

| Share your comments or specific suggestions related to the city's updated oil and gas regulations: | Resident? | Name (optional) |
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| <p>We are requesting the City enact the following wording and suggestions to the new Oil and Gas Regulations:</p> <p>The City is suggesting a 1,000 foot set back, this not an adequate amount of space to protect the health, safety and welfare and our environment. We are proposing that the setback distance be-2,500 feet. The CDPHE has conducted studies that support a distance of 2,500 feet to maintain the health and safety of residents. this distance needs to be from the property line of homes, schools, parks, businesses and hospitals.</p> <p>Reverse Setbacks-if an operator decides to operate an existing operation the Operator needs to adhere to the 2,500 setback distance. If the site is not at the 2,500 feet distance the old well cannot be reactivated.</p> <p>Increased Density-it has been studied and determined that a large amount of wells in a concentrated area causes health issues. We are suggesting the the City put a limit on how many wells can be drilled within the City. We also request that the City limit how many wells an operator can drill within the City.</p> <p>We would also like to suggest that the City consult with CDPHE and the CPW when reviewing any applications.</p> <p>Any operator that wants to "take over" another operators wells (due to financial hardship or other causes) needs to submit a new application to drill. This will generate money for the City if we have multiple applications being submitted.</p> <p>Please remember that the City, in the past, used the excuse "we are bound to the regulations put forth by the State and our hands are tied". Well due to SB19-181, your hands are no longer tied. Now you can do what is right for the citizens that have a vested interested in your City.</p> <p>We are also requesting that Meghan Grimes recuse herself from this process. She works within this industry, has shown favor to the Representative from COGA (he referred to her as "his friend" and has the most to benefit from the outcome of these Regulations. I would hate for an ethics violation to muddy the waters in this process.</p> <p>We would also like to address the comment made by the Mayor regarding a comment made during the town hall. While I have always known that the Mayor tends to disregard the concerns of the citizens of Commerce City, he made it abundantly clear during the town hall, and we are disappointed. During his comment period hi main focus was towards a land owner that had called in and threatened to sue the City. He seemed more concerned over one or two families filing something in court than making sure the residents of this area are healthy and safe. As i have stated numerous times during the comment period at meetings, the citizens will come together and fight (as you have already seen us do while fighting Extraction last year) and will will fight for our health and safety over profits.</p> <p>SB19-181 changed the definition of waste to specifically exclude oil and gas resources that are left in the ground to protect public health, safety, and welfare the environment, and wildlife resources.</p> | Yes | The Gudmundson/Dorris Family |
| <p>Please stop all industrial toxic oil and gas sites in Commerce City.</p> <p>There should be no fracking near homes and schools.</p> <p>Fracking is adversely impacting our public health, and our air and water quality.</p> <p>We are in a respiratory epidemic and air pollution increases complications and mortality rates, according to a recently published study by Harvard University.</p> <p>Commerce City should be acting accordingly to protect our air quality and health and to protect our vulnerable populations by reducing pollution associated with fracking.</p> <p>We are in a climate crisis and should be keeping fossil fuels in the ground and transitioning to alternate forms of energy.</p> <p>The oil and gas industry should be working on a transition plan, especially in light of the current pandemic's effects on the industry.</p> <p>Senate Bill 19-181 is meant to prioritize our health, safety, and welfare. Please adhere to the law and put the people first.</p> | No | |

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| <p>As a Colorado citizen concerned about the well-being of residents of Commerce City, I ask that the city stop production at all industrial oil and gas sites and ban fracking near residences and schools. These activities are harming people's health, in part through their negative effects on air and water quality.</p> <p>It is particularly imperative to stop oil and gas extraction right now because of the current pandemic and the related strain on our health care systems. According to a recently published study by Harvard University, pollution increases complications and mortality rates for respiratory illnesses.</p> <p>Commerce City has the power to protect the air quality and health of its citizens, especially the most vulnerable, by reducing pollution associated with fracking.</p> <p>Furthermore, it is critical that we not lose site of the fact that we are in the midst of a climate crisis. Keeping fossil fuels in the ground and transitioning to alternate forms of energy has both short-term and long-lasting ramifications.</p> | | |
| <p>Senate Bill 19-181 is meant to prioritize our health, safety, and welfare. Please adhere to the law and put the people first.</p> | No | Lisa Pettitt |
| <p>Please don't frack our community. It is dangerous for people with compromised health and lungs and we deserve better.</p> | Yes | |
| <p>It is difficult to navigate through what the city updated but it appears there are lots of regulations. It is unclear what the effects will be. There are many wells by people's homes in Commerce City and the surrounding northern areas. If these wells continue who's going to be effected even with the regulations? Or are the regulations enough to limit the amount of wells? I am sure those that work for the city have talked to people that live there and know that their health is likely being effected by pollution and that the externalities of the energy system are subjected on them. I hope you can figure out the specifics of how to limit fracking and extraction.</p> | No | |
| <p>please dont frack our community. our residents and our children deserve better. it is harmful to the air and water.</p> | Yes | |
| <p>Thank you for providing public comment. My name is Shaina Oliver, I am currently displaced with my family of six. I am a tribal affiliate of the Navajo Nation and my family have been relocating to Denver, Colorado since the 70's.</p> <p>I know of families, friends, and co-workers that have experienced living in Commerce City and Adams County, some currently live in the community still. Tribal members that leave the reservation are segregated into low-income communities that are redlined into areas where industrial businesses exists, next to highways, poorly managed housing inequality. Lacking equal quality and access to cleaner air, clean drinking water, and adequate housing.</p> <p>Indigenous people have the highest rates in asthma, diabetes, cancer, heart disease, leukemia, mental illness, adverse birth outcomes, and premature deaths than the general population. I myself was born prematurely, low-birth weight, and with a birth defect. And I have been diagnosed with asthma since infancy.</p> <p>These health impacts from extraction and burning of fossil fuels are real. The Navajo nation and myself understand the health impacts that industry brings to the mothers and babies health. And science and doctors proven that these industries are harming and further put communities at risk of air pollution, respiratory diseases like COVID19, and extreme weather changes.</p> <p>Please put stronger measures that protect communities, families, and children from benzene and VOCs, and to adhere to HB19-1261 in limiting emissions by science base targets. Ensure the safety and health of all children in the community. Thank You.</p> | No | Shaina Oliver |
| <p>I am a veteran that came home from serving in the Navy and purchased a home for my family in Commerce City. There are now several fracking and energy production facilities being constructed within a mile of our home. This on top of the pollution that Suncore already contributes is unacceptable. We need our families to be more protected, not less protected. Money is not the only thing that is important to our society. We should not be able to just pollute without the responsibility to protect the life around us. We need to increase the regulations requiring byproduct reclamation and testing.</p> | Yes | Filbert Millard-Chacon |
| <p>Dear Commerce City Council,</p> <p>I strongly disagree with you on siding with one Industry that will set back again the health, safety and welfare, of our beloved city. I didn't serve the last eight years on the Commerce City City Council for my own personal gain, so don't change the course of our present history to line up with another environmental disaster. I'm an Essential Worker who lives and works in Commerce City. I have had to listen to my constituents for many years both while on City Council and as a citizen of Commerce City. The message is loud and clear that our current City Council is only looking out for Numero Uno, which means yourselves and the Oil & Gas industry. We are in a crisis mode with COVID-19. Your focus should be protecting the city with plans for the recent shutdown and reopening all services in the near future. I recommend a pause in enacting a long-term moratorium.</p> <p>Thank you, Steve Douglas</p> | Yes | |

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| <p>I would like to provide information from Dr. Frederica Perera, DrPH, PhD, the founder and director of the Columbia Children’s Center for Environmental Health (CCCEH) at the Mailman School of Public Health, who was the 2015 recipient of the prestigious Heinz Award for the Environment, which recognized her decades-long research to illuminate the health consequences to children of prenatal and childhood exposures to hazardous chemicals.,</p> <p>A quote From Dr. Perera “It’s critically important to recognize that environmental exposures play a significant role in most of the health problems that burden us today—including disorders that tragically damage the well-being of our children—and that are contributing to the major health disparities in the United States. The good news is that we can protect all our children and give them a far greater chance of maturing into healthy, productive adults by understanding the risks posed by various pollutants and acting now to reduce their presence in our air, water and food.”</p> <p>An article that that Colorado State University participated in dated Apr. 13 2020 is very relevant.</p> <p>ASTHMA-RELATED SYMPTOMS, EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT VISITS AND HOSPITALIZATIONS ALL DECREASED, ACCORDING TO DATA FROM DIGITAL INHALER SENSORS AND LOCAL HOSPITALS</p> <p>After four Louisville, Kentucky, coal-fired power plants either retired coal as their energy source or installed stricter emissions controls, local residents’ asthma symptoms and asthma-related hospitalizations and emergency department (ED) visits dropped dramatically, according to research published in Nature Energy this week by Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health, Propeller Health, University of California Berkeley, Harvard TH Chan School of Public Health, University of Texas Austin, Colorado State University, Louisville Metro Department of Public Health and Wellness, Louisville Metro Office of Civic Innovation and Technology, the Christina Lee Brown Environmental Institute and Family Allergy & Asthma.</p> | <p>No</p> | <p>Sr Margaret Elizabeth Fuhr</p> |
| <p>In writing as a Commerce City community member and resident, I submit these comments with a deep concern for the future of Commerce City, as well as our surrounding neighbors, and in fact our entire state. I would like to comment first on the Commerce City website statement regarding oil and gas which, in my opinion, sends a message to the community that we must allow this industry into our community for the benefit and protection of the private developers. I totally understand this thinking in terms of your position. I also know that it’s probably what you’ve been programmed to do as the result of cultural conditioning. However, I want all of you who have been entrusted with the well-being of my family and friends (neighbors) to understand the potential consequences of your recommendations, decisions, rulemaking, and policy setting. I ask you this: Since when did it become government’s role to protect the rights of private developers, who rarely ever live here, over the residents who have made this their forever home? I thought the role of government was to protect the health, safety, and welfare of its residents, first and foremost.</p> <p>My second concern with messaging on the website regarding oil and gas is with this statement: “The proposed regulations were drafted considering many different factors, including feedback from the public and other stakeholders, recent changes in state law and regulatory agencies, scientific studies, legislative actions taken by other jurisdictions, and extensive oil and gas Best Management Practices (BMPs) focused on protecting health, safety, welfare, quality of life, and the environment.” Whoever wrote this statement gets an A+ for spin. Obviously, they are not familiar with SB19-181; what has been happening in Greeley and Broomfield (as examples); and the many scientific studies I’ve encountered. Best Management Practices are not focused on protecting health, safety, welfare, quality of life, and the environment. BMPs are a way of making it look like you, along with the Oil and Gas Folks, are doing those things for the people who live where those Oil and Gas Folks want to make their money - and need us to cooperate in order to make their money. No one is buying this. We all know this is safe... until it’s not. So, please remember that the decisions you make today will certainly out-live you. This dangerous and toxic industrial operation doesn’t belong anywhere near people. especially with our current advancements in creating and maintaining sustainable renewable energy. Commerce City should be doing everything it can to become a leader in phasing out the use of fossil fuels and championing a new era of energy production. Making deals with the devil doesn’t “cut the mustard.”</p> <p>That said, I am asking you, as staff whose salaries are paid for with taxpayer dollars, for a recommendation for the initiation of a moratorium so that we are able to wait for the state, as well as figure out a way to not break the law as it stands in SB 19-181. You also need to close the loophole that allows transfer of present permits that have been deemed complete. The residents of Commerce City are not this particular dying company’s lifeline for the chance at a second life or redemption in saving themselves by having something of value as a lure in a fire-sale.</p> <p>In direct regards to the LDC, setbacks have to be based on something tangible and not a number that appeases the people who benefit from the industry, so please base it on this – the typical blast zone is half a mile... the evacuation zone is usually a mile or more, so in order to give living creatures including humans a fighting chance, the minimum set back should be 2,640’ - or as I call it: A Blast Zone set-back. Remember, you may make your decisions today with an air of total disregard because it is easy to detach yourself from something you genuinely believe will never impact you personally. I hope to God your kid never gets leukemia from exposure to oil and gas extraction toxins or that your partner and sibling or sibling-in-law never get blown to bits because of negligence, greed, complacency and lack of vision for alternative energy sources, or someone’s willingness to gamble the odds for a paycheck or successful career. When you know better, you HAVE to do better. Please, do not claim ignorance.</p> <p>I have so many other issues on this matter to address, such as the history of earthquakes and contamination from the Rocky Mountain Arsenal, pipelines that eventually leak and sometimes explode, unidentified old abandoned pipelines and plugged wells in the area, the fact that drilling will pass through a major aquifer, and so on. I have much more to say, but I will leave it at that for the time-being. We have made ourselves vulnerable by inviting in wealthy polluters who are only nice to us when they want something. Since, we're all adults here, I compare it to a cheap date... they sweet talk you - and maybe wine and dine you until they get what they want, and then you never hear from them again... and well, we're also all adult enough to know what happens at the end of a cheap date. But that aside, this is not a joke, so please don't take my comments lightly. It is time to turn that vulnerability into courage. Thank you for this opportunity to comment, your time and consideration.</p> | <p>Yes</p> | <p>Kristi Douglas</p> |

I'm NOT asking for a favor, I'm asking for JUSTICE, it is horrifying to see the abuse, injustice, and lack of human empathy by the majority of this council during this historic crisis. An entire Spanish Community is still in the dark.... As we know Commerce City has become a HAVEN for FRAUDULENT POLITICIANS, INDUSTRIES, DEVELOPERS, AND PRIVATE CORPORATIONS that profit from the peace, health & safety of our ALREADY concerned, exploited and endangered families. ENOUGH!!! We DID NOT ASK FOR A FIESTA!!! or a night at the movies...we want JUSTICE, transparency, accountability, and compensation for our residents. OUR FAMILIES DESERVE BETTER.

My family & neighbors are ALREADY suffering the Health impacts like, cancer, leukemia, asthma, migraines, bloody noses, eczema, vertigo, all from the environmental exposures such as air pollution, contaminated water and not to mention, missing work days and school impacts (lockdowns). (next chemo session is June 8th). Corporations get BILLIONS and WE GET CANCER.

With the now federal rollbacks, we need STRONG LEADERSHIP, that prioritizes its residents and families. MORE POLLUTION, is not the right way to go.

Commerce City is an international contributor to the Global Climate Crisis humanity faces, why not contribute to renewable opportunities for our city, not leaving anyone behind. Investing in a sustainable and equitable future that protects the health and safety of our city. The future is NOW!!

There is nothing to worry about, when you just DO THE RIGHT THING.

People over PROFIT!!

Yes

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May 29, 2020

Today is the first ozone action alert day since the arrival of the coronavirus. The northern front range has been given an 'F' rating for our air quality by the American Lung Association. Part of our pollution comes from the use of cars and trucks we employ for transportation, the other big part of our pollution comes from the oil & gas industry and industries like concrete. Fracking is adversely impacting our public health, as well as our air and water quality.

Fracking can result in health issues that include headaches, nose bleeds, leukemia, birth defects, cardiac problems, and respiratory issues such as asthma and COPD.

