

Letter of thank you from the community impacted by the Murphy Drill site.

"Dear neighbors, friends, and partners –

We are so encouraged and moved by the strong community turnout at last night's South LA Area Planning Commission hearing. Even with the two-week delay, we collectively came back even stronger, filling the room (photos attached!) and virtual space with powerful, beautiful, and compelling testimonies and calls to action. The youth gave thoughtful, effective, and hopeful comments. This was the broadest engagement and largest turnout for any action related to the Murphy Drill Site!

Nevertheless, the three South LA Area Planning Commissioners voted to weaken the health and safety protections for our community. The City took back a number of protections recently granted, including:

- Removing a requirement that the drill site be powered with an electric utility connection. Instead, they allowed the oil company to buy and burn tens-of-millions of cubic feet of methane next to our homes and schools. West LA drill sites are prohibited from using on-site power generation.
- Removing a requirement that the oil company use an electric rig to complete workover operations and instead agreed to allow them to keep using diesel rigs.
- Reducing the height of the enclosure from 45' to 30'

Despite expressing sentiments around the need for equity and environmental justice, every action taken widened the gap in health and safety protections between South LA drill sites and those in wealthier, whiter, West LA neighborhoods. We will have a clearer understanding of the impact once the decision is published.

Meanwhile, as the decision gets out, it has been met with universal dismay. This does not reflect who we are as Angelenos and it does not reflect how we want to be governed. We will have information soon on how you can help get the story out.

While we are deeply appalled by the City's decision, our resolve to create a healthy community without oil drilling was strengthened by each story shared last night. Together, we are building muscle to create a healthy community and a just city.

We will keep you updated on next steps. Please feel free to reach out with any questions or ideas.

With deep gratitude!"