

1 **RESOLUTION NO. 2012-R⁰⁵⁷**

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3 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
4 CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA, URGING THE STATE OF
5 CALIFORNIA, DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION, DIVISION
6 OF OIL, GAS & GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES (DOGGR) TO
7 PLACE A BAN ON HYDRAULIC FRACTURING ("FRACKING").

8 WHEREAS, currently, and over the next several years, hundreds of new oil
9 wells will be drilled in the Inglewood Oil Field (the "Oil Field"), which spans across the
10 jurisdictions of the City of Culver City and unincorporated Los Angeles County and is
11 located in a heavily populated urban area; and

12 WHEREAS, hydraulic fracturing, also known as "fracking," is generally a
13 technique to increase oil and gas production by injecting fluids at pressures sufficient to
14 create fractures in subsurface rock or other tight geological formations in order to release
15 petroleum or natural gas for extraction; and

16 WHEREAS, the neighborhoods and communities surrounding the Oil Field,
17 including Culver City residents, have expressed alarm about the potential impacts of
18 fracking on the public health and safety and the environment; and

19 WHEREAS, the California State Department of Conservation, Division of Oil,
20 Gas & Geothermal Resources (DOGGR) is currently engaged in the process of studying
21 potential regulations on fracking. As part of this effort, DOGGR has held several
22 community meetings throughout the State seeking public comment relating to potential
23 regulation of fracking; and

24 WHEREAS, On June 12, 2012, DOGGR held one such community meeting
25 in the City of Culver City, during which a significant number of people in the Los Angeles
26 County Region, including Culver City residents and the Culver City City Council (the "City
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1 Council”), provided testimony regarding the potential risks of fracking, the concern that
2 fracking is generally unregulated and that no further fracking should occur, at least until
3 DOGGR has adopted fracking regulations that can ensure protection against the risks to
4 air quality, water quality and ground movement; and

5 WHEREAS, at the community meeting, little or no evidence or testimony was
6 offered that fracking was safe in the absence of such regulations while numerous members
7 of the public offered considerable testimony that fracking posed a substantial risk to the
8 community and the environment; and

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10 WHEREAS, at the City Council meeting of June 18, 2012, in response to the
11 community’s concerns, the Council directed staff to agendize the consideration of a
12 resolution urging DOGGR to place a ban on fracking and the disposal of fracking
13 wastewater by injection wells until such time as DOGGR enacts legislation to regulate
14 fracking.

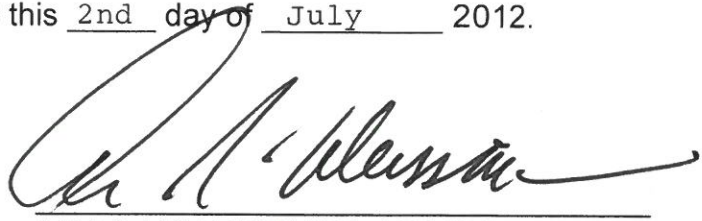
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16 NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Culver City DOES
17 HEREBY RESOLVE as follows:

18 1. The City of Culver City urges Governor Jerry Brown and the California
19 State Department of Conservation, Division of Oil, Gas & Geothermal Resources
20 (DOGGR), to immediately place a ban on hydraulic fracturing and on the disposal of
21 fracking wastewater by injection wells until DOGGR takes all necessary and appropriate
22 actions to adopt, implement and enforce comprehensive regulations concerning the
23 practice of fracking that will ensure that public health and safety and the environment will
24 be adequately protected.

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26 2. The City Clerk is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution
27 to Governor Jerry Brown and DOGGR.
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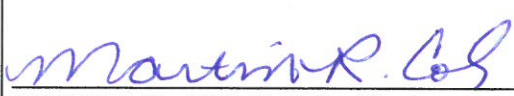
APPROVED and ADOPTED this 2nd day of July 2012.



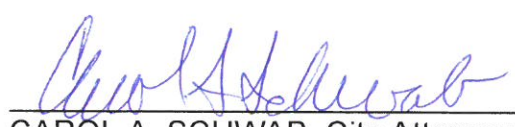
ANDREW WEISSMAN, MAYOR
City of Culver City, California

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



MARTIN R. COLE, City Clerk



CAROL A. SCHWAB, City Attorney

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