We are in the middle of a respiratory pandemic. According to a recent study done by Harvard University air pollution increases complications and mortality from coronavirus. Commerce City should be acting accordingly to protect our air quality and health and to protect our vulnerable populations by reducing pollution associated with fracking.

There should be no fracking near homes, schools, hospitals or businesses. The oil & gas industry should be working on a transition to renewable energies. We are in the midst of a climate crisis and have very little time to wean off of fossil fuels in an effort to keep Earth a livable planet.

Senate Bill 19-181 is meant to prioritize our health, safety, welfare and environment. Please adhere to the law and put the people over profits.

Thank you!

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No

Janice Brown

We are currently in the middle of a global pandemic which, I have seen first hand as a frontline worker, is compromising respiratory systems both when the virus is active and resolved. To poison our air with the chemicals fracking emits is a disservice to the (currently) 423 Commerce City residents who have contracted COVID-19. It is also a disservice to anyone living in the community with compromised lungs.

I also respectfully request that Meghan Grimes abstain from any voting regarding oil & gas as she has a conflict of interest.

Yes

Katie Sanchez

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| <p>Suncor, like many oil and gas companies doesn't even profit the local community...it is a company owned and operated by Canadians who profit by taking Colorado's resources and polluting them, including our air , water and land.</p> | | |
| <p>Stop the nonsense! Stop the pollution! Stop the dirtiness of this whole type of operation and start focusing on renewable energy and reduced energy use!</p> | No | Karen F Kalavity |
| <p>I am writing to express my concern for the residents of Commerce City about the dangers of fracking. It is well known that toxic emissions result from fracking operations. Fracking has no place near residential or business areas of any populated area of our state. Elected officials have a moral, ethical and fiduciary duty to protect their constituents. Commerce City must take all steps to keep fracking at least half mile from homes and businesses. There is ample scientific research that supports the danger of benzene and other toxins within that range. CDPHE's own study that was limited to 2000 feet shows that benzene was present within the studied range. Elected and appointed government leaders must serve to protect residents over industry in all instances. Thank you for your consideration of my comments. Leslie Weise</p> | No | Leslie Weise |
| <p>Please stop all industrial toxic oil and gas sites in Commerce City.</p> <p>There should be no fracking near homes and schools.</p> <p>Fracking is adversely impacting our public health, and our air and water quality.</p> <p>We are in a respiratory epidemic and air pollution increases complications and mortality rates, according to a recently published study by Harvard University.</p> <p>Commerce City should be acting accordingly to protect our air quality and health and to protect our vulnerable populations by reducing pollution associated with fracking.</p> <p>We are in a climate crisis and should be keeping fossil fuels in the ground and transitioning to alternate forms of energy.</p> <p>The oil and gas industry should be working on a transition plan, especially in light of the current pandemic's effects on the industry.</p> <p>Senate Bill 19-181 is meant to prioritize our health, safety, and welfare. Please adhere to the law and put the people first.</p> | No | Anna |
| <p>Dear friends,</p> <p>I am writing because I am very concerned about fracking in our state, and I understand that it is expanding in Commerce City. I don't live in Commerce City, but I live in nearby Green Valley Ranch and I commute through there on 270. Not only am I concerned for the health of my children, but also the health of all the residents and workers in Commerce City. I have studied fracking and there are multiple risks. First of all, a fracking well should never be anywhere near a residence or a school. In addition, the inevitable methane leaks are a significant contributor to climate change.</p> <p>I am also concerned about the terrible pollution, both legal and illegal, from Suncor.</p> <p>Sustainable sources of energy are becoming very viable, and I encourage the Oil and Gas Commission to come up with a plan to transition away from fossil fuels. We have two electric cars at home, and they and our house are powered by solar panels. It works great.</p> <p>I thought that the new law mandated that the Oil and Gas Commission prioritize public health over the possible profits of the oil and gas industry. I am a native of Colorado, and so are my two children. It breaks my heart to think of the children of Commerce City as well. We are all counting on you to make decisions that promote a healthy environment and healthy humans.</p> <p>Thank you for reading and considering my comment.</p> <p>Janna Stieg</p> | No | Janna Stieg |
| <p>Please no fracking near homes or schools or public places like parks.</p> | No | Aj Rhodes |

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| <p>Please do not allow Big Oil and Gas to take advantage of profits over the health of our citizens!</p> <p>I urge you to stop all industrial toxic oil and gas sites in Commerce City. There should be no fracking near homes and schools. Period! It is clear that fracking adversely impacts our public health, and our air and water quality. We all deserve to breath and in our current respiratory epidemic, air pollution increases complications and mortality rates, according to a recently published study by Harvard University.</p> <p>Commerce City MUST ACT to protect its citizens, including our air quality and health and to protect our vulnerable populations by reducing pollution associated with fracking.</p> <p>The oil and gas industry should be working on a transition plan, especially in light of the current pandemic's effects on the industry.</p> <p>Senate Bill 19-181 is meant to prioritize our health, safety, and welfare. Please adhere to the law and put the people first.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> | No | Larissa Rhodes |
| <p>Meghan Grimes needs to recuse herself from any discussions or voting on this issue. Working for the industry and having her campaign for office funded by oil and gas leaves her heavily biased against the health and safety of the community.</p> | Yes | |
| <p>As a resident of Commerce City I am sincerely concerned about the health and wellbeing of my family. Having seen what increase fracking activity have had on other areas of Colorado I do not want to see more wells being drilled.</p> | Yes | Daniel S |
| <p>As a mother, indigenous woman and lifetime resident of Colorado, I strongly urge you to stop all industrial oil and gas extraction in Commerce City. I am a homeowner in neighboring Broomfield, and I am terrified of the health risks my family is exposed to under these extraction projects. We don't need another factor to contribute to poor respiratory health, especially while under extreme risk of COVID-19, and more fracking would exacerbate that risk exponentially. Please consider our young ones and elders, the most vulnerable in our communities are whom we are sacrificing first when we blindly follow the interests of oil & gas corporations over the wellbeing of our loved ones. Thank you for your conscious decisions.</p> | No | Celeste Razavi-Shearer |
| <p>I hope Commerce City will work toward greater regulations on oil and gas development. These fuels are dirty at every step of the way -- from extraction to transport to refining to final use -- and the resulting pollution rarely stays in one place. The poisons from extractive industries pollute the soil, the water, and the air, not just in our area, but across the planet. The sooner we can move away from this dirty energy source, the better.</p> | No | Lynne Glaeske |
| <p>On behalf of the North Range Concerned Citizens, please see the attached documents for our comments.</p> | Yes | |
| <p>Please see the attached comment letter on behalf of the League of Oil and Gas Impacted Coloradans.</p> | No | Sara Loflin |
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| <p>Hello and thank you for providing public comment.</p> <p>We are at such an important crossroads in our Colorado community right now: We have a pandemic; Colorado has terrible air quality that adds to severity of covid-19; and the oil and gas industry is in rapid decline. Why would we not STOP fracking for the health and safety of our community? Fracking adds to our air pollution, which in turn adds to covid-19 complications, and adds to the climate catastrophic unfolding all around us. And, what about SB 19-181? This law is meant to put our health and safety over gas and oil profits. Why are you not adhering to this law? I hope you chose to make the right decision and stop fracking in Commerce City at this crucial time. Thank you.</p> | No | Kim Osborn Mullen |
| <p>1000 ft is insufficient as a setback from neighborhoods and schools, based on all available science and studies of human health. Resident health should be the council's first and primary concern, and if that were the case then oil and gas wouldn't be allowed in the city at all. We've put our house on the market and are moving out of the city after only 4 years here BECAUSE of the city's keenness on allowing fracking here when air quality is already questionable. I'm glad we're going out before fracking comes in for the sake of our daughters.</p> | Yes | Amanda Boldenow |
| <p>It is just wrong to put fracking so close to homes and schools. There are so many adverse health effects. Why don't all the oil executives move close to where their fracking sites are with their families if they think it's so safe!</p> | Yes | |
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| <p>Fracking must stop 100% because all fracking activities release methane, which is much worse a greenhouse gas than CO2!</p> | No | |
| <p>Fracking in residential areas must STOP! The health risks are too high to ignore. Please, do not try to keep this dying industry alive.....for the health of everyone, including our planet.</p> <p>Connie Beach</p> | No | Connie Beach |
| <p>It is imperative that the setbacks from oil and gas be at a minimum of 2,500 or GREATER. The health effects are clear that certain hydrocarbons that are emitted from oil and gas operations are highly carcinogenic. In particular, benzene is one of the most dangerous of these chemicals. We have seen high readings of benzene, toluene, ethane and propane (these last two chemicals are uniquely identified as sourcing from an oil and gas source, NOT MADE BY CARS OR COWS) miles away from oil sites that are still in the elevated range. Therefore, the closer locations to that source, like homes, schools, etc, are experiencing much higher levels than are being measured miles away. ALSO, you may want to check out the SUNCOR plant as of this past week. A citizen reported at about 2:00 am, there were VERY STRONG sulfur smells followed by a very "SWEET " smell. Aromatic hydrocarbons such as BENZENE have a SWEET SMELL. More than likely, there was a release of Hydrogen Sulfide followed by BENZENE. Without you testing your air for specific chemicals and quantifying them, it is considered negligent to ignore the strong possibility that the chemicals that citizens are breathing are HIGHLY TOXIC and CARCINOGENIC. These middle of the night releases are a great way to circumvent being caught. However, they are being caught by the noses (BLOODY) and painful headaches that are caused by such toxic releases. If you care about the citizens, please act accordingly.</p> | No | |

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| <p>I live in Adams Co & am aware of the effects of oil & gas & how they have affected your community. Please consider 2500 foot setback distance from communities & schools & playgrounds. CDPHE has studied & found effects up to this distance. Please consider the health & safety of your community for past & proposed drilling. The Suncore facility is also of grave concern with its history of past emissions & the continued effect on your community's air. Thanks for all you do. Best, Carla Teal</p> | No | Carla Teal |
| <p>I stand with my neighbors in Commerce City who are being so negatively impacted by air pollution caused by the oil and gas industry. We are in a respiratory epidemic and air pollution increases complications and mortality rates, according to a recently published study by Harvard University. Commerce City should be acting accordingly to protect our air quality and health and to protect our vulnerable populations by reducing pollution associated with fracking. Fracking should not be near people. Period. It should be far away from homes, schools, hospitals etc. This is a public health issue.</p> | No | Susan Secord |
| <p>Fracking causes earthquakes, it is unclean water injected into the earth and could, pollute natural water reserves, no oil searching should happen within city limits, nor threaten housing developments. And, first and foremost you are doing this for your own profit, instead of investing in renewable energy that has no cancer causing or pollution risks. cease and desist!</p> | No | janet borelli |
| <p>It's time to move away from this out dated practice and toward Green Energy. We have Sustainability best practices to follow or the voting public will move to remove those politicians who promised to uphold these new principles in their election campaigns. No more failed gimmicks - Colorado residents want nature! We are entitled by law to fresh water and clean air- how can we get that with polluting industry winning the lobbying battles? Our health and safety must prevail over economics or healthcare will become too expensive and the desire to purchase housing will decline in regions where governmental institutions can be bought by pollinators. Stop fracking today! This is bad for all who live and vacation in Colorado. Including wildlife. Our ecosystem is out of balance and environmental attorneys will soon move to courts across the land to protect the public from practices that harm us. Invest in Green Jobs- improve this State.</p> | No | Wanda Osterman |
| <p>Please adhere to SB-181 and protect the health and welfare of the citizens of Colorado. Renewable energy is currently cheaper than building wells, so it is a poor economic choice to put wells in. Building new oil and gas wells is not only unethical, it makes no sense economicall, and we can take care of oil and gas workers by retraining them to work in renewable energy.</p> | No | Jenna Parker |
| <p>Please stop fracking and using all oil and gas sites in and around commerce city. Fracking has been shown to negatively impact air and water quality, which endangers people's health, especially when near residential areas and schools. This is particularly important now since COVID-19 is a respiratory illness, which can have even worse outcomes for individuals who are exposed to poor air quality. In addition, we know that the burning of fossil fuels is driving the climate crisis, which will adversely impact the whole planet for generations to come. As a PhD student in Ecology at Colorado State University, I can assure you that continued climate change can severely increase the risk of wildfires and droughts in the American Southwest and Central Plains. Please put the health and safety of generations of Coloradans before the profit driven motives of the oil and gas industry!</p> | No | Hayley Bubb |
| <p>Please keep the fracking out from under our homes and away from our schools. STOP this nonsense in the established neighborhoods. Jan Miller...Buckley East</p> | Yes | |
| <p>No fracking near homes!</p> | No | Jim Sickafoose |
| <p>Thank you for updating your oil and gas regulations. I don't live in Commerce City but I know of the health challenges that come from having this industrial activity in the midst of neighborhoods and the air knows no jurisdictional boundaries--that's for sure!! Please make the regulations very, very strong!!</p> | No | Leslie W Glustrom |
| <p>NO FRACKING, WHEN THEY DO FRACKING IT DOES NOT AFFECT ONLY THE AREA WHERE THEY ARE DRILLING. THE AIR, THE GROUND WATER, THE UNDERGROUND WATER AND THE POTENTIAL FOR EARTHQUAKES ARE ALL CONSEQUENCES AND MORE THAT I WONT LIST.</p> | No | MH ROBE |
| <p>Please stop all industrial toxic oil and gas sites in Commerce City. We are in a respiratory epidemic and air pollution increases complications and mortality rates, according to a recently published study by Harvard University. Senate Bill 19-181 is meant to prioritize our health, safety, and welfare. Please adhere to the law and put the people first. There should be no fracking near homes and schools.</p> | Yes | |
| <p>Fracking adversely affects the health of people who live and work near drills. Especially in a pandemic where respiratory illness is a precursor for Covid-19 being especially dangerous for people, we should be protecting every citizen's right to clean air and water. Please do not allow fracking to occur in neighborhoods.</p> | No | |

