

**EMPOWERMENT CONGRESS
NORTH AREA
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DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**



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The *Empowerment Congress North Area Neighborhood Development Council (NANDC)* asks that the following letter concerning the application of *Freeport McMoRan Oil & Gas LLC* be included in the file for Case Number ZA 17528(PA4), CEQA Number ENV 2013-2058-CE.

On November 6, 2014, the *Empowerment Congress North Area Neighborhood Development Council (NANDC)* voted (9 yes, 0 no, and 0 abstain) to approve a motion directing the *Office of Zoning Administration* to pursue a full environmental impact review for the application submitted by *Freeport McMoRan Oil & Gas LLC* (“Freeport”) to drill one new well and re-drill two existing wells at the Jefferson Drill-site located at 1349-1375 W. Jefferson Blvd.

The formal motion reads as follows:

The [Office of Zoning Administration] should pursue a full environmental impact review of the proposed drilling plan, including potential mitigation efforts as proposed by the members of the neighboring community.

In the pursuit of a more comprehensive environmental review, we ask that the relevant city departments and agencies consider mitigation measures taken by other cities provide a framework for Los Angeles to emulate. Should the application for drilling advance, it is of the utmost importance that the City secures all necessary mitigation measures for the environmental impacts to the neighborhood. Such measures—as they correspond to the concerns of the community—should include, but shall not be limited to:

- Restricting Freeport-related motor vehicle trips into the vicinity on a per day basis to limit the amount of traffic for residents;
- Installing precautionary measures for earthquake safety and preparedness (for example, seismic monitoring stations and automatic well shut-offs) to limit any potential damage caused by seismic activity;
- Erecting a robust sound barrier system to limit the amount of noise pollution which the neighboring community is subject to;
- Restricting the amount of chemicals used in the drilling process to limit the short-term and long-term environmental effects of such chemicals;
- Taking the necessary precautions to ensure that Freeport’s neighbors are not exposed to such chemicals;
- Ensuring that the City confirm such measures have been taken and are upheld by Freeport on a periodic basis for review

It is with our sincere hope that the City, Department of City Planning, Office of Zoning Administration, and all active city officials in this process take our concerns and the concerns of our neighborhood seriously and grant them the diligent review we believe they deserve.

Thank you for your consideration.

Signed,

The Empowerment Congress North Area Neighborhood Development Council

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Our district boundaries and map of the oil drill sites

