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Council President Nury Martinez spoke ahead of the unanimous vote, saying: "For far too long neighborhood drilling has disproportionately affected the health of our low-income communities of color."

From freeways to power plants, our frontline communities bear the brunt of pollution and climate impacts.”

A 2021 study by University of Southern California researchers found residents of majority-Black and Latinx communities in South Los Angeles who live near oil and gas sites have lower lung function, which may contribute to environmental health disparities.

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