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| <p>I live just south of Commerce City - an area that already sees compromised air and water quality and health issues, with shortened lifespans due to the proximity to the highly polluting, toxic Suncor energy plant and intersecting highways. At the time of the Corona Pandemic, there should be no further compromise of air and water quality by permitting more Oil & Gas drilling - I urge rejection of more drilling.</p> | No | M.R. Swenson |
| <p>If that area is fracked it is going to pollute all the ground water and cause health issues for those that live around there. Obviously, there is not an oil and gas shortage, so why destroy what you don't have to? Water costs more than gas these days, and we can't live without it. we can live without another oil or gas well in a residential area. Colorado has enough of those already.</p> | No | |
| <p>I live in Broomfield and we have been living with the unfortunate side effects of oil and gas in our neighborhood. We have all kinds of health effects including nosebleeds, headaches and respiratory problems. The noise has kept some people up all night. And the company is dismissive of our complaints and has lied to us on more than one occasion. Oil and gas drilling does not belong in populated areas. Period.</p> | No | Lynne Goldsmith |
| <p>Please do NOT allow more fracking drills anywhere near homes or schools around us. It has already taken many lives from both illness and explosions around this state and this country. We cannot allow this wildcatting expanding any further.</p> | | |
| <p>They are abandoning wells and letting them vent methane gas and leak dangerous chemicals all over northern Colorado now that oil has dropped so much in prices. WE DON'T NEED THESE.</p> | | |
| <p>As an alternative, reinvest in our communities in technology, renewable energy, and helping us with the fight to save our lives and our habitat!</p> | No | Jennifer Booth |
| <p>Stop this now. I drive an electric vehicle, request my utilities be provided by renewables by Excel (yes, they offer that option to all their customers) and I experienced the much cleaner air quality we got to experience during the COVID shut-down. This needs to be done now!! My Dad was a petroleum engineer, I have degrees focussed on chemistry and medicine and worked in the medical field for many years. I have seen the consequences first hand, both my parents died of suspicious, environment-related diseases. We are a smart, innovative people. We can do this now if we would just decide it is a priority! Let's focus on taking care of our health, quality of life and our environment. Please???! How is this even under consideration?</p> | No | Tommie L Clendening |
| <p>Fracking is adversely impacting our public health, and our air and water quality. We are in a respiratory epidemic and air pollution increases complications and mortality rates, according to a recently published study by Harvard University. There should absolutely be no fracking near homes or schools.</p> | | |
| <p>Commerce City should be acting accordingly to protect our air quality and health and to protect our vulnerable populations by reducing pollution associated with fracking.</p> | | |
| <p>Furthermore, we are in a climate crisis and should be keeping fossil fuels in the ground and transitioning to alternate forms of energy. The oil and gas industry should be working on a transition plan, especially in light of the current pandemic's effects on the industry.</p> | | |
| <p>Senate Bill 19-181 is meant to prioritize our health, safety, and welfare. Please adhere to the law and put the people first.</p> | No | Philip Maloney |
| <p>Oil and gas drilling, fracking and all other fossil fuels should be phased out as quickly as possible in favour of cleaner, cheaper renewable energy.</p> | No | Susan Permut |
| <p>It is unconscienable to permit fracking within close proximity to residential neighborhoods anywhere, anytime ! There is plenty of cases where toxic vapors and leaks have ruined the lives of residents near fracking sites.</p> | No | Jose Alvarado |
| <p>Please do the right thing during this health crisis. Drilling operations release chemicals which harm lungs-- not what we need at this moment in our history. Please protect the community from any added challenges.</p> | No | Michele Barnard |
| <p>I fear the impacts of fracking on our air, water, land, and on the health of our citizens. I do not believe anyone should be forced to live in proximity to that activity and to the pollution it causes. We in Colorado with constrained water resources whose future promises more restrictions cannot afford to waste water on fracking. Our climate is being adversely effected and that will continue until we make the strongest of commitments to a clean energy economy, the only sort that serves a future climate viable for human civilization. We must finally face these multiple challenges and put an end to fracking..</p> | No | Mark Meeks |
| <p>Please know the importance of protecting the health and welfare of Commerce City and all of Colorado. Fracking should NOT be in any residential areas or near schools and playground. Stop the dangerous emissions from Suncore. The respiratory health of the citizens has already been damaged. It must stop. Thank you for hearing my message.</p> | No | Carla Teal |

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| Fracking should be outlawed in Colorado. Period! | No | |
| <p>This is our moment. As we recover from the most dangerous health crisis in a century we need to use this unique opportunity to address the issues that impact our health and our environment for the long run.</p> <p>Fossil fuels must become a thing of the past. Their production shows already that the world can and must move on from dependence upon them. The environment must lead toward mitigation of dangerous global warming and increasing threats to human health. May we be in the forefront of this effort nationally and globally to lead to a clean and healthy future rather than further destruction of our precious home - our planet.</p> | No | |
| As a frequent visitor to Commerce City from Denver, I will NOT do business in Commerce City if the city allows fracking and so many oil wells in neighborhoods. I feel sorry for families having to deal with this toxic situation. | No | |
| <p>I support strong set backs of at least 2,500 feet from homes, parks, schools, recreational areas, and high occupancy dwellings. I ride my bike along the Poudre River Trail between Windsor and Greeley several times a month and I have to pass by new oil and gas operations along several sections of the trail. These operations are noxious and are LITERALLY only a few feet off of the trail. I hold my breath when I ride by because I worry about what kinds of fumes I may be breathing in. I can't imagine if I had to LIVE next to one of those sites and breathe the toxic effluents all the time. Although I am not a resident of Commerce City, I support social and environmental justice for all Coloradoans. The current covid-19 pandemic has certainly proven that we are only as healthy as the least healthy among us. It is a fact that oil and gas operations cause negative health outcomes. (See the Compendium of Scientific, Medical, and Media Findings Demonstrating Risks and Harms of Fracking (Unconventional Gas and Oil Extraction) Sixth Edition, June 19, 2019). Thank you for creating strong regulations in this area in order to protect human health, environmental welfare and wildlife resources.</p> | No | Megan Thorburn |
| <p>Please stop all industrial toxic oil and gas sites in Commerce City.</p> <p>There should be no fracking near homes and schools.</p> <p>Fracking is adversely impacting our public health, and our air and water quality.</p> <p>We are in a respiratory epidemic and air pollution increases complications and mortality rates, according to a recently published study by Harvard University.</p> <p>Commerce City should be acting accordingly to protect our air quality and health and to protect our vulnerable populations by reducing pollution associated with fracking.</p> <p>We are in a climate crisis and should be keeping fossil fuels in the ground and transitioning to alternate forms of energy.</p> <p>The oil and gas industry should be working on a transition plan, especially in light of the current pandemic's effects on the industry.</p> <p>Senate Bill 19-181 is meant to prioritize our health, safety, and welfare. Please adhere to the law and put the people first.</p> | No | Jean |
| <p>I am writing as a former resident of Commerce City for many years. I want to emphasize that any plans for development be limited, controlled and restricted as to neighborhoods and schools. Legislation passed last year demands that the health and welfare of the citizens of the community must be considered first in the granting of any fossil fuel drilling. Commerce City has for years been regarded as a "disposable" community as to safeguards in this issue. This must not continue! Fracking harms the ground water, air and the quality of people's lives!</p> | No | Catherine Mendoza |
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| Increased setback distances between homes and oil and gas facilities - we believe this should be at least 2,500 feet from any home, playground, school, or any other high occupancy area. Use of cumulative impacts (or the total impacts of oil and gas development across and within 5 miles of Commerce City on public health, safety, welfare and environmental resources) as criteria for determining the City's approval, denial, or conditions regard oil and gas development. Automatic consultation with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment and with Colorado Parks and Wildlife upon an oil and gas proposal. A process that prohibits operators from selling existing permits. | No | Michelle Sewald |
| I hope you allow 2,000+ foot setbacks of oil and gas development from houses, schools, parks, etc. Also please take into account accumulative impacts of all wells when approving drilling. Finally please have qualified organizations help determine environmental impacts. Thanks. | No | David Zeutzius |
| We are in a respiratory epidemic and air pollution increases complications and mortality rates, according to a recently published study by Harvard University. Commerce City should be acting accordingly to protect our air quality and health and to protect our vulnerable populations by reducing pollution associated with fracking. | | |
| What happens in Commerce City affects the entire region - has far reaching effects. Fracking is bad for everyone's health. | No | Mary Koltze |
| SB 18-181 was intended to prioritize human safety over corporate profits of the oil and gas industry. No fracking near homes and schools. No one should have to live with those noxious fumes and that noise. Isn't it amazing that no fracking takes place near the industries' VIPs? Because they know its bad. And since the industry hasn't made money for many years, it will not be able to clean up its messes from orphan wells. | No | Richard Creswell |
| I'm writing to ask that you stop all industrial oil and gas sites in Commerce City, especially near homes and schools. | | |
| Commerce City, and all communities in Colorado, should protect air quality and health. This is of particular concern to vulnerable populations, who are already at greater risk of Covid-19 complications and mortality. | | |
| The oil and gas industry needs to be working on transition, not drilling new wells. Fossil fuels are not the future. | No | Stephanie Vigil |
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| Senate Bill 19-181 is meant to prioritize our health, safety, and welfare. Please adhere to the law and put the people first. | No | Jane G Enterline |
| no , no, no, no...fossil fuels have gotta go. # control the harmful emissions produced from products made if you continue produce . be responsible for what you produce. | No | susan l. vines |

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| <p>The City has constantly used the excuse "our hands our tied, we can't do anything because we don't have the power to regulate this industry." Well, your hands aren't tied anymore.</p> <p>You know have the chance to protect the health and safety of your citizens. The City needs to step up, listen to the voters and do the right thing. The landowners in this area decided that selling off land was a good idea to make money. Now they want to put industry in neighborhoods. These people should have thought about their future endeavors and how hey wanted to make money before selling to developers. They made a bad choice by selling out and now, the City needs to step up.</p> <p>Our Mayor's comments about being afraid that landowners will sue the City was laughable. If your residents health and safety isn't your priority I am sure some mama bears and concerned citizens will make it a priority. Health and safety above profits!!</p> <p>I would also like to point out the ethics violation in the making since one of our sitting Council members works in the industry. This person will be actively deciding regulations that will directly benefit their job, employer and give them leverage for future job opportunities in this industry. This council member has said "this industry is like any other industry", except it isn't. This industry and their sites bring more dangers than "any other industry".</p> <p>I am requesting that this person recuse themselves during this period so the residents don't have to report this issue.</p> <p>Listen to the voters. More voted against oil and gas than for it. Look at how few voted for Huseman, and how many more voted for the candidates, who split the vote, but still voted against oil and gas.</p> | <p>Yes</p> | <p>Erik</p> |
| <p>Please stop all industrial toxic oil and gas sites in Commerce City.</p> <p>There should be no fracking near homes and schools.</p> <p>Fracking is adversely impacting our public health, and our air and water quality.</p> <p>We are in a respiratory epidemic and air pollution increases complications and mortality rates, according to a recently published study by Harvard University.</p> <p>Commerce City should be acting accordingly to protect our air quality and health and to protect our vulnerable populations by reducing pollution associated with fracking.</p> <p>We are in a climate crisis and should be keeping fossil fuels in the ground and transitioning to alternate forms of energy.</p> <p>The oil and gas industry should be working on a transition plan, especially in light of the current pandemic's effects on the industry.</p> <p>Senate Bill 19-181 is meant to prioritize our health, safety, and welfare. Please adhere to the law and put the people first.</p> | <p>No</p> | <p>sage hamilton</p> |
| <p>Come on you guys ~ time to STAND UP FOR WHAT IS RIGHT for the environment and human health. Can't we finally just STOP making decisions that just make \$ for a few .</p> | <p>No</p> | <p>S. Harman</p> |
| <p>I grew up in Commerce City and I know that health hazards we lived with, a focal point for oil and gas development. It's time to stop putting our resources into a source of energy that is destroying the planet...that can no longer be disputed. Let's finally say 'enough' and do the right thing; protect people and our natural resources first, not last.</p> <p>Please think about the health of the people of Commerce city, that should be your first concern. You along with the oil and gas industry should be working on a transition plan especially in light of the current pandemics effects on the industry.</p> <p>Fracking is adversely impacting our public health, and our air and water quality.</p> <p>We are in a respiratory epidemic and air pollution increases complications and mortality rates, according to a recently published study by Harvard University.</p> <p>Senate Bill 19-181 is meant to prioritize our health, safety, and welfare. Please adhere to the law and put the people first.</p> | <p>No</p> | <p>Kevin Mack</p> |

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| <p>First, and foremost, we need a Moratorium. We need to stop anything regarding oil and gas until the COGCC is done with their Regulations and build on that. We are requesting that the City stop, just stop. We all know you are hell bent on rolling out the red carpet for an industry known to pollute, put lives in danger, blow up houses and kill people.</p> <p>We will keep this short since the City clearly doesn't care how residents feel. If you look at the election results more people voted for people against oil and gas than for oil and gas. You should really do the math on that.</p> <p>-The City needs to have ALL operators pay bonds in the amount of 1 million dollars. The 10,000.00 bond requirement in place is a slap in the face and is useless. Considering the amount of damage this industry can do 10,000.00 wont cover anything if something happens.</p> <p>-Setbacks-setbacks need to be 2000-2500 feet from the PROPERTY lines of schools, homes, parks and rec center. A two mile setback would be the most logical amount, but we know that will never happen because we would rather be reactive than proactive.</p> <p>-Monitor-monitor air, water and spills. Greeley Tribune and the COGCC have made it perfectly clear that spills at sites are an issue. lets not forget, the sites aren't in rural areas where the impact is minimal, theses sites are near neighborhoods and our water sources.</p> <p>-Don't drill near the Arsenal. If you don't pay attention, history will repeat itself. During its peak operation, while shooting chemicals into the ground, the Arsenal caused earthquakes. I know our current City Council doesn't believe that this either happened, or it could happen again, but they aren't scientists or fortune tellers.</p> <p>i can tell you right now, like Carol Murray did, if your decisions cause damage to me or my well being, further legal actions will be taken. The City has been put on notice, by actual scientists who have spoken at meetings, about the dangers and the City has failed to heed their advise. it is well documented how this industry can impact a community, and you are still hard charging to allow this to happen. YOU ARE ON NOTICE. We have health issues,,we have discussed this situation with our doctor and we will be monitoring our health going forward. if you proceed with this industry, any changes in our levels or health, will be reported.</p> <p>The worst part is, you all have families that will also be impacted/affected by anything that goes wrong with these operations and you seem to not care. is money from this industry really that important. why not try to get a Costco or something useful built instead of continuing to make this city industrial and scare away businesses that would benefit all of us?</p> | <p>Yes</p> | <p>John and Judy</p> |
| <p>oil and gas operations are not compatible with a city environment, simple as that, keep them out of neighborhoods and away from schools, hospital and care units, parks, anywhere where people congregate</p> | <p>No</p> | <p>Sue McHenry</p> |
| <p>Senate Bill 19-181 is meant to prioritize our health, safety, and welfare. Please adhere to the law and put the people first.</p> <p>Commerce City should be acting accordingly to protect our air quality and health and to protect our vulnerable populations by reducing pollution associated with fracking.</p> <p>THE POISONS DON'T STAY IN COMMERCE CITY--WE ARE ALL DAMAGED BY THE INCESSANT FRACKING .</p> <p>THE PROCESS MUST BE GROUNDED AND THE PRODUCT KEPT IN THE GROUND. RENEWABLES NEED ALL OF OUR SUPPORT.</p> | <p>No</p> | <p>Jude Bliltz</p> |
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| <p>Stop fracking near neighborhoods!</p> | No | |
| <p>I do not support any fracking in Commerce City. Gas extraction is dangerous to our public health, which is already under strain. Extraction companies have shown that they consistently neglect to clean up their sites as required by law (which is seldom enforced), leading to long-term environmental damage.</p> | No | Clay St. John |
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| <p>During this pandemic it is paramount that the health and safety of our communities comes first. I am asking you to cease all industrial toxic oil and gas sites in Commerce City.</p> <p>As a recent Harvard study has confirmed, the connection between toxic air pollution and increased complications and mortality rates from COVID-19 complications is clear.</p> <p>Furthermore, there should be no fracking near homes and schools. Fracking is adversely impacting our public health, and our air and water quality and will increase COVID deaths.</p> <p>Commerce City should be acting accordingly to protect our air quality and health and to protect our vulnerable populations by reducing pollution associated with fracking.</p> <p>We are in a climate crisis and should be keeping fossil fuels in the ground and transitioning to alternate forms of energy to protect our public health and safety.</p> <p>Senate Bill 19-181 is meant to prioritize our health, safety, and welfare. Please adhere to the law and put people over profits.</p> | No | Sunni Benoit |
| I have many friends in Commerce City and one of them is immune-compromised. Oil and gas drilling releases highly dangerous toxins into all our air. It doesn't stay in Commerce City. Please restrict drilling in your neighborhoods! | No | Celeste D. |
| Please no fracking near homes or schools | No | |
| As a citizen of Colorado, who must breathe its air and drink its water, I am opposed to any and all industrial toxic oil and gas sites in Commerce City. There should be no fracking near homes and schools. A Colorado Dept. of Public Health study has already shown that proximity to fracking and drilling sites threatens public health, and our air and water quality — this should be the chief concern of state and local lawmakers, NOT the profit of oil and gas companies. Commerce City should be acting accordingly to protect our air quality and health and to protect our vulnerable populations by reducing pollution associated with fracking. As Coloradans WE ALL BREATHE THE SAME AIR AND DRINK FROM CONNECTED WATERWAYS. Whether we live in Commerce City or not doesn't matter, fracking and drilling impacts us all. Senate Bill 19-181 is meant to prioritize our health, safety, and welfare. Please adhere to the law and put the people first. | No | Beth Buczynski |
| Today, there is an air quality advisory. People are supposed to avoid driving and outdoor exercise. In what universe does it make sense to add MORE pollutants to our Colorado air. Consider what we give up to do this. Please do not build more wells in Commerce City. | No | |
| Cease Oil and Gas developments immediately. They are harmful to local residents' health. We are in a climate crisis and need to transition to renewables. | No | Scott Pinkelman |
| Fracking is adversely impacting our public health, and our air and water quality. The fact that I have to say this to you is infuriating. You know this, yet you still move forward with these unnecessary wells putting profit over public health. | No | Brian S Gillin |

