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Re: ZA-1989-17683-PA2-1A, West Pico Drill Site, 9101 & 9151 W. Pico Blvd, Los Angeles, CA, 90035

To the West Los Angeles Area Planning Commission,

In regard to Case No. ZA-1989-17683, ENV-2020-1328-CE, and by vote of 13 yeas, 0 nays and 1 abstention at the July 15, 2021 General Board meeting, the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council (SORONC) fully supports the appeal filed by NASE (Neighbors for A Safe Environment), a California nonprofit environmental organization formed by our neighbors in 2000 due to concerns about the West Pico Drill Site.

We have attached a letter by NASE's attorney Amy Minter of Chatten-Brown, Carstens & Minter LLP, and the letter's attachments and addenda, which delineate the basis for the appeal.

As Ms. Minter's letter points out, the West Pico Drill Site is operating in violation of:

- the conditions under which the project was approved,
- the Los Angeles Municipal Code
- the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and
- the 2001 Settlement Agreement with NASE which requires periodic reviews and corrective actions for environmental and operational defects.

SORONC is charged with affirmatively acting to support the health, safety, and welfare of our stakeholders. City laws and regulations that are supposed to govern the operation of the drill site are expressly intended to protect public safety and health. Likewise for CEQA, the State of California's landmark environmental law. Therefore we find the ZA Determination abhorrent due to the determination's utter disregard for City laws and regulations, and its evasion of the requirements for environmental review under CEQA. This puts the safety, health, and welfare of our stakeholders at unnecessary risk.

SORONC stakeholders of all ages live, work, eat, play, learn, socialize and invest in close proximity to the West Pico Drill Site.

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Our position is not new. We have documented it in submissions to the ZA in 2020, but are repeating it now in reaction to the dangerously unfortunate ZA Determination, which should not be allowed to stand.

Sincerely,

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