

Not In Our Neighborhood



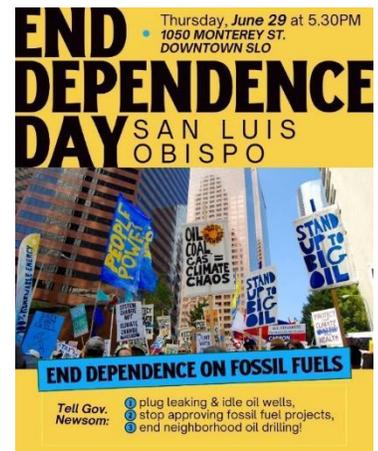
On Aug. 2, the Campaign for a Safe and Healthy California announced that it has begun the process to put an initiative on the 2024 ballot to protect neighborhoods from toxic oil drilling.

The initiative is necessary to uphold the 2022 law (SB 1137) that prohibits toxic oil drilling within 3,200 feet of homes, schools, day care centers, parks, healthcare facilities and businesses. The law was supposed to go into effect on Jan. 1 of this year, but [oil companies have put an initiative on the ballot](#) to strike down the law.

The Sierra Club endorses the Campaign for a Safe and Healthy California, a coalition of public health professionals, environmental justice groups, community and faith leaders, and youth joining together to stand up to Big Oil and make sure that no Californians must endure health hazards from living just steps away from oil wells. Research shows that living within half a mile of an oil well increases the risk of asthma, birth defects, high risk pregnancies, respiratory illnesses and cancer. More than two million Californians are exposed to the most toxic emissions, and communities of color are disproportionately harmed the most by neighborhood drilling. Creating a buffer separating industrial oil operations from day care centers, schools, parks and homes is common sense.

The campaign is standing up to fossil fuel companies to show them they can't use millions of dollars to run deceptive attack ads to veto legislation they don't like and risk the health and safety of millions of Californians.

Your business or organization can [endorse the campaign](#).



SB 1137 author Senator Lena Gonzalez had a few things to say when Big Oil succeeded in buying their way onto the 2024 ballot with an initiative to overturn the law.