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| <p>PEOPLE -COME-FIRST!!</p> <p>Please stop all industrial toxic oil and gas sites in Commerce City.</p> <p>There should be no fracking near homes and schools.</p> <p>Fracking is adversely impacting our public health, and our air and water quality.</p> <p>We are in a respiratory epidemic and air pollution increases complications and mortality rates, according to a recently published study by Harvard University.</p> <p>Commerce City should be acting accordingly to protect our air quality and health and to protect our vulnerable populations by reducing pollution associated with fracking.</p> <p>We are in a climate crisis and should be keeping fossil fuels in the ground and transitioning to alternate forms of energy.</p> <p>The oil and gas industry should be working on a transition plan, especially in light of the current pandemic's effects on the industry.</p> <p>Senate Bill 19-181 is meant to prioritize our health, safety, and welfare. Please adhere to the law and put the people first.</p> | No | Bonnie Schwab |
| <p>As a resident of Anthem Ranch in Broomfield, living about 1,000 yards away from 19 wells and within 1/2 mile of 84, I am very much opposed to gas and oil development in residential neighborhoods. The moratorium on it was lifted right after we moved in, and if we had known that would happen it would have effected our decision to buy our home here. We feel like an experiment is being done to see how our health and lives are affected, and the results are still unknown.</p> | No | Deborah Eidenshink |
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| <p>Colorado Springs</p> | No | Dorothy Chamberlin |
| <p>Commerce City should be acting to protect our air quality and health and to protect our vulnerable populations by reducing pollution associated with fracking. We are in a climate crisis and should be keeping fossil fuels in the ground and transitioning to alternate forms of energy.</p> <p>Fracking is adversely impacting our public health, and our air and water quality. We are in a respiratory epidemic and air pollution increases complications and mortality rates, according to a recently published study by Harvard University.</p> <p>What happens in Commerce City doesn't stay in Commerce City. It spreads to the entire region and beyond!</p> | No | |
| <p>Please don't allow fracking in Commerce City especially nearby schools and homes. In addition please look into shutting down the oil refinery and all other petroleum processing plants which are detrimental to the air quality of citizens of commerce city and neighboring typically undeserved communities.</p> | No | Rob Ollett |
| <p>Fracking is horrible for the environment - they need to stop it in all places now.</p> | No | |

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| Please put an end to all industrial oil and gas sites in Commerce City. We need to be focused on green energy. | | |
| Fracking poses a threat to public health and no fracking should be allowed near houses and schools | No | Rebecca Martien |
| In these days of severe climate change, we should be moving to alternative renewal energies. Fracking can be harmful to city drinking water and releases harmful-to-human gases. | | |
| This update of Commerce City Oil and Gas Regulations should do no harm to current or future residents. | No | |
| <p>Please stop all industrial toxic oil and gas sites in Commerce City.</p> <p>There should be no fracking near homes and schools.</p> <p>Fracking is adversely impacting our public health, and our air and water quality.</p> <p>We are in a respiratory epidemic and air pollution increases complications and mortality rates, according to a recently published study by Harvard University.</p> <p>Commerce City should be acting accordingly to protect our air quality and health and to protect our vulnerable populations by reducing pollution associated with fracking.</p> <p>We are in a climate crisis and should be keeping fossil fuels in the ground and transitioning to alternate forms of energy.</p> <p>The oil and gas industry should be working on a transition plan, especially in light of the current pandemic's effects on the industry.</p> <p>Senate Bill 19-181 is meant to prioritize our health, safety, and welfare. Please adhere to the law and put the people first.</p> | No | Olivia Loria |
| The recent precipitous drop in oil prices shows that there's no shortage of oil that's already available. To start more fracking operations now is clearly a foolish waste of money and resources, not to mention the damage to the environment and the harm done to people living near the fracking sites. Keep the fracking away from people's homes and businesses now. The oil will stay in the ground; and if some future emergency leads to an oil shortage, the unfracked oil will still be there to be extracted. The prudent course is to block fracking now. | No | James H. Maguire |
| We already have enough problems with Sunco Oil in this area. Why further endanger the air and water, and the health of our citizens? I urge you to reject any and all fracking operations in Commerce City. | No | |
| I live in Northwest Denver and being a Coloradan I love to open my windows. The last 3 years the air has smelled terrible late at night and there is a taste to it that stays on the tongue. It's not beautiful, clean Colorado air like it used to be. I believe part of the problem is the pollution from Suncor. PLEASE do not allow drilling so close to so many people. In Colorado we love to be outdoors and with even more polluted air that will become impossible. Let's help Commerce City find other ways to make money instead of negatively impacting themselves and their neighbors. | No | Wendy Folger |
| Commerce City is home to industry, but also to people. Human health should always outweigh wealth priorities, therefore Commerce City should have more stringent oil and gas regulations to protective health of its residents. | No | |
| We need to start investing in renewable energy, for the sake of our own survival on this planet. Consumables generate more economy, but the economy is only a subset of this living planet, whose ecosystems are collapsing globally. We have to do what's wise for ECOLOGY, if we care for our economy to survive. | No | Derek Carpenter |

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| <p>As a life-long resident of Colorado, I have seen how natural resource extractions has destroyed the landscape on top of literally killing people outright as in the explosion in Firestone a few years ago.</p> <p>I proudly stand with the community of Commerce City and members of 350 Colorado -- supporting our great state and not outside interests -- in demanding you halt all fracking operations if only for the following reasons:</p> <p>Countless studies have shown that fracking within one-half mile of any homes, structures and watersheds irreparably causes serious health issues from compromised respiratory systems to birth defects.</p> <p>Millions of gallons of clean, useable drinking water are spent in one day of fracking for natural gas, which is a outmoded energy source detracting from innovations in those that are renewable.</p> <p>As such, "fracking is adversely impacting our public health, and our air and water quality.</p> <p>We are in a respiratory epidemic and air pollution increases complications and mortality rates, according to a recently published study by Harvard University.</p> <p>Commerce City should be acting accordingly to protect our air quality and health and to protect our vulnerable populations by reducing pollution associated with fracking.</p> <p>We are in a climate crisis and should be keeping fossil fuels in the ground and transitioning to alternate forms of energy.</p> <p>The oil and gas industry should be working on a transition plan, especially in light of the current pandemic's effects on the industry.</p> <p>Senate Bill 19-181 is meant to prioritize our health, safety, and welfare. Please adhere to the law and put the people first."</p> <p>Thank you for holding your loyalty and concerns to those you've sworn to serve and not any one who seeks to harm our gorgeous state of Colorado and its inhabitants.</p> | <p>No</p> | <p>Rev Ryan K Nelson</p> |
| <p>No more fracking! Our air quality needs to be protected!</p> | <p>No</p> | <p>Lauren Collins</p> |

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| <p>Fracking in Commerce City - updates to the Land Development Code</p> <p>While I do not live in Commerce City I live close enough to the city that its air quality issues affect me quite a bit (allergies with asthma). Moreover, as a data scientist I am well aware of the problems caused by the oil/gas industries, which are three-fold.</p> <p>First, the amount of greenhouse gases in the air continue to rise due to fossil fuel use. This is an existential threat to human civilization as well as to all of the ecosystems currently on Earth. Worse yet, the impacts we have started to see (e.g., increased wildfires, stronger storms, worse droughts leading to food insecurity, climate refugees, etc.) are due to greenhouse gases emitted decades ago and even if we stopped emitting greenhouse gases today, the impacts will only worsen over the next few decades and it will take natural processes thousands of years to clean the air due to the pollution we already have emitted. The sooner we stop emitting greenhouse gases, the less severe these impacts will be.</p> <p>Consequently, we urgently need to keep fossil fuels in the ground and to transition to alternate forms of energy immediately! Any new permits therefore are an unconscionable threat to Commerce City residents and Coloradans in general. The oil and gas industry should be working on a transition plan, especially in light of the current pandemic's effects on the industry, not continuing business as usual.</p> <p>Secondly, fracking has been conclusively proved to adversely impact public health, and air and water quality (see for example, the Compendium of Scientific, Medical, and Media Findings Demonstrating Risks and Harms of Fracking (Unconventional Gas and Oil Extraction) Sixth Edition, June 2019). Colorado Senate Bill 19-181 was meant to prioritize the health, safety and welfare of Coloradans and Commerce City should adhere to the law and act to protect our air quality and vulnerable populations by reducing pollution associated with fracking. This includes ensuring that there is NO fracking anywhere near homes, schools, shopping centers, or any other sites where people gather.</p> <p>Lastly, we are currently in a respiratory epidemic. A recent study by Harvard University has demonstrated that air pollution increases the rate of complications and mortality. Commerce City should be ensuring that its citizens and citizens of surrounding regions are protected from these effects by doing everything possible to decrease air pollution - including stopping all industrial (and toxic) oil and gas sites in Commerce City. To do otherwise, is tantamount to murder!</p> <p>The existing updates to the Land Development Code are insufficient to accomplish any of these goals, so need to be made much more stringent in requirements.</p> | No | |
| <p>Increased setback distances between homes and oil and gas facilities - we believe this should be at least 2,500 feet from any home, playground, school, or any other high occupancy area.</p> <p>Use of cumulative impacts (or the total impacts of oil and gas development across and within 5 miles of Commerce City on public health, safety, welfare and environmental resources) as criteria for determining the City's approval, denial, or conditions regard oil and gas development.</p> <p>Automatic consultation with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment and with Colorado Parks and Wildlife upon an oil and gas proposal</p> <p>A process that prohibits operators from selling existing permits.</p> <p>Suncor</p> | No | |
| <p>Please stop all industrial toxic oil and gas sites in Commerce City.</p> <p>There should be no fracking near homes and schools.</p> <p>Fracking is adversely impacting our public health, and our air and water quality.</p> <p>We are in a respiratory epidemic and air pollution increases complications and mortality rates, according to a recently published study by Harvard University.</p> <p>Commerce City should be acting accordingly to protect our air quality and health and to protect our vulnerable populations by reducing pollution associated with fracking.</p> <p>We are in a climate crisis and should be keeping fossil fuels in the ground and transitioning to alternate forms of energy.</p> <p>The oil and gas industry should be working on a transition plan, especially in light of the current pandemic's effects on the industry.</p> <p>Senate Bill 19-181 is meant to prioritize our health, safety, and welfare. Please adhere to the law and put the people first.</p> | No | Duane Webster |
| <p>We are in a climate crisis and all oil and gas operations should be transitioning to renewable sources of energy. Fracking uses/wastes huge amounts of our precious water, and should be phased-out quickly. Fracking should not be, should never allowed o be near homes and schools. Those out of work because of slow-downs in the gas and oil industry need to be re-trained and put to work in the renewable energy fields immediately.</p> | No | Edie in Loveland, Colorado |
| <p>We are in a climate crisis and should be keeping fossil fuels in the ground and transitioning to alternate forms of energy.</p> | No | |

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| <p>I am deeply concerned about the planned fracking wells in Commerce City. Fracking is proved to adversely impact public health, air quality and water quality indefinitely. Commerce city is a dense zone, and there should absolutely be no fracking near homes, schools or waterways.</p> <p>Senate Bill 19-181 is meant to prioritize our health, safety, and welfare. Please adhere to the law and put the people first.</p> <p>We are in a respiratory epidemic and air pollution increases complications and mortality rates, according to a recently published study by Harvard University.</p> <p>Commerce City should be acting accordingly to protect our air quality and health and to protect our vulnerable populations by reducing pollution associated with fracking.</p> <p>We are in a climate crisis and should be keeping fossil fuels in the ground and transitioning to alternate forms of energy.</p> <p>The oil and gas industry should be working on a transition plan, especially in light of the current pandemic's effects on the industry. Please stop all industrial toxic oil and gas sites in Commerce City.</p> | No | Annie Beall |
| <p>I am a resident of Centennial, CO. Even though I do not live in Commerce City, I do not want fracking or ANY industrial toxic oil and gas sites for my Denver Metro Area neighbors. Fracking harms our environment; toxic elements in our air, water, and soil are detrimental to human health. Surely, during our present COVID-19 concerns, we do not want more Coloradans suffering from additional health issues. Please, instead, push forward plans for energy that do not harm our environment, and thus humans! Senate Bill 19-181 is meant to prioritize our health, safety, and welfare. Please adhere to the law and put the people first.</p> | No | Nancy Winter |
| <p>It is the obligation of all oil and gas entities to care first and foremost for the safety and well-being of both residents and the natural environments of the communities from which they profit.</p> | No | Janet Feder |
| <p>Please consider making these changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Increased setback distances between homes and oil and gas facilities to be at least 2,500 feet from any home, playground, school, or any other high occupancy area. •Use of cumulative impacts (or the total impacts of oil and gas development across and within 5 miles of Commerce City on public health, safety, welfare and environmental resources) as criteria for determining the City's approval, denial, or conditions regarding oil and gas development. •Automatic consultation with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment and with Colorado Parks and Wildlife upon an oil and gas proposal •A process that prohibits operators from selling existing permits. | No | |
| <p>Please stop all industrial toxic oil and gas sites in Commerce City.</p> <p>It makes no sense to sacrifice public health and our scarce and precious public waters for just a few people to get rich, while the rest of us pay with out health.</p> <p>Fracking is adversely impacting our public health, and our air and water quality.</p> <p>Studies, especially the recent one published by Harvard University show that air pollution increases the risk of Covid19.</p> <p>This is just not fair to the people who live in Commerce City. The govt is supposed to be for the people not for corporate interests.</p> <p>Commerce City should be acting accordingly to protect our air quality and health and to protect our people by reducing pollution associated with fracking.</p> <p>It's time to shift away from oil and gas. We have the know-how and skill set to move to renewables. It is just greedy people throwing away the lives of our children and grandchildren, just to make more bucks at our expense.</p> <p>The oil and gas industry should be working on a transition plan, especially in light of the current pandemic's effects on the industry.</p> <p>Senate Bill 19-181 is meant to prioritize our health, safety, and welfare. Please adhere to the law and put the people first.</p> | No | L Bier |
| <p>Fracking risks lives of our environment, air quality and the safety of the people in Commerce City and the surrounding area. Stop destroying our planet with this destructive activity, stop the greed.</p> | No | |

