeles as requested by the Planning and Land Use Management Committee (“PLUMC”) on February 28, 2014. *See* PLUMC Report at p. 1. Furthermore, DLANC opposes any activity that could be characterized as well stimulation (including hydraulic fracturing) and use of waste disposal injection wells, within the boundaries of DLANC.

According to the Division of Oil, Gas & Geothermal Resources Well Finder (“DOGGR”) website, there are active wells within the boundary of DLANC’s jurisdiction.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> <http://maps.conservation.ca.gov/doggr/index.html#>



Further, although there appear to be a number of plugged wells within DLANC’s jurisdiction, it is possible for plugged wells to be unplugged and put back into service. *See* “West Adams Oil Blues,” available at <http://boryanabooks.com/?p=4250> (reporting on an oil field located just south of Downtown Los Angeles that had previously contained 21 plugged wells that were shut down in the 1990s, but in 2005 7-10 wells were unplugged and put back into service); *see also* “EPA officers sickened by fumes at South L.A. oil field,” available at <http://www.latimes.com/local/la-me-1109-fumes-20131109-story.html>.

As stated in the Motion, hydraulic fracturing, acidizing, gravel packing, and other associated well-stimulation practices may threaten to contaminate drinking water supplies and contaminate the environment. Further, disposing wastewater into deep disposal wells has been found by scientists at the United States Geological Survey to increase seismic activity. *See* Motion at p. 2. In addition, the water used in hydraulic fracturing, acidizing, and gravel packing is permanently removed from the hydrological cycle due to contamination and as such, further reduces this natural resource at a time when water resources are limited due to the current drought.

Because Downtown Los Angeles is a densely populated neighborhood,<sup>2</sup> it is imperative that operation of wells located in Downtown Los Angeles be adequately regulated and monitored to protect the public from being harmed by spills, leaks, or blowouts. Indeed, in West Adams, lack of adequate regulation led to nearby residents getting ill, developing respiratory problems, headaches, and nausea. *See* “West Adams Oil Blues,” available at <http://boryanabooks.com/?p=4250> (“Any thought that the neighbors’ symptoms were exaggerated were dispelled when, on November 6, federal inspectors from the Environmental Protection Agency arrived, and were sickened by fumes. Jared Blumenfeld, the EPA regional administrator for the Pacific Southwest, personally led

<sup>2</sup> Accordingly to the LA Times, Downtown Los Angeles has a population of approximately 4,770 people per square mile. *See* <http://maps.latimes.com/neighborhoods/population/density/neighborhood/list/>

the team. Afterward he told the LA Times: “I’ve been to oil and gas production facilities throughout the region, but I’ve never had an experience like that before. We suffered sore throats, coughing and severe headaches that lingered for hours.”).

Accordingly, until the measures identified in the Motion are met, the Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council supports a moratorium on well stimulation, including hydraulic fracturing, and the use of waste disposal injection wells in the City of Los Angeles. In addition, DLANC opposes any activity that could be characterized as well stimulation (including hydraulic fracturing) and use of waste disposal injection wells, within the boundaries of DLANC.

This Community Impact Statement is based on the action taken at the regularly scheduled Board of Directors meeting on October 14, 2014, when the Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council adopted the following motion by a vote of \_\_\_ yes, \_\_\_ no, \_\_\_ abstaining and directed that a Community Impact Statement be filed reflecting its position.

**Motion: “The Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council supports a moratorium on well stimulation, including hydraulic fracturing, and the use of waste disposal injection wells in the City of Los Angeles until the measures identified in the Motion are met. In addition, the Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council urges the Los Angeles City Attorney, Mike Feuer, to take swift action in developing regulatory controls over hydraulic fracturing in the City of Los Angeles as requested by the Planning and Land Use Management Committee on February 28, 2014. Furthermore, DLANC opposes any activity that could be characterized as well stimulation (including hydraulic fracturing) and use of waste disposal injection wells, within the boundaries of DLANC.”**

Sincerely,

Patricia Berman  
DLANC President

Sincerely,

Eric R. Garcia  
DLANC Community Impact Committee Chair