



Board of Trustees

Los Angeles Community College District

ACTION

Com. No. BT2

Division

Board of Trustees

Date: March 20, 2013

Subject: **RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A MORATORIUM ON HYDRAULIC FRACTURING (“FRACKING”)**

The following resolution is presented by Trustees Field and Pearlman:

WHEREAS, Currently, and over the next several years, it is projected that hundreds of new oil wells will be drilled in the Inglewood Oil Field (the “Oil Field”), located in a heavily populated urban area immediately adjacent to West Los Angeles College; and

WHEREAS, There is no available data on how much of the oil drilling at the Oil Field involves hydraulic fracturing; and

WHEREAS, Hydraulic fracturing, also known as “fracking,” is known to be a technique that increases oil and gas production by injecting pressurized chemical additives sufficient to create fractures in subsurface rock or other tight geological formations in order to release petroleum or natural gas for extraction; and

WHEREAS, The community members surrounding the Oil Field, including Culver City residents and West Los Angeles College employees, have expressed grave concern about the potential impact of fracking on public health and safety and the environment; and

WHEREAS, The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has linked contaminated ground water in Pavillion, Wyoming to the fracking process; and

WHEREAS, The West Los Angeles College *Work Environment Committee* has passed a resolution asking for air testing on the campus because of concerns about potential health risks associated with the oil extraction processes at the adjacent Oil Field; and

WHEREAS, Fracking is generally unregulated; and

WHEREAS, Fracking, specifically the injection of fluids into deep wells, causes microearthquakes, an assertion supported by the United States Geological Survey; and

WHEREAS, Many earthquake fault lines run through the Los Angeles region, including under several of the LACCD campuses; and

WHEREAS, During the past two years, several nations, U.S. states, and other domestic and foreign municipalities have placed a ban or a moratorium on hydraulic fracturing, including: France, Germany, Bulgaria, South Africa, Ireland, Nova Scotia, Quebec, Vermont, New Jersey, and a long list of towns and cities in New York and Pennsylvania; and

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WHEREAS, Additional studies are required to conclusively identify the extent of health, safety, and environmental risks associated with hydraulic fracturing; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees of the Los Angeles Community College District hereby joins the Culver City Council and the Culver City Unified School District in urging Governor Jerry Brown, the California State Legislature, and the State of California Department of Conservation/Division of Oil, Gas and Geothermal Resources (DOGGR) to immediately place a moratorium on hydraulic fracturing and on the disposal of fracking wastewater by injection wells until the DOGGR takes all necessary and appropriate actions to adopt, implement, and enforce comprehensive regulations concerning the practice of fracking that will ensure that public health and safety and the environment will be securely and adequately protected; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this resolution will be disseminated to the Governor, the California Department of Conservation Director Mark Nechodom, the California Secretary for Natural Resources John Laird, and all legislators in the LACCD service area.