

## RESOLUTION NO. 19-062

### A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, SUPPORTING AB 1328, CREATING TRANSPARENCY AROUND THE POLLUTION FROM IDLE AND ABANDONED OIL AND GAS WELLS THAT ARE LOCATED IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO HOMES AND BUSINESSES

WHEREAS, aging oil and gas wells that remain idle, or have been abandoned by operators are a source of pollution in California. AB 1328 will help the public better understand the impacts that unplugged idle and abandoned wells have on the environment;

WHEREAS, private oil and gas companies and the Dept. of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources (DOGGR) cap idle and abandoned oil wells. Wells are tested for compounds like methane and hydrogen sulfide;

WHEREAS, AB 1328 would make specific emissions data already being collected on oil and gas wells available to the public including wells that are being plugged and abandoned by oil and gas operators pursuant to an idle well management plan, hazardous / abandoned wells that are being plugged and abandoned by DOGGR and additional data discovered from enhanced flow rate testing for wells where active emissions sources are discovered; and

WHEREAS, companies are not required to share test results with the public. AB 1328 would require that the air pollution information gained from the testing be made public;

WHEREAS, AB 1328 would create transparency around oil and gas operations by requiring that air pollution data collected be made public on DOGGR's website and is submitted to the California Air Resources Board;

WHEREAS, Wells that are shown to have major leaks during normal testing may be require additional testing, if oil and gas companies are not already performing that additional testing;

WHEREAS, AB 1328 would also require DOGGR to perform a review of the effectiveness of well plugging operations to eliminate air emissions.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Carson, California strongly urges the passage of AB 1328.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March 2019.

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Mayor Albert Robles

ATTEST:

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City Clerk Donesia Gause Aldana, MMC

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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City Attorney