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| <p>To whom it may concern: I am writing to ask that plans to increase fracking and the number of wells in Commerce City be immediately halted. As a person impacted by fracking in my neighborhood i know the impacts and strongly disagree with the allowance of sites near neighborhoods and homes. There is also undeniable evidence that fracking is impacting the air quality of the front range. We are at a dangerous level of pollutants even now. Furthermore, we are in the middle of a pandemic that attacks the lungs and respiratory system, adding pollutants to the air increases the likelihood of risk medically for many.</p> | No | Dr. Shirley Smithson |
| <p>It is time to roll back on the gas and oil industry.</p> <p>Please stop all industrial toxic oil and gas sites in Commerce City.</p> <p>There should be no fracking near homes and schools.</p> <p>Fracking is adversely impacting our public health, and our air and water quality.</p> <p>We are in a respiratory epidemic and air pollution increases complications and mortality rates, according to a recently published study by Harvard University.</p> <p>Commerce City should be acting accordingly to protect our air quality and health and to protect our vulnerable populations by reducing pollution associated with fracking.</p> <p>We are in a climate crisis and should be keeping fossil fuels in the ground and transitioning to alternate forms of energy.</p> <p>The oil and gas industry should be working on a transition plan, especially in light of the current pandemic's effects on the industry.</p> | | |
| <p>Senate Bill 19-181 is meant to prioritize our health, safety, and welfare. Please adhere to the law and put the people first.</p> | No | Chris Moore |
| <p>What is needed are the following:</p> <p>Increased setback distances between homes and oil and gas facilities - we believe this should be at least 2,500 feet from any home, playground, school, or any other high occupancy area.</p> <p>Use of cumulative impacts (or the total impacts of oil and gas development across and within 5 miles of Commerce City on public health, safety, welfare and environmental resources) as criteria for determining the City's approval, denial, or conditions regard oil and gas development.</p> <p>Automatic consultation with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment and with Colorado Parks and Wildlife upon an oil and gas proposal</p> <p>And finally, a process that prohibits operators from selling existing permits.</p> | No | Jesse Bennett |
| <p>Hi!</p> <p>I do not live in Commerce City, but it's on the same planet I live on!</p> <p>Major areas that need improvement include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Increased setback distances between homes and oil and gas facilities - we believe this should be at least 2,500 feet from any home, playground, school, or any other high occupancy area. - Use of cumulative impacts (or the total impacts of oil and gas development across and within 5 miles of Commerce City on public health, safety, welfare and environmental resources) as criteria for determining the City's approval, denial, or conditions regard oil and gas development. - Automatic consultation with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment and with Colorado Parks and Wildlife upon an oil and gas proposal - A process that prohibits operators from selling existing permits. <p>Thank you!</p> | | |
| <p>Please stop all toxic gas and oil sites in Commerce City. We are in a climate crisis. Oil and gas should be transitioning out.</p> | No | Julia Moravcsik |
| <p>NO FRACKING</p> | No | alexa kasper |

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| <p>Though I don't live in Commerce City, I live in Denver and have asthma, and Commerce City's air pollution negatively affects me!</p> <p>Please stop all industrial toxic oil and gas sites in Commerce City.! There should be NO fracking near homes and schools, increasing dangers of explosions and illnesses related to the poisons poured into the air and water. Fracking is adversely impacting our public health, and our air and water quality for EVERYONE in Commerce City and in surrounding communities.</p> <p>Currently, and possibly for the next year according to epidemiologist, we are experiencing COVID-19, a respiratory pandemic and air pollution stresses the lungs, increasing complications and mortality rates.</p> <p>I urge you to stop all proposed oil and gas development in Commerce City. It takes our communities in the WRONG direction.</p> | No | Olga Guerra |
| <p>No fracking in Commerce City.</p> | No | |
| <p>These new regulations are a step forward for the city, but a few areas that still need significant improvement:</p> <p>The major areas that need improvement include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Increased setback distances between homes and oil and gas facilities - we believe this should be at least 2,500 feet from any home, playground, school, or any other high occupancy area. -Use of cumulative impacts (or the total impacts of oil and gas development across and within 5 miles of Commerce City on public health, safety, welfare and environmental resources) as criteria for determining the City's approval, denial, or conditions regard oil and gas development. -Automatic consultation with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment and with Colorado Parks and Wildlife upon an oil and gas proposal -A process that prohibits operators from selling existing permits. | No | Debbi Bruner |
| <p>Please use best practices, and avoid actual harm or potential harm by designing and engineering systems to avoid human use, habitat use and proximity to water sources. Let your guidance be how you would feel given your family, family home and activities. Spills must be avoided at all costs. Thanks, Susan Lea</p> | No | Susan Lea |
| <p>Please stop all industrial oil and gas sites in Commerce City and there should be no fracking, anywhere, near homes and schools. Fracking is adversely impacting our public health, and our air and water quality. According to a recent study conducted by Harvard University, air pollution increases health complications, of humans, plants and animals, and also increases mortality rates. This is especially so during the recent pandemic. We are also in a climate crisis and we should be investing in "clean energy" and keeping fossil fuels in the ground. Please have the oil and gas industry to begin working on a transition plan. Senate Bill 19-181 is meant to prioritize our health, safety and welfare. Please adhere to the law and put the people first! Thank you.</p> | No | Denise Motta |
| <p>We don't need any more oil and gas. there is already a glut. Also it costs more to get it out of the ground than can be charged at the pump. It is like coal- no longer economical. However, the most important reasons for not increasing fracking are environmental and health concerns. We are in the middle of a health pandemic and you want to degrade the air quality further? The harmful effects of your decisions are not contained within Commerce City. Everyone will suffer. You do not have the moral right to destroy the planet.</p> | No | Patricia Sorensen |
| <p>Dear friends,</p> <p>Fracking should not be happening in Commerce City. There are numerous health concerns related to fracking. It should not be happening anywhere near people's homes or schools.</p> <p>This is especially important now that we are in a pandemic that is affecting people's respiratory systems.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration, Christine Adams</p> | No | |
| <p>Oil and gas production releases toxins in the air that progress climate change and cause illness in people. Methane is not cleaner than oil and all fracking in Commerce City should be halted for the health of our planet and all of us</p> | No | |
| <p>Don't ruin our water</p> | No | Dan Murray |

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| <p>Please stop all industrial toxic oil and gas sites in Commerce City.</p> <p>There should be no fracking near homes and schools.</p> <p>We are in a respiratory epidemic and air pollution increases complications and mortality rates.</p> <p>We are in a climate crisis and should be keeping fossil fuels in the ground and transitioning to alternate forms of energy.</p> <p>The oil and gas industry should be working on a transition plan, especially in light of the current pandemic's effects on the industry.</p> <p>Senate Bill 19-181 is meant to prioritize our health, safety, and welfare. Please adhere to the law and put the people first.</p> | No | |
| <p>It is time to consider not just how much money that comes from drilling companies but the costs to the local area in terms of air and water pollution. The impact of benzene and other chemicals associated with fracking will have a lasting impact on the people who live in the neighborhoods that surround drill pads. The detrimental affects of fracking on the health of children will mean that those costs to ameliorate those health impacts will be measured over the life time of those individuals.</p> | No | Ken DeBacker |
| <p>We live in Adams Co and are extremely concerned about the health effects and safety posed by fracking. More and more studies are showing short and long term health problems from fracking.</p> <p>You are charged with protecting the health and safety of your residents. Please act accordingly</p> | No | STEWART E NYHOLM ACCDAN |
| <p>As a resident of Colorado, I urge you to stop all toxic oil and gas sites in Commerce City. Our beautiful state already suffers from some of the worst air pollution in the country. The Front Range ears an F in air quality. It makes no sense to approve yet more polluting oil and gas installations at a time when the fossil fuel industry has a glut and when citizens are suffering from a severe respiratory pandemic that is made worse for people living in polluted air.</p> <p>I've noticed that we have had a number of bad air days even with a drastic reduction in vehicle traffic. Clearly the 44% of ozone pollution caused by fracking is a reality since our ozone pollution has remained high while cars and trucks have been off the road.</p> <p>Senate Bill 19-181 is suppose to prioritize our health, safety and welfare. Please follow this rule and put the health of Coloradans ahead of the profits of a few.</p> <p>THIS IS NO TIME TO INCREASE FRACKING,!</p> <p>Thank you, Carolyn Clebsch</p> | No | Carolyn Clebsch |
| <p>Do NOT allow oil and gas drilling in Commerce City, please. The city already has filthy air and this would add to an already bad situation. I assume most of the people who live there are low income and minority. They are always sacrificed for dirty commerce. Maybe instead you should put in the very wealthy neighborhoods so that those people can know what is like for others? It is known to affect health adversely.</p> | No | |
| <p>Good grief, really?!? Fracking?</p> <p>Do not subject human and other living beings in Commerce City to further environmental atrocities.</p> <p>Rather, we should plan for a shutdown and thorough cleanup of the Suncor plant ASAP!</p> <p>Leave fossil fuels in on the ground!</p> <p>I'm absolutely serious.</p> <p>Karl •—></p> | No | Karl Hanzel |

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| <p>The air quality along the front range already sucks because of oil and gas and their unquenchable greed. It would be irresponsible to harm vulnerable populations in and around Commerce City (where the poor live) who cannot defend themselves with yet another unnecessary load of chemicals. Poor people are much more likely to die of cancer as it is.</p> | <p>No</p> | <p>John Chavis</p> |
| <p>While I appreciate the importance of the oil industry to Colorado's economy, I do not support increasing the amount of fracking going on. Increasing the amount of pollution in the air is not something that we should be doing. Air quality in the Denver metro area is not good. There is also an increase in the number of earthquakes in areas that do a lot of fracking.</p> | <p>No</p> | |
| <p>Oil and gas development in Commerce City and elsewhere, must stop. The detrimental effects on our land, water and air are extreme. We must transition to solar, wind and in some cases, thermal energy.</p> | <p>No</p> | |
| <p>I've been researching, professionally, the effects of oil and gas extraction and processing for several decades. There is increasing evidence that ALL such activities is harmful to humans, especially to children. Fracking especially clearly harms both air and water quality as most recent studies show.</p> <p>Furthermore, the world wide demand for fossil fuel is diminishing almost daily. The industry is heavily leveraged with loans that seem to require frequent government bailouts that, with heavy federal and state subsidies, is the only reason the industry is at all profitable.</p> <p>Allowing a physically harmful industry, that will pollute air and water, into the heart of your community will not provide any long term economic benefits. Commerce City is more likely to end up with abandoned wells, lines and destroyed landscapes that the city will have to clean up.</p> <p>I urge you to think long-term, even two years future economic analysis will show how costly allowing so much development will be.</p> <p>Do remember the future ramifications for children and grandchildren of a damaged and warming climate.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> | <p>No</p> | <p>Loretta Lohman</p> |
| <p>pollution knows no boundaries affects us all</p> <p>Please stop all industrial toxic oil and gas sites in Commerce City.</p> <p>There should be no fracking near homes and schools.</p> <p>Fracking is adversely impacting our public health, and our air and water quality.</p> <p>We are in a respiratory epidemic and air pollution increases complications and mortality rates, according to a recently published study by Harvard University.</p> <p>Commerce City should be acting accordingly to protect our air quality and health and to protect our vulnerable populations by reducing pollution associated with fracking.</p> <p>We are in a climate crisis and should be keeping fossil fuels in the ground and transitioning to alternate forms of energy.</p> <p>The oil and gas industry should be working on a transition plan, especially in light of the current pandemic's effects on the industry.</p> <p>Senate Bill 19-181 is meant to prioritize our health, safety, and welfare. Please adhere to the law and put the people first.</p> | <p>No</p> | <p>JoLynn Jarboe</p> |

Hello I am writing to oppose fracking in Commerce City,
Commerce City should be acting accordingly to protect our air quality and health and to protect our vulnerable populations by reducing pollution associated with fracking.

We are in a climate crisis and should be keeping fossil fuels in the ground and transitioning to alternate forms of energy.

Although I live in Denver what happens to the air quality affects me too.

I hope that you will prevent more fracking in Commerce City.

Sincerely,
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My name is Renee Millard-Chacon I am Diné/Mexica Womxn with ancestors from Southern Colorado and New Mexico, and I am an Indigenous Xicana Activist, educator at Spirit of the Sun, and most importantly mother of two sons. I am determined to fight for social justice and climate justice for them and future generations. We live on the land of the Cheyenne, Ute, and Arapahoe people now called Denver Colorado, I ask you to remember this because the heath and welfare of land and people where once considered sacred to those that came before and still is to those wanting a renewable future. After eight years in the US Navy with my husband we now reside in Commerce City Colorado that has become known for the insidious pollution of Suncor and other extractive industries choking POC for decades of proven deadly environmental racism. In fact the home we just bought last year now has the full view of the fracking sight they propose to put near me, also by me children school I substitute teach it is with in a mile. As an Indigenous Womxn and learned from the women before me, we have the resilient perspective of survivorship from fully realizing predatory targeting by industries to exploit resources and people. In fact we are the first victims of that in America, unfortunately going on to this day from the disgraceful epidemic of missing and murdered indigenous children, women, men, and 2 spirits with no accountability or intervention both on the federal or state protection including rural or urban. We have survived this for centuries, we know what predators look like. Under Trump the EPA has ignored current science on particle pollution that could save thousands of live this year during our generations worst PANDEMIC. Shamefully, EPA's Administrator Andrew Wheeler has refused to strengthen the current national standards of deadly particulate pollution and then has limited public participation of this public health threat not adequately protecting Americans further during a national public health emergency of COVID-19 that has hit polluted BI POC neighborhoods, rural and urban, the hardest. We already have evidence of low standards in Colorado being so harmful now we have children breathing in the poisonous affect of Benzene at Bella Romero Elementary in Greeley downwind from a fracking well. This isn't a warning to Colorado on what can happen if our leaders continue to be more harmful than heroic, it is already proven what IS happening to our Colorado because current health standards are too weak and not adequately protecting from particle pollution health effects of premature death, heart attacks, strokes, heart disease, congestive heart failure, asthma attacks and long term exposure dramatically increasing the risk of COVID-19 resulting in death. The leaders of Commerce City needs to have independent, uncorrupted monitoring for safe air quality standards, but also a goal towards real enforcement when that is inhumanely violated. Andrew Wheeler and EPA's cowardly response to decline to strengthen standards is a direct environmental injustice and social welfare injustice to BIPOC Americans first living near and around known fossil fuel industries making this a human rights offense. When science is disregarded and racism can still be perpetuated by a deadly flesh for cash business that has become extractive industries and exploitation, the land and people I love of CO, I warn you, will be the first to fall prey. Add in a pandemic to marginalized communities without protection and enforcement for clean air and water and you are choking future generations before they are even able to grow. CO has a chance to correct corruption at the expense of our health, by strengthening particle pollution standards. STOP protecting predatory polluters, and START responding to America's environmental human needs during a respiratory pandemic. Dramatically strengthen standards and move towards renewable energy that heals for clean air and water. Our chance to be good ancestors is NOW be being the example future generations WANT to learn from. Thank you and have a Good day!

