



City of La Habra Heights AGENDA REPORT

To: Mayor and City Council Meeting: September 11, 2014

From: Shauna Clark, City Manager

**SUBJECT: RATIFY SPONSORSHIP OF CSUF SYMPOSIUM ON IMPACT OF OIL
EXTRACTION IN NORTH ORANGE COUNTY**

BACKGROUND

California State University Fullerton is holding a symposium on September 23, 2014 to provide local policy makers and the public objective, impartial information about the environmental impact of oil extraction. The City of La Habra Heights was invited to join the cities of Brea, Fullerton, La Habra, Placentia, and Yorba Linda in sponsoring the event.

Upon receiving the request, the City Manager informed the Council that CSUF was offering a no-cost sponsorship. The Council rules of decorum allow the Mayor or two Council members to place an item on an upcoming agenda. As only one member expressed interest, the item was not placed on the August agenda. However, at the August meeting, a second Council member announced the symposium and a third asked the City Manager if any Council members had agreed to sponsor the event. At that point, other Council members expressed support. After the August meeting, the City Manager wrote to event organizers asking to join the sponsor list if it is not too late.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact beyond the cost of preparing this staff report and placing the item on the agenda.

RECOMMENDATION

Join with other cities in the sponsorship of the Cal State Fullerton "Symposium on the Impact of Oil Extraction in North Orange County" to be held September 23, 2014.

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Symposium on the Impact of Oil Extraction in North Orange County

September 23, 2014

6:00 PM

Titan Student Union at Cal State Fullerton

Open to the Public - Free admission and Free parking

The purpose of this Symposium is to provide local policy makers and the public objective, impartial information about the environmental impact of oil extraction in north Orange County. Our goal is to secure an informed and impartial panel to provide policy makers and the public with access to experts in the field who will be able to speak to what is happening in our communities and how it may impact local groundwater, air quality, and earthquakes.

The Symposium will feature experts in the fields of seismology, hydrogeology, air quality, and environmental geology who will speak to the potential impact of oil pumping – including fracking – on our groundwater, earthquake hazard, and water quality. Representatives of the local oil industry will also present information about ongoing oil drilling in north Orange County. Finally, representatives of the California Division of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Energy Resources – the government entity responsible for overseeing oil production in California – will be on hand to discuss regulatory and policy aspects of oil drilling.

To guarantee a seat please [R.S.V.P.](#)

Audience members are encouraged to submit questions to the panelists. [Questions can be submitted in advance via this website](#), or may be emailed directly to frackingsymp@fullerton.edu.



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