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**To:** [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Kelly Akemi Groth](#); [Kristina Pappas](#)  
**Subject:** Land Use & Transportation Committee Agenda item 1 (Repealing Art. 12 re oil & gas facilities) - file no. 210807  
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Dear Chair Melgar, Vice Chair Preston, and Supervisor Peskin:

Attached is the comment letter of the San Francisco League of Conservation Voters regarding the proposed ordinance to prohibit oil and gas facilities within San Francisco.

Sincerely,

Christopher Pederson  
SFLCV Board Member



**San Francisco  
League of  
Conservation  
Voters**

Dear Chair Melgar, Vice Chair Preston, and Supervisor Peskin:

The San Francisco League of Conservation Voters (SFLCV) supports Supervisor Chan's proposed ordinance to prohibit oil and gas exploration, development, and processing facilities in San Francisco. The climate crisis requires us to phase out the use of fossil fuels as quickly as possible. For San Francisco to allow for the possibility of oil and gas development projects is inconsistent with this imperative. SFLCV strongly supports closing off that possibility.

SFLCV also supports requiring any conveyance of City-owned property to include a covenant prohibiting future owners of the property from allowing fossil fuel exploration, development, or processing on the property.

The proposed ordinance is beneficial as far as it goes, but San Francisco must take much bolder steps to phase out the use of fossil fuels. Given that transportation is the largest source of greenhouse gas emissions in San Francisco, the Board should take strong actions to reduce the city's reliance on the automobile. These should include:

1) ensuring that SFMTA has sufficient long-term funding to ensure that all San Francisco neighborhoods have reliable, accessible, convenient, and faster public transit service;

2) vigorously supporting implementation of the Transit First policies of the Charter and the General Plan to ensure that transit, pedestrians, and bicycles have priority on city rights-of-way; and

3) maximizing the number of people who can easily walk, bike, or take transit to their destinations by allowing significantly more multi-family housing for all income levels near transit lines and employment centers, both in the dense convenient areas with a wealth of shops and services within walking distance, and also in the many neighborhoods where little multi-family housing has been created in recent decades.

SFLCV looks forward to the Board moving beyond symbolic actions by implementing measures that allow San Francisco's residents, employers, workers, and visitors to move beyond fossil fuels.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kristina Pappas". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kristina Pappas  
President, San Francisco League of Conservation Voters