

CF 17-0447 (neighborhood oil drilling)

As the City Attorney has recently submitted his legal analysis to the Council, we the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council urge the City Council to protect our communities in Los Angeles from the harmful health impacts of oil drilling, recognizing that the BIPOC communities are often most affected. Out of the 1.8 million Californians living near drilling in heavily polluted areas, 92% are from communities of color. We are also aware of homes being built on top of capped oil wells, another unsafe practice that should be prohibited. Mayor Garcetti's Green New Deal includes reducing oil drilling and creating a buffer zone between oil and gas facilities and communities. As of August 2018, Council District 5 has 58 Onshore Oil Districts out of the 330 in the City of L.A. Right here in South Robertson, we have a massive oil well site on Pico Blvd. We insist that protecting our neighbors and our environment become a priority over oil drilling both onshore and offshore. We encourage the City Council to approve this motion and to write a resolution in favor of AB-345.