Yes

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- We are in a climate crisis and should be keeping fossil fuels in the ground and transitioning to alternate forms of energy.
- The oil and gas industry should be working on a transition plan, especially in light of the current pandemic's effects on the industry.
- Senate Bill 19-181 is meant to prioritize our health, safety, and welfare. Please adhere to the law and put the people first.

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Scott Hatfield

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| <p>Hello, Thank you for your consideration of this request. I attended the last meeting where we discussed this project and several concerns were presented. I was unaware that this issue has been brought to Commerce City as a governmental review as a landowner wants to just “put a pad on their property and have drilling.” As she shared this is her right and she should be able to do that. I truly understand where that person is coming from, but the immediate monies earned do not support the long term damage of that. That’s the issue here!!! It’s not just about the safety of this project but the long and short term impact of it all. Fracking requires soooooooo. Much water, and let’s be honest we are in drought conditions. I have not seen the study that shared where this water is coming from and if so how much the aquifer will be depleted.. We NEED water!!!! This WATER is needed for Human Life!!! Fossil Fuels are NOT!!!! We ruin the aquifer, and I know based on the research that NASA has that a hydrologist would not support this use of water!!! It’s only going to get worse, and the water will run dry!!! Let’s not do this, as we need water to fight disease and to sustain life in all forms. This alone is the reason for the project to not be approved. I hope the landowner if educated, could think about the good of all, vs the greed of the moment !! Thank you! Julie (Mom, Mental Health provider, and mother of a future geoscientist and chemist). Fracking is not the way to go!!!</p> | No | Julie Salvat |
| <p>Could you please stop all industrial toxic oil and gas sites in Commerce City.? There should be no fracking near homes and schools. In Commerce City, this is very much an issue of environmental justice. Fracking is adversely impacting public health, and air and water quality. We are in a respiratory epidemic and air pollution increases complications and mortality rates, according to a recently published study by Harvard University. Commerce City should be acting to protect air quality and health and to protect vulnerable populations by reducing pollution associated with fracking. We are in a global climate crisis and should be keeping fossil fuels in the ground and transitioning to alternate forms of energy. Every community must do their part!</p> | No | Angela Kantola |
| <p>Wherever fracking happens, we all feel its adverse effects on our health and the climate. You have the power to stop all industrial gas and oil sites in Commerce City--please use that power for the good of everyone.</p> | No | Silvine Farnell |
| <p>Fracking near homes and communities should never be allowed. It jeopardizes their health and only benefits the oil and gas companies. Years from now when people start getting sick, the oil and gas companies will be long gone and claim they had nothing to do with it and you can prove it. It is a resource that we need to move away from and move it out of our neighborhoods.</p> | No | |
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| <p>The citizens of Colorado are living with a respiratory pandemic Air pollution due to fracking makes it so much hard to breathe and get around.</p> <p>We all breathe the same air - we all deserve the cleanest air possible!</p> | No | Pat Dunn |
| <p>Oil drilling is filthy business that contaminates ground and water horribly. It should never be done too near to where people live, work, and play. I urge Commerce City to "just say no" to certain oil drilling proposals that endanger the environment where people normally and regularly carry on their life activities.</p> | No | STEPHEN E ROBINSON |
| <p>The major areas that need improvement include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Increased setback distances between homes and oil and gas facilities - we believe this should be at least 2,500 feet from any home, playground, school, or any other high occupancy area. •Use of cumulative impacts (or the total impacts of oil and gas development across and within 5 miles of Commerce City on public health, safety, welfare and environmental resources) as criteria for determining the City's approval, denial, or conditions regard oil and gas development. •Automatic consultation with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment and with Colorado Parks and Wildlife upon an oil and gas proposal •A process that prohibits operators from selling existing permits. | No | J Niblack |
| <p>Oil and natural gas fracking in Commerce City will negatively impact the health and water of the city and should be delayed.</p> | No | craig petersen |
| <p>Please stop all industrial toxic oil and gas sites in Commerce City.</p> <p>There should be no fracking near homes and schools.</p> <p>Fracking is adversely impacting our public health, and our air and water quality.</p> <p>We are in a respiratory epidemic and air pollution increases complications and mortality rates, according to a recently published study by Harvard University.</p> <p>Commerce City should be acting accordingly to protect our air quality and health and to protect our vulnerable populations by reducing pollution associated with fracking.</p> <p>We are in a climate crisis and should be keeping fossil fuels in the ground and transitioning to alternate forms of energy.</p> <p>The oil and gas industry should be working on a transition plan, especially in light of the current pandemic's effects on the industry.</p> <p>Senate Bill 19-181 is meant to prioritize our health, safety, and welfare. Please adhere to the law and put the people first.</p> <p>With gratitude,</p> <p>Deborah in Westminster (on behalf of our allies in Commerce City)</p> | No | |
| <p>I live just southeast of Commerce City and commute by bike through it every day. There are economically viable and readily available alternatives to fossil fuels that are renewable and contribute far less to climate change (Solar, wind, storage). I believe it is irresponsible, selfish and short-sighted of our society to pursue fossil fuels as we are in the midst of a climate crisis of our own making. I also have no confidence that extractors will frack responsibly, and clean up in the long run if allowed to operate. I hope Commerce City will make a smart, forward-looking decision and plan for the future by not allowing fracking or other extraction.</p> | No | Jesse Perreault |

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| <p>Please consider the following items as you update the Commerce City comprehensive oil and gas regulations in the Land Development Code (LDC):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Stop all industrial toxic oil and gas sites in Commerce City. •There should be no fracking near homes and schools. •Fracking is adversely impacting our public health, and our air and water quality. •We are in a respiratory epidemic and air pollution increases complications and mortality rates, according to a recently published study by Harvard University. •Commerce City should be acting accordingly to protect our air quality and health and to protect our vulnerable populations by reducing pollution associated with fracking. •We are in a climate crisis and should be keeping fossil fuels in the ground and transitioning to alternate forms of energy. •Senate Bill 19-181 is meant to prioritize our health, safety, and welfare. Please adhere to the law and put the people first. <p>Regards, David Rogers Boulder, CO</p> | No | |
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| <p>We're in the middle of a respiratory illness pandemic - this is NOT the time to increase air pollution. We're in the middle of the climate crisis - this is NOT the time to add more dirty, polluting fossil fuel infrastructure in the middle of our neighborhoods. No fracking wells in commerce city!</p> | No | Jessica |
| <p>Hello!</p> <p>Please stop all industrial toxic oil and gas sites in Commerce City.</p> <p>There should be no fracking near homes and schools.</p> <p>Fracking is adversely impacting our public health, and our air and water quality.</p> <p>We are in a respiratory epidemic and air pollution increases complications and mortality rates, according to a recently published study by Harvard University.</p> | No | Ashley Kushner |

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| As an older adult who suffers from respiratory problems, I am asking that you refrain from permitting industrial toxic oil and gas sites in Commerce City. Scientific studies show that fracking increases pollution, which adversely affects the health of everyone. Especially, no fracking near homes or schools should be allowed. We are already threatened by COVID-19; we don't need any more threats to our health. Please do the right thing for the citizens of Colorado. | No | Kathy Kaiser |
| Please keep all new oil and gas facilities out of Commerce City. The residents - and particularly the school children - should not be subject to the air pollution that would ensue. | No | Melinda Reed |
| Populated areas should ve off limits, particularly when we are stalked by a virus that can complicate respiratory function. | No | Laura Harper |
| This type of hazardous and toxic activity must not be done in residential areas. | No | |
| Of course you must not have fracking in Commerce City. Aren't your children sick enough without adding Benzine and hundreds of other carcinogens into their bodies? I once was subjected to 12 years of similar to same toxins and have been battling aggressive prostate cancer for over ten years now. I have cost the government several hundred thousand dollars to keep me alive. For you the cost will also slide over to your city government - especially when the law suits start coming in. In my case they were ignorent. In this casr you know exactly the damage fracking does. | No | Robert Parker |
| Why are we still relying on dirty fossil fuels when clean, renewable energy are available? It seems ridiculous to me that dirty fossil fuels are getting subsidies when we should be abundantly subsidizing clean, renewable energy. Let's work on cleaning up the environment and protecting people's health by investing in clean, renewable energy. | No | |
| Adding more pollution to our immediate environment is not a good idea, no matter how profitable it might appear. | No | |
| Fracking is one really bad idea. The health of our communities are more important than the profits of energy companies! | No | David Rudin |
| The methane released in the process invalidates it as climate friendly. It is a loser from square one. Please have the courage on behalf of all Coloradans to resist the pressures to allow fracking!! | No | |
| Stop this fracking in neighborhood madness. It's not safe and not economically feasible. | No | |
| Fracking, in any metropolitan area, is s really bad idea. There are air pollution issues as well as ground water issues. Why do this? Especially as the world economy is moving away from fossil fuels. | No | Chris Kermiet |
| Please stop all oil and toxic gas sites in commerce city. God bless you! | No | Joshua Knight |
| As a fellow Coloradan for 35 years I am writing in support of the health of my friends in the Commerce City area. Here are my points as such: Increased setback distances between homes and oil and gas facilities - we believe this should be at least 2,500 feet from any home, playground, school, or any other high occupancy area. Use of cumulative impacts (or the total impacts of oil and gas development across and within 5 miles of Commerce City on public health, safety, welfare and environmental resources) as criteria for determining the City's approval, denial, or conditions regard oil and gas development. Automatic consultation with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment and with Colorado Parks and Wildlife upon an oil and gas proposal A process that prohibits operators from selling existing permits. Thank you, Tara Dubarr | No | Tara Dubarr |
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| People's health are relying on YOU | No | |

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| <p>Unacceptable! The fact that our city council hasn't learned about the environmental destruction of surrounding communities from the oil and gas industry is simply astounding. Our city council is selling out our clean water, our clean air, and all for the benefit of big oil companies that don't live and work in our community beyond the time it takes them to install the wells. Any council member that votes to support the destruction of the land under our homes, to pollute the water supply under our homes, and to blow methane off gassing through our communities, that individual deserves to be removed from office and put in jail for the remainder of their days. You were elected to protect your citizens, not destroy their health! Shame on every one of you elected officials that has even considered the thought of such criminal acts in our community!</p> | Yes | Sherry Ann Ketcham |
| <p>Ban fracking for the benefit of the community. In this day and age it's important to pivot and get creative. Fracking is old news and nothing but bad news. Close down Suncor while you're at it. Sho up for the community formonce and quit posturing.</p> | Yes | |
| <p>Please no more oil and gas near our homes, businesses, and schools. Our community does not want the health risks, nor does it need to waste valuable land on an industry with less than reliable revenue with companies that are not financially stable. The roads are already full of commuters and heavy trucking. Our growing community could use the space for other business, or much needed schools. We need bigger setbacks, better environmental controls and monitoring, and more reliable sources of revenue from business. But most of all we want to stop this encroachment. We do not want oil and gas wells.</p> | Yes | Kayla Gau |
| <p>Stop! Stop, pushing oil and gas in and around our neighborhoods. The negative health aspects are abundant and well studied. No more easy push through and taxpayer bailout of failed and corrupt oil and gas companies. We all saw how oil and gas crashed- it's an unstable revenue stream and is not worth the potential damage to our health and lands. Leave our communities alone! Stop selling out to greedy oil and gas. There are better options for revenue and energy resources.</p> <p>https://safehaven.com/investing/investing-other/Energy-CEOs-See-Big-Payouts-Despite-Oil-Price-Crash.html</p> <p>https://www.pri.org/stories/2019-07-31/fracking-causes-environmental-damage-and-birth-defects-new-study-shows</p> | Yes | Casey Gau |
| <p>If we have learned anything lately it is the oil and gas company is not a stable or reliable form of income for our community or any others. Fracking would only cause health and environmental issues while doing nothing for the economy. Even if it was economically sound investment, the potential for negative impacts would never outweigh the potential positives. Please do right for your family, your friends and your neighbors. Do not allow these dangerous practices to take place in our backyard.</p> | Yes | K Wiechmann |
| <p>Oil and gas production does not belong near residential homes and schools. There continues to be research that demonstrate the effects of fracking has when in close proximity to residential areas; increased risk for children being born with congenital heart defects, air pollution, man made earthquakes, issues with proper disposal or cleaning of waste water. Which a recent study demonstrated that some of the make up of fracking waste water consisted of pesticides. The list goes on and on. Oil production is a failing industry and is bound for bankruptcy. If the city goes through with with the proposed fracking pads/wells, who is going to pay for and manage the abandoned wells when these companies go bankrupt. Look how much the air quality has improved since the beginning of the COVID lockdown. You can actually see Downton Denver from Commerce City pretty well. Lets continue to make Commerce City great and invest in clean energy resources. There are so many important health reasons that we should not allow fracking in our neighborhood. Why doesn't the council care about the safety of their people?</p> | Yes | Jesse |

