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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Public Resources Code Section 21092 and Cal. Code of Regulations Title 14, Section 15072 (the Guidelines for the California Environmental Quality Act) require a local agency to provide a notice of intent to adopt a negative declaration or mitigated negative declaration to the public, responsible agencies, trustee agencies, and the county clerk of each county within which the proposed project is located, sufficiently prior to adoption by the lead agency of the negative declaration or mitigated negative declaration to allow the public and agencies the review period provided under Section 15105 of the Guidelines.

Project Title: ENV-2022-4865-MND

Project Location: Citywide - Ordinance applicable within the boundaries of the City of Los Angeles, which encompasses approximately 465 square miles.

Project Description: The Project is a proposed Oil and Gas Drilling Ordinance (Oil Ordinance, Ordinance or Project) amending Sections 12.03, 12.20, 12.23, 12.24, and 13.01 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) to prohibit new oil and gas extraction and make existing extraction activities a nonconforming use in all zones within the City of Los Angeles (City). Specifically, the Ordinance amends the LAMC to (1) eliminate the provisions of the LAMC that allow for the creation of new "O" Oil Drilling Supplemental Use Districts; (2) end by-right oil and gas extraction in the M3-Heavy Industrial Zones; (3) declare existing oil and gas extraction activities (such as the drilling of new wells or the redrilling or deepening of existing wells). The Ordinance permits maintenance of the wells that the Zoning Administrator determines is necessary to protect public health, safety or the environment. The Ordinance exempts from its requirements wells that are operated by a public utility that is regulated by the California Public Utilities Commission. Twenty years from the effective date of the Ordinance, all nonconforming non-exempt oil and gas extraction uses will terminate.

Schedule: The City of Los Angeles will receive comments on the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for 30 days beginning September 15, 2022 and ending October 17, 2022. The City of Los Angeles, as lead agency, will make a determination on the project, following a public hearing to be scheduled.

Copies of the Mitigated Negative Declaration and all documents referenced in the Mitigated Negative Declaration are available on the Department of City Planning's website at https://planning.lacity.org/development-services/negative-declaration-public-notices. You may contact Jennifer Torres at <u>planning.oildrilling@lacity.org</u> or (213) 202-3094 to access case file materials.

Signature:

Date: September 12, 2022