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From: Public Comment at Culver City
Sent: Monday, November 14, 2022 3:43 PM
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: FW: Oil Termination Ordinance

From: Jonathan Bailin [REDACTED] >
Sent: Sunday, November 6, 2022 2:38 PM
To: Baker, Heather <heather.baker@culvercity.org>; mtraxlerpplus@aol.com
Subject: Oil Termination Ordinance

Dear Ms. Baker & Ms Traxler:

It used to be that oil companies were allowed to exploit land near residential areas as they pleased. Today, we know that these explorations were not performed in the public's best long term interest but did contribute to massive oil company profits. Public awareness is now different.

Like many, I'm not convinced that oil companies have properly compensated (or properly repaired damage) that CC residents will experience for many years from oil exploration and its damage to our aquifers and environment. I am in favor of a transparent plan to take back and repair these lands for diverse recreational use funded by those companies.

My hope is that all oil companies are held accountable and that this process be transparent and of higher quality than those cities who have been influenced by those companies (eg El Segundo).

Sincerely,
Jonathan

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City Council to Receive a Report on City's Discussions with Sentinel Peak Resources Regarding Oil Termination Ordinance

If you have any questions or comments regarding this matter, please email [Heather Baker, City Attorney](#) or call her at (310) 253-5660; or email [Melanie Doran Traxler, Contract Project Manager](#) or call her at (818) 248-7158.

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From: Michelle Weiner <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, November 14, 2022 9:55 AM
To: Lee, Daniel; McMorrin, Yasmine; Fisch, Alex; Vera, Albert; Eriksson, Goran
Cc: Nachbar, John; Clerk, City
Subject: A-3, public comment, + The Oil Well Next Door: California's Silent Health Hazard - Yale E360

Mayor, Vice-Mayor, and Council members,

Tonight, in Agenda item A-3, you have an opportunity to halt negotiations with well-funded Sentinel, and decide to enforce our ordinance. Sentinel did not close 2 wells, as promised, this year; and cannot be trusted to close 15 wells by 2027, nor decommission the remaining 25 wells by 2029. If you continue negotiating with Sentinel you are holding this community's health hostage, to avoid a law suit. When will we consider that protection and safety of our community is worth the risk of an (inevitable) lawsuit?

And, by caving to their demands, we endanger our neighbors because we have set a high bar for LA and the County to follow. Will we grovel and bow instead of lead?

Michelle Weiner

<https://e360.yale.edu/features/the-oil-well-next-door-californias-silent-health-hazard>



Monday, November 14, 2022

Culver City Council
9770 Culver Blvd
Culver City, CA 90232

Re: Agenda Item A-3, Report on Discussions Related to the Oil Termination Ordinance

Mayor, Vice Mayor, Councilmembers and Staff:

I am writing on behalf of the Sierra Club and our volunteers in Culver City. Our volunteers have been working with the city for over a decade to phase out — and clean up — the dangerous oil field in our backyard.

We are happy that this work is moving forward, and thank the City for its leadership on this issue. We are, however, disappointed with the extended timeline for phase out.

Further delay of the closure of the oil wells in the City is an injustice to the community living nearby, a community already suffering from increased rates of asthma, headaches, reproductive harm, cardiovascular disease, and other health issues linked to oil and gas drilling.

While we would much rather see the original 5 year phaseout timeline followed for all wells, if there is a trade off to be made, it must support the communities safety first and foremost.

When you move forward with this settlement, please move quickly, and consider the following clarifications and conditions:

Wells closest to homes and other sensitive areas should be prioritized for closure first, long before 2029.

There should be a mechanism to trigger faster plugging and abandonment if Sentinel Peak is not meeting the timeline outlined in the settlement.

The settlement must carefully and very narrowly define the circumstances where extension is allowed.

Sentinel must restore and revegetate the site as near a natural state as practicable, as required in the ordinance and under state law.

In addition to prohibiting re-drilling and sidetracking, the settlement should prohibit other kinds of reworking along with injection and acidizing. Injection, acidifying, and maintenance should not be allowed where they are intended to extend the production life of the well, but only to prevent or respond to health or safety threats. So, for example, injection might be allowed to prevent subsidence or groundwater contamination in Culver City, but not to support additional oil and gas extraction in Culver City or the adjoining portion of the Inglewood Oil Field in unincorporated Los Angeles County.

Lastly, the City must include a Just Transition for workers as reflected in the original ordinance.

Thank you so much for your time and consideration.

Best,

Nicole Levin, Dirty Fuels Campaigner, Sierra Club