



July 17, 2026

Mr. Rony Giron
City Planner
City Planning Department
City of Los Angeles
200 North Spring Street, Room 763
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: ZA-2026-3203-RV - 2126 W ADAMS BLVD AND 2125 W 26TH PLACE

Dear Mr. Giron:

The site located at 2126 W. Adams Blvd and 2125 W 26th Place, commonly referred to as the E&B Murphy Drill Site, has been an ongoing nuisance activity in the Jefferson Park community for over 60 years. The City has attempted to worked with the operators and local residents to continue to review and modify conditions of approval and operations as environmental, health, and public safety violations have been a consistent concern, including the recent actions sustained and modified by the South Los Angeles Area Planning Commission on October 17, 2023. Regrettably for those of us who live and work in Council District 10, the conditions imposed by the City, State, and regional boards have not been abated on a continuous basis.

I initiated this review along with my colleagues via Council Motion No. 26-0059 in February 2026 after receiving numerous complaints and documentation over the last 30 months since the APC decision. I subsequently forwarded this information to the Department of Building and Safety, City Planning Department, and the City Attorney's Office for further review. The Zoning Administrator has been investigating violations of the Conditional Use Permit, including potential violations of conditions covering: F-18 compliance, site improvements, hours of operations, sound reduction, nuisance/annoyance impacts from oil drilling activity, graffiti abatement, annual reporting, fence line air monitoring system, landing page, finalization of the required structure around the oil production area, lack of a Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure Plan, equipment and energy usage, and idle well regulations.

More evidence of the need for a fresh city review and renewed focus on revocation instead of abatement have been documented in multiple state and regional violations recorded by the California State Geologic Energy Management Division, California Air Resources Board, and the

South Coast Air Quality Management District with regard to failure to conduct a fluid level test, unsuccessful well testing, oil leaks, vapor leaks, operating equipment too close to a school, use of spray as a neutralizing agent, properly maintaining equipment, failure to collect and control the emissions of gas, and 27 recorded odor complaints over the last two years.

The Jefferson Park community deserves better. With the final passage of the City's Oil and Gas Drilling Ordinance and newly enacted laws like SB 1137, AB 3233, AB 1866, and AB 2716, the relationship between residential communities and oil drilling operators has been reset. As warriors for environmental justice, we know all too well the history and burdens our communities have had to bear with a disproportionate share of environmental hazards like toxic waste, air pollution, oil drilling, and climate impacts. The City and the community's attempts to regulate and mitigate this site over the decades has failed, and we must now resolve to revoke the permits and operations in its entirety, work with the operator to plug the wells and develop a new use for the site.

After careful consideration and review of the record and history of the E&B Murphy Drill Site, I am calling for the Zoning Administrator to revoke this use and continue to reset the balance between community needs and corporate laxity in urban Los Angeles. The Zoning Administrator should set a clear timeline and process for closing down operations and environmentally clearing the site for future use as well. The Jefferson Park community, our residents, and our environment deserve the best public health and safety available and it's obvious this nuisance cannot be abated.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact my Deputy for Planning Hakeem Parke-Davis at 213-473-7010 or hakeem.parke-davis@lacity.org.

Sincerely,



HEATHER HUTT

Los Angeles City Council
Councilwoman, Tenth District

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