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| <p>Dear City Council and Staff,</p> <p>Please look beyond large corporations' greed and false promises and please protect our neighborhoods from destruction. Oil and gas operations do NOT make good neighbors.</p> <p>*The City Council agenda needs to support the citizens of Commerce City. We need to push to have an increase in severance taxes to match other states, like Texas. Give more power and concerns to the people who live here.</p> <p>*You can't regulate an out-of-control and corrupt oil and gas industry. This is our city, not oil & gas industries', and we encourage you to promote sustainable living conditions.</p> <p>*Oil and gas industries do not belong in neighborhoods where we are trying to survive and raise our families in a healthy and safe environment. We are trying to live with clean air to breathe and clean water to drink. Residents need to feel secure, knowing that our homes remain valuable and safe to live in for a lifetime - which is hopefully not shortened due to living in neighborhoods that promote environmental injustice.</p> <p>* "Quality Community for a Lifetime" ? Let's seriously strive for this!</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Vicki, Jim & Sara Kettler</p> | <p>Yes</p> | <p>Vicki, Jim and Sara Kettler</p> |
| <p>Denver air quality is already so horrible we have a brown cloud that appears sometimes. Commerce city already smells enough.</p> <p>Keep drilling away from denver. The only people that support it are people making money off of it.</p> <p>I live in north denver off 36. Adams county. I don't want any new oil operations anywhere north of denver by my house I just bought.</p> <p>Regulations are not enough. Oil companies violate them and don't get fined or if they do it's a slap on the wrist and they don't even care.</p> <p>They should not be allowed.</p> | <p>No</p> | <p>Tom fair</p> |
| <p>Sadly Commerce City's City Council still refuses to listen to it's residents. WE DO NOT want oil and gas drilling under our homes and schools. I guess you won't be on the Council very long.</p> | <p>Yes</p> | |
| <p>We just moved here for maybe a year. Obviously, we did not do research, or we wouldn't have moved to Commerce City.</p> <p>We were not aware of the oil and gas presence in this area until we read the City's posts on the Nextdoor app. We are so disappointed with our decision to move here.</p> <p>My family is requesting that the City stand beside the COGCC and make sure the health and safety of our residents is the top priority-setbacks, air monitoring, water monitoring and most important spill monitoring.</p> <p>We are concerned about spills either oil or fracking fluid, on the site or during transit. The City and the company need to determine how this will would be paid, I would suggest all financial burdens be placed on the company putting us in danger.</p> <p>We are mostly concerned about spills entering our water sources. Our water is horrible, and we don't need anything making it worse. Do not ruin our City due to greed and bad decisions.</p> | <p>Yes</p> | <p>Erica</p> |
| <p>I work in the medical field and understand the negative effects of this industry being in communities, so I went to the open house one of the drilling companies had at the recreation center last year. I wanted first hand knowledge of what was happening, what the plans were, and how they operated. I was aghast by what I was being told and couldn't believe how this company was trying to make this process seem safe. After that meet and greet I started to Google this process.</p> <p>The first thing I looked up was water because we live on an aquifer and they would be drilling through our water source. My first hit, from the American Geosciences Institute, reports that anywhere from 1.5-16 million gallons are used, per well to frack, that is a staggering amount of water. So, not only are they wasting one of Colorado's most valuable resources they also put the water in anger. According to the EPA fracking can impact ground water and drinking water. I also read that, in Northern Colorado, this industry has had numerous leaks that have impacted their water sources. You can also find those reports on the COGCC website.</p> <p>At this point I was disgusted I stopped researching. Colorado historically has droughts and water restrictions. As our community grows we will need to maintain our water and our water "quality" since our water is horrible to begin with. All of us in this area depend on this aquifer to survive. The most perplexing part of this is, all the City Council members live here. Why are you knowingly putting the citizens and yourselves in danger of adverse consequences due to your decisions?</p> <p>My ask during this comment period is this-DO NOT allow these companies to use our water. I ask that we have constant, daily, and if possible, hourly checks on these operations. If one thing goes wrong during this process, we could face a dire situation. We could end up in a worse situation than Flint, MI. our homes could instantly become worthless. Please do not tun Commerce City in to Weld County South. We are better than that.</p> | <p>Yes</p> | <p>Charlotte</p> |

As a family, we have health concerns revolving around air quality, and we would like to suggest the following for the new Regulations: hire a team or make the oil and gas company pay for a team, that twill do 24/7 air monitoring. We need to have boots on the ground to keep us safe if you decide to embark on this irresponsible business endeavor.

This is the first time I have completed a comment for the City, it is amazing how stay-at home Orders give us some free time. We have lived in our community since 2005. We have seen this area develop and deal with adverse situations. We patiently waited for businesses to come to this area. We did not anticipate that your most prized and fought for business would be oil and gas. We expected that our leaders would have brought retail, restaurants, and other businesses that we could all utilize, but you have partnered with an industry that puts our community in danger.

As I understand, from the City Council campaigns, one of our sitting Council members works for this industry and stands to benefit from decisions made by the City Council. It is a travesty that my health and safety, and the health and safety of others, will be impact by the outcomes of your negligent decisions.

I also read on the COGCC website that they are continuing with their own regulations for this industry. Can we not wait for their decisions then build on their regulations? It seems like that would save some of our tax paying dollars. And, by saving money, you would free up some money to hire the team to monitor the air quality.

Yes CJ and Rodney

First off, I would like to acknowledge the irresponsible comments made by our Mayor. I listened to the town hall recording and several of our residents had legitimate concerns and suggestions. Our Mayor has clearly shown that his allegiance is to the oil and gas industry and the landowners. The landowners who made the decision to sell their land to developers and now complain they cannot have drilling on their property because of the health and safety of people who live here. That was quite literally their choice, they could have kept their land, then no one would have built out here, but they have now decided to try and make money off everyone, health and safety before profits.

I digress, a little background from my family, we moved here about five years ago. We wanted a quiet area where we could live and still be close to work. We moved into our forever home and we were very excited about our decision. Little did we know the oil and gas industry was trying to drill in our area. It didn't seem logical that this would be allowed near our homes. We had never thought about this industry being in the suburbs, this should be in a rural area, right?

We started researching this topic and we were mortified that any City, in the Denver Metro, would allow something so dangerous to be permitted. We have all seen the negative effects SUNCOR has had on the City and its residents. We have not attended any meetings or voiced our opinions/concerns until now. We kept researching and found this process can cause earthquakes. Apparently, the Arsenal is known for its earthquakes back in the day due to chemicals being pumped into the ground, we did not know that.

We kept reading and saw a comment regarding structural damage caused by fracking and earthquakes caused by fracking. The articles mention that insurance companies WILL NOT cover damage from fracking and you must report fracking near your home to your insurance company. So, now the City is putting my home and the homes of others in danger. What are home owners going to do if something goes wrong, this company leaves, and we are on the hook with no repercussions.

What bothers us the most is, if something goes wrong, it will impact ALL of us, the City Council, their families and ours. Why is the City so eager to put our biggest assets in danger with no safety net if something goes wrong? To top it off, the company you have chosen to partner with is failing. They aren't paying their bills and are being sued. You realize the City will not make money if this business is not making money, right?

****Our request for the new Regulations is, DON'T frack near the Arsenal. Don't put ALL our homes in danger to help a fly by night company in a boom and bust industry. Don't put our lives, health and safety in danger based on promises made by a company/industry that can't pay their bills and outs profit over health and safety. If they aren't making money the City isn't making money.**

Yes Lori and Jason

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| <p>Denver and Commerce City sits at a lower elevation than the mountains and is often under a weather inversion which traps pollutants and pushes them down.</p> <p>We often have poor air quality noted on our weather forecast. Many citizens in the worst areas have headaches or nose bleeds.</p> <p>According to a 2017 study by the National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR), the major contributors to the North Front Range's ozone pollution were emissions from oil and gas operations.</p> <p>Denver residents have been inhaling hazardous air pollution at elevated levels on more than 260 days a year for the past two years, federal records show, as two new studies released this week ranked metro Denver among the top 10 worst U.S. cities for air quality. (Denver Post Jan 30, 2020)</p> <p>STOP SUFFOCATING YOURSELF AND YOUR NEIGHBORS.</p> <p>The air does not drift up and away like most geographic locations.</p> <p>Air travel is currently reduced, this is the time to move away from a local refinery and ALL fracking to seek out other options until the demand for oil and natural gas is higher in a few years.</p> <p>-Danielle Engel (Commerce City Entrepreneur, Wife, Mother, and Headache Sufferer since moving to CO)</p> | <p>Yes</p> | <p>Danielle Engel</p> |
| <p>Fracking is a dangerous economic path for our city to take. Do not approve oil and gas development in our community. We are worth more than that.</p> | <p>Yes</p> | |
| <p>No fracking near schools , homes or essential business. I am a Reunion resident and i work hard to buy my home and pay these absorbingly high taxes! I dont want to see, smell or live near any fracking! We already have DIA , the city dump, the 470 and the 76 to contend with now you want to add 300 fracking wells?!</p> <p>City council your decisions to allow the Oil and Gas industry to move forward with its plans to rape our community of resources , clean air and water is unconscionable !!!!! A few people that sit on a board should never have the right to decide a whole cities fate. Especially when there decisions will lead to the detriment of several communities full of families.</p> <p>Shame on the city council for shaking hands with the devil and selling our rights away as a community! Fracking is dangerous and there are too many possibilities of disaster too close to homes , schools and essential businesses. The Oil and Gas industry doesn't give a care in the world about our communities all they want is oil . We care the citizens of Commerce city care we gave to work here, live here, breathe here , raise our future generations here! PLEASE DONT GIVE OUR FUTURE AWAY TO BE FRACKED . Look at the past record of fracking operations in communities and the destruction it has wreaked around it, Explosions, oil and waste water spills, water table contamination, gigantic sink holes, gas leaks, air pollution, destabilizing communities and illnesses and human diseases. Death! Loss of property values. We dont want or heed that here. When you know better you do better. There is no need for Fracking near developed communities! NO FRACKING HERE</p> | <p>Yes</p> | <p>Charles</p> |
| <p>The oil and gas industry does not belong in a residential area. Now that Covid 19 has developed it is even more dangerous to add an industrial poluter such as Oil and Gas in the backyards of homes schools and essential businesses! We have several factors that negatively effect our air quality already, such as DIA the 470 and 76 corridos , heavy construction and now FRACKING!? Its way too much of a burden to place on a small community! We dont want fracking in our community!</p> <p>Community meetings about this issue have been put on pause because we cant currently gather to address this issue, so should the plans to move forward with fracking be put on halt! We have bigger and better plans for our community than fracking ! Its a dirty and harmful operation and we dont want it here!</p> | <p>Yes</p> | <p>Alex</p> |

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| <p>No fracking in Commerce City, please!</p> <p>My first instinct against fracking is because I have children and I don't want them to grow up anywhere near those huge, nasty fracking pads. They are so dangerous. The potential failures from top to bottom are absolutely not worth the lives of anyone let alone my children. My next thought is that there are alternative ways to achieve the goals of both O&G and CC. Why let O&G continue run energy into the ground? (Pun intended?)</p> <p>The council is going to be pressured to sell/rent/lease/permit the CC land cheap because of the downturn in the O&G industry. They'll want to keep jobs at home and they'll try to sway you with their not-quite-as-deep pockets as a year ago. But not bending to an industry that always gets what it wants will show how strong and smart a community we are.</p> <p>If the goals of fracking are to keep jobs at home and to provide much needed resources to the economy, then I ask you to see the possibility of making jobs and providing renewable resources in other industries. Wind, solar, and Lord only knows what other possibilities are out there for clean and safe fuel. Publicly pronounce that CC as a great location to those alternative industries and you'll have more companies (other than O&G) knocking at your door. Alternative fuel companies are the new and current answer to the old goals of O&G. Allowing new companies to build here will provide just as many safer jobs and will provide the resources the world needs. It is worth pursuing those industries.</p> <p>I ask the council to say no to fracking because there are smarter and better ways to make money for our communities. I ask them to be on the front lines of new and safer industries for the benefit of everyone.</p> | Yes | Stephanie |
| <p>Fracking is dangerous to health and the environment, and does not belong in Commerce City. The City's behavior of rolling over to special interest results in losing tax paying citizens. My family moved from Commerce City's poor governance earlier this year due to this behavior. We had always voted for tax increases and community improvements, and were happy to be a part of this community. We've taken our tax revenue elsewhere. How many other residents are you willing to lose over an unsustainable practice and dying industry?</p> | No | |
| <p>While I appreciate the effort to codify regulations on oil and gas, there are still some area where I do not think the city is doing enough to protect the health of its citizens in regards to oil and gas activity.</p> <p>A 1000 ft setback is not sufficient. The Colorado Department of Public Health and the Environment published a study that found negative effects to health extending up to 2500 ft, so the setbacks should be at least 2500 ft.</p> <p>There is also no consideration for the cumulative impact of putting hundreds of wells spread across several locations in our city. There are no requirements to do an assessment of adding additional well sites on top of what already exists.</p> <p>Please protect our city - the air quality is already poorly rated and there is already so much industrial activity in the city. It's more important that we put in place protections to help continue to build a city that is clean and desirable to live in. It is not our job to try to save an industry that is rapidly becoming financially nonviable.</p> | Yes | Sean |
| <p>My specific suggestion is that the Commerce City City Council not sell our our residents to the oil and gas industry! My wife and I have lived in Reunion since 2012 and moved to Colorado for the clean air and amazing environment. To have the Commerce City City Council sell our our environment to the oil and gas industry is a slap in the face and will make us sell our home immediately to a family that doesn't know any better. The fact that our City council is even considering gas and oil drilling under our homes and near our schools is an embarrassment to us! Don't sell us out! We voted you in and we will vote you out if you don't have our environmental interests at heart!</p> | Yes | Christopher Ketcham |
| <p>We moved to Colorado from a state where oil and gas drilling is prevalent. I would like the City to remember that your residents moved here for a reason and it wasn't to have drilling near our homes. We made our investment in our home prior to the oil and gas companies submitting their applications to drill. Please take our comments and consider them when drafting your new Regulations.</p> <p>My family would like to have the City increase the setbacks that are in place. After witnessing the fires and explosions that can result from these industrial operations it is clear that 1,000 foot set backs are not adequate. The setbacks should be 2,000 feet or further. While we understand that this will limit where drilling can occur we would like to prevent drilling near the property lines of schools, the new rec center, already established homes and businesses.</p> <p>It is irresponsible to allow an industrial operation to move in, after homes are built, and expect the tax payers and vested residents to deal with the outcomes of these operations an the risks associated with them.</p> <p>We are pleading with the City to do the right thing by maintaining our health, safety and financial stability and set the setbacks to 2,000 feet.</p> | Yes | Sarah and Brett |

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| <p>Government originated from conquest. Taxation became the burden of the defeated; choosing between losing wealth or your life. Conquered people resent government impositions but accept the conditions to receive protection.</p> <p>Government symbolizes protection. Shepherds protect some sheep but shear or slaughter the rest. A scapegoat is held accountable for failure. Under a democratic system, the people are the government; therefore, whatever the outcome it will always be the people's responsibility. Akin to putting people in chains then claiming they volunteered.</p> <p>Billions of dollars are wasted on studies and publications that restate an unpopular agenda. Public relations tyranny does not reassure the public. Those directly involved in the machinery are the benefactors. As the public relaxes resistance more power and revenue are handed over to the speculators. Retribution and ostracism is a reality for the few that publicly criticize the process. Opportunists attach themselves to the endeavor as essential service providers, claiming great expanses of the economy while civil rights shrivel into insignificance.</p> <p>Presently the greatest fear Americans have is the corruption of government officials (close to 75%). Telling people to disregard their fears is mortal jeopardy. Providing biased advice is something nobody can use. Investing in making people afraid is a trustworthy road to recklessness. To tell us not to be afraid of your actions is advice we cannot take. Please reflect on our concerns and respond with insight. Didn't you hear and understand the questions? If the environmental expert recommends delay, will you?</p> | Yes | |
| <p>I submitted a comment yesterday and had a typo in it. I typed SB 191 but it is actually SB 181.</p> | Yes | Judy A. Myers |
| <p>The proposed oil and gas regulations continue to fall short of our expectations and for the needs of our community. The State Legislature in Senate Bill 191 gives this City Council the authority to consider health and safety, Air Quality, Wildlife and environmental needs at a level that is not currently in these proposed regulations.</p> <p>It appears that these regulations have not sufficiently considered the impact of the kind of industrial drilling currently being requested. In an economic environment that raises questions about the ability of Oil and Gas companies to meet the responsibilities of hundreds of oil and gas wells, requires stronger financial accountability than is in these requirements.</p> | Yes | Judy Myers |
| <p>Having sat through the full cycle of the Oil & Gas Focus Group and its extensions - it was clear from the material presented that FRACKING HAS NO PLACE IN THE RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY OF COMMERCE CITY. Please DENY all and any well permits. As a resident of a bordering community (I can see City Hall from my porch) this is of CRITICAL importance to me as well.</p> | No | Dan |
| <p>Commerce City should immediately stop wasting any further time and tax payer money on any modifications or negotiations regarding land development codes and oil/gas development. The LDC should be prefaced with one bold faced statement: There shall be no further considerations for oil & gas development in Commerce City.</p> <p>The current economic crisis concerning the Covid-19 pandemic; the combined efforts of the Saudis and the Russians against the US shale producers and all the health, safety and welfare arguments that have been brought before the Commerce City council for the last two years regarding fracking operations should end any further discussion of oil & gas development in Commerce City.</p> <p>The tired argument of "what about the mineral rights owners" is just that. These companies or individuals speculated that mineral rights would pay off and their gamble has gone south in a big way. Besides in situations such Fullenwider and Oakwood Homes they were selling land to owners and then selling mineral rights right from under those same home owners so they were making a double killing. Commerce City does not owe any of these mineral speculators any favors or "sweetheart" considerations.</p> <p>The majority of city council is trying to portray that they are keeping the public's health, safety and welfare uppermost in their thoughts but their past and recent actions and the current LDC proposals show a different picture. The public is at risk when there is any oil & gas development near a residential neighborhood.</p> <p>Ron Bruce Business operator, Commerce City</p> | No | Ron Bruce |

I was a resident from May 2006 until June 2018, I left because of Oil and Gas.

In recent months, Commerce City's Staff (Staff) members met with various citizens and advocacy groups to discuss oil and gas issues. Discussions included the above referenced Ordinance Draft. Below are comments to address my concerns.

1. In a meeting, Staff explained that Colorado Oil & Gas Conservation Commission (COGCC) would be the ceiling for regulations that govern Commerce City (City). My understanding is that the City has no plans to invoke any rules, regulations, or standards that exceed those brought forth by COGCC. SB19-181 gives local governments' explicit authority to exceed COGCC regulations. Citizens and advocacy groups have repeatedly expressed to the City that this is a unique opportunity to protect the health, safety and welfare of citizens. The City seems to be indicating to citizens, that there is no political will or genuine desire to act accordingly.

2. Further, the City allowed the initial permits for approximately 150 wells to be deemed complete even before the new Ordinance Draft is enacted, and therefore, the very weak or minimal standards currently in effect are all that apply. The understanding is that the reason the Ordinance Draft is being written is to enhance and create more substantial regulations to benefit the health, safety and welfare of everyone. This begs the question: Did the City do any type of feasibility/environmental study to determine what potential damage/liability they might be assuming with the approximately 150 wells that are deemed complete? This in and of itself demonstrates to the community and State that the City is putting the industry above the health, safety and welfare of the citizens. This is the City's opportunity to protect the citizens and what they are choosing to do is reckless.

3. The setbacks formulated and set forth in the Ordinance Draft of 1,000 feet, is a deplorable health hazard. The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) study found adverse impacts on people living/working at least 2,000 feet from a drilling site. Many studies have also documented the adverse impacts on expectant mothers and newborns. Furthermore, studies have substantiated things like congenital heart defects, headaches, allergies, asthma and bloody noses. The reverse setback of 500 feet is simply egregious, and creates an environment where citizens are vulnerable to potential health risks. During a meeting, Staff confirmed they were aware of the health studies and the impacts. Therefore, it appears the City is simply going to ignore this information and "be friendly" to oil and gas. The City would not allow a McDonald's or a Taco Bell within 500 feet of a residence, so the idea of ignoring this information shows your total disregard for the people in your community. The City should explain to the citizens how they arrived at the arbitrary number of 1,000 feet. What study did the City use to demonstrate the adequacy of 1,000 feet?

4. There is no mechanism in the Ordinance Draft to vet or determine the financial solvency of the oil and gas companies that are submitting applications for permits to operate. Here again, this is complete negligence on the part of the City. Before a problem occurs, the City should demonstrate to the citizens all the mechanisms in place to make the community and individual citizens whole. Oil and gas companies must have the resources in place and demonstrate they are accountable to the community. The new Ordinance Draft is silent on this subject. The City is choosing to partner with companies that have no requirement to demonstrate their solvency. This again is reckless and shows no regard for the health, safety and welfare of citizens. A single incident could destroy a citizen's property and their personal financial well-being, as well as their health.

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| <p>5.The Colorado Sun newspaper reported on January 29, 2020 that COGCC failed to account for and collect monies owed from the oil and gas industry. An audit found that of the 420 oil and gas operators in Colorado, 316 were out of compliance with their monthly reporting requirements from 2016 to 2018, which left millions of dollars of potential revenues on the table. During a citizen’s group discussion with Staff, a recommendation put forth to the City that they should hire a third party to determine or verify what the wells produce. Staff pushed back on the suggestion. Again, if the purpose of allowing heavy industry into the community is to collect large sums of tax revenue, the City should make some attempt to verify the amount of oil and gas being extracted. The City appears to be willing to leave their potential revenues unchecked.</p> <p>6.An oil and gas company is allowed under the provisions of the Ordinance Draft to sell their permitting rights to another company, without a substantial review by the City. The Ordinance Draft is almost silent on the topic of permit transfers. The Ordinance Draft should have a stringent review process, with clear rules about how the permit is to be passed from one operator to another. There are no additional or new vetting processes and procedures, the next company can just pick up where the old one left off. There is no benefit to the City or citizens to just allow this to happen. The City says they are concerned with the health, safety and welfare of their citizens, yet they have left such gaping holes in their new proposed Ordinance Draft, and are allowing approximately 150 wells to be permitted under the current requirements with the least possible regulations and requirements and minimal vetting. As a citizen of Colorado, I am extremely concerned about the cumulative impact Commerce City’s oil and gas industry has on our State and environment. As an example, the refinery now operated by Suncor (a Canadian oil company), has been in existence since the 1920s. On December 13, 2019, the Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment issued a Compliance Advisory to Suncor for alleged violations of the Colorado Air Pollution Prevention and Control Act regulations. Suncor agreed to a \$9 million settlement. This is the biggest penalty Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment has ever leveled against a single facility to resolve air pollution violations. The City has never made any attempt to set standards or regulate Suncor’s refinery or operations. The City has repeatedly turned a blind eye to the air pollution and hazards emitted from the heavy industry that sits at the core of the City. Commerce City has never independently identified any of the problems brought by Suncor that impact the health, safety and welfare of Commerce City and the State of Colorado. Rather, the City has completely ignored all the problems and actually encouraged this company to operate in our community. To my knowledge, no attempts were ever made to invoke any type of carbon or eco-tax on Suncor, what a lost opportunity for revenue.</p> <p>Furthermore, the City should ask, if oil and gas is such a huge revenue boost for Commerce City, annual reports should reflect a more prosperous community. Currently, the school district ranks 178 out of 178 and has moved to a 4-day week, property taxes in the North are so high and continue to rise, and lastly, the Water District has reported highly toxic perfluorinates (also known as PFC) in the water.</p> <p>The City is at a crossroads, and it is my greatest hope the City will make every effort to prioritize the protection of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City and the State. In closing, I hope the City will choose to, 1). Exceed the COGCC regulations and protect citizens, 2). Conduct feasibility/environmental studies with each proposed well site, 3). Explain the justification for the setback distances, while considering extending them to even greater distances, 4). Prove the financial solvency of each company you permit, 5). Hire a third party to calculate well production, 6). and strengthen the requirements for permit transfers. I hope the lessons learned over the last years with Suncor will serve to guide the City to making better choices about oil and gas hazards in the future.</p> | No | Carlee Cellar |
| <p>The U.S. government is considering using the corona virus as an excuse to pour money into fossil fuel companies. The outbreak slowed demand for shale oil and gas that was made possible with cheap loans after the 2008 recession. The production escalated methane emissions, causing more climate warming than carbon, and led to human rights abuse (Standing Rock).</p> <p>With declining need for shale oil and gas current production is outpacing demand. Harold Hamm, Continental Resources, is asking Trump’s energy advisor for protect and preservation of fracking with bailout money to keep drilling. Should public money be used for destructive companies that are economically wobbly or for the city’s residents without healthcare, facing bankruptcy persistently? How will you collect taxes and who will buy the product if you choose an industry over the consumer?</p> <p>At the beginning of 2020 the fracking industry has a \$106 billion debt. The Institute for Energy Economics and Financial Analysis reported of the 34 most prominent frackers ended 2019 with a \$2.1 billion negative cash flow, double from the previous year (before the corona virus).</p> <p>Think of these companies and land owners as “bad” renters. For example, compare them to a fraternity party; regardless of the signed agreement it is understood the owner is taking a chance on property damage, paying cleanup contractors, burdening government agencies and negatively influencing the areas reputation. Once revenue is collected the responsible party is unwilling to accept liability and pay restitution.</p> <p>Commerce City’s proposed fracking strategy seems ambiguous and provides escapes from responsibility for fracking companies, leasing land owners, and governments. Can we include more vetting, a sizeable upfront deposit to cover cleanup if the site is abandoned, and more onsite public records such as, company vacuum trucks that visit the site, what they remove and where the waste is disposed of.</p> <p>I know I cannot stop this industry but I would like to make the permit process more hard-hitting to remove the carpetbagger. Don’t we want companies that exhibit mature management and decision making to promote a positive city image?</p> | Yes | Marianne |
| <p>All oil and gas exploration should be suspended. It leads to direct and indirect environment and human health issues, degrades our environment and community, and is dangerous work. Commerce City and other municipalities should explore other sources of income rather than continue to exploit its residents and its land. Investment should be made in green job initiatives to transition current oil and gas exploration and processing workers to more sustainable and profitable industries. Continuing to rely on oil and gas is a short-sighted approach to managing the city's wealth and should be phased out as soon as possible for the benefit of land and people.</p> | No | Justin Way |

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| <p>It's important to note that Commerce City has some of the worst air quality in Colorado. Fracking for more oil & gas will lead to an even further deterioration of the air quality index in those portions of the City which are (a) drilled and (b) downwind. As a citizen and professional engineer, I urge you to refrain from advocating for further drilling. There are plenty of viable energy generation choices, with wind and solar being **below** the cost of gas-generated electricity.</p> | | |
| <p>Why continue to provide subsidization to the most lucrative sector, oil & gas, in the history of stock markets?</p> | No | |
| <p>Every time you guys do this, I feel like I'm being talked at, not conversing with you. The Mayor and Council already have their minds made up and they've already shaken hands with oil and gas. No comment or question I ask has ever been answered or considered. I've seen the Mayor comment on other topics that he feels "powerless". Welcome to my world with oil and gas.</p> <p>My family are looking for a full on fracking ban near neighborhoods and schools. None of the proposed sites are far enough away to keep us safe at home or in school.</p> <p>Oil and gas is not a sustainable income source. Especially in these times, a sustainable business is the direction the city should take. Get creative! Make some ethical decisions for the city.</p> <p>Every regulation here is too lenient. None will make a positive difference in the day to day life of your residents. Yes, many work in the industry. But you're kidding yourself if you think the industry cares about them.</p> <p>If you are brave enough to work in government, be brave enough to stand up for your citizens health and well being. Put people over profits. Your kids over big business. Make ethical decisions that don't require apologies.</p> | Yes | |
| <p>Ok so oil is negative \$37 a barrel which means XOG (Extraction Oil and gas is trading at .27 cents a share. This is the industry that commerce city wants to bet on? A industry that is in its death throes? How about investing in Vestas an company that is growing and hiring? Versus the oil companies that are having record layoffs? Oil is not coming back shale oil was a scam to begin with. It's not profitable it's a large scale scam to make millionaires rich and screw over stock owners.</p> | Yes | |
| <p>Commerce City City Council</p> <p>I respectfully submit these comments regarding the city's oil and gas regulations. First and foremost, I strongly oppose any oil and gas activity in neighborhoods. It is irresponsible of you to even entertain this idea given the amount of documented scientific information published about the deleterious health effects of oil and gas drilling.</p> <p>Sec. 3-2304 addresses penalties for violations. Despite the horrendous current financial position of Extraction, the amounts of the fines are laughable. They are so low and inconsequential they are akin to an invitation for a violation.</p> <p>Speaking of Extraction's financial situation, there should be a financial threshold that an oil company must meet in order to be able to drill. You need to make sure they have enough money to pay any fines or rectify any damages they produce. If you follow the news, Oil and Gas is not in the greatest financial shape currently and the future looks bleak. Not sure why you would want to get in bed with a sinking ship.</p> <p>The setbacks are not far enough from schools and homes to keep people safe.</p> <p>The fact that you are not considering the cumulative effects of so many wells in such a concentrated area is negligent. There has not been any research into this and I am surprised that you would like to make Commerce City a testing site.</p> <p>Thank you for offering the community the opportunity to submit comments. I sincerely appreciate it.</p> | Yes | |
| <p>Please consider the following attachments in your review's. The proposed sites are near EPA permitted waste injection locations within Adams County .</p> | No | ADCO resident |
| <p>I am writing to let you know that in the course of being a Northern Commerce City resident since 2005 we have seen many positive changes in the city. We have always felt as though where we live is the perfect balance of city and country life. As an educator in the Brighton SD27J School District it is imperative to maintain a strong healthy and vibrant community where young families feel they live in a safe neighborhood (especially given the latest scare of COVID-19 and how this impacts feeling of security for families moving forward). Therefore, we are asking for Commerce City Council to protect the Commerce City community from residential drilling. Why move forward with Extraction Oil & Gas given the COVID-19 dramatic impact it has and will take on the economic downturn of investing financially (yes it is an investment by CC Council) and bringing in a company that will find every avenue to cut corners to protect their bottom line. This is a BAD Investment by the Commerce City Council to move forward with Extraction Residential Drilling given the current nature of COVID-19 fiscal impacts. Multiple localities have implemented temporary moratoriums on oil and gas extraction, and Boulder County extended theirs through July in part to see how the state's rulemaking would progress. The new guidelines also give local governments a right to consult with the operators of proposed well sites prior to the commission director's recommendation for approval. Jurisdictions may request that the state's Department of Public Health and Environment be part of the consultation, and the department may engage with the operator on its own. Where are we in this process Council? Many neighbors are wanting information on if and when the Fracking operations are coming into their Northern Commerce City Neighborhoods... Why? They feel Council isn't listening to them and they are exploring ALL options. Please keep residential fracking operations OUT of residential areas. You have the means by which to complete this request. DO WHAT IS RIGHT for your constituents.</p> | Yes | D. Seifried |

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| I want more of a buffer (physical distance) between approved oil permit locations and residential developments. I want to know the city is putting the safety of our families, OUR CHILDREN, before profit. | Yes | Joy Delizo-Osborne |
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