

CAMPAIGN FOR A SAFE AND HEALTHY CALIFORNIA

Living near an oil well increases the risks of asthma, respiratory illnesses, high risk pregnancies, and cancer

Today, nearly 30,000 oil wells are within a half mile of homes, schools, and other sensitive areas exposing more than 2,700,000 Californians to the most toxic emissions. Most are in low-income communities, and people of color are disproportionately harmed by neighborhood drilling.



The toxic truth of Big Oil drilling in our communities

- California is one of the last major oil producing states without a setback. Even Louisiana and Texas have setbacks.
- More than 2.7 million Californians live within 3,200 feet of an operational oil or gas well including nearly 600,000 children. More than one-third of these live in areas considered to be the most burdened by environmental pollution.
- 69% of those at risk are people of color.
- 258,714 students attend school within a half-mile of an active well. Black and Hispanic students are disproportionately burdened by the impact of oil and gas drilling.
- Over 28,000 operational oil and gas wells are located within 3,200 feet of a home, hospital, school, or other sensitive receptors.





Community organizing built the movement to pass SB 1137—health and safety buffer zones from new oil drilling

In 2022, California legislators overwhelmingly passed a law (SB 1137) prohibiting new oil and gas drilling within 3,200 feet of homes, schools, day care centers, parks, healthcare facilities, and businesses. It also requires that existing wells meet strengthened health, safety, and environmental requirements.



Big Oil spent millions of dollars to qualify a referendum for the November 2024 ballot to overturn SB 1137

- More concerned about their profits than the health and safety of our neighborhoods, Big Oil is attempting to overturn the climate justice progress our communities have made.
- The fight to Keep SB 1137 is crucial to stopping Big Oil's unchecked greed that has caused pollution of our air, soil, and water and contributed to wildfires, extreme heat, flooding, and other climate catastrophes.

Would you vote to get rid of the law prohibiting oil and gas wells near schools, or would you vote to keep the law prohibiting oil and gas wells near schools?

Gender ²²	Man	Woman
Vote to keep law	71%	70%
Vote to eliminate law	18%	22%
Don't know	11%	8%

Age	40 and Under	41 to 60	60 and Over
Vote to keep law	71%	69%	74%
Vote to eliminate law	19%	22%	18%
Don't know	11%	10%	8%

Race	White	Latino	AAPI	Black	Other
Vote to keep law	70%	72%	76%	72%	71%
Vote to eliminate law	21%	17%	10%	20%	19%
Don't know	9%	11%	6%	8%	10%

Education	BA and Up	Less than BA
Vote to keep law	76%	59%
Vote to eliminate law	16%	30%
Don't know	8%	12%

Household Income	< \$50k	\$50k to \$100k	> \$100k
Vote to keep law	68%	70%	72%
Vote to eliminate law	24%	ZU70	20%
Don't know	8%	10%	8%

Party	Democrat	Republican	Independent or Something Else
Vote to keep law	86%	47%	64%
Vote to eliminate law	8%	41%	24%
Don't know	6%	13%	12%

Voters overwhelmingly want to keep the law for a 3,200-foot setback from new oil and gas drilling

- The California Elections and Policy Poll (CEPP) found that 71 % of voters would "keep the law prohibiting oil and gas wells near schools".
- The poll was conducted by the University of Southern California, CSU Long Beach, and Cal Poly Pomona from January 21 to 29, 2024 among 1,416 likely voters statewide.

Now, Big Oil is spending millions more to mislead voters

Type of expenditure	Amount
Lobbying expenditures in quarters when the setback law was explicitly referenced in filing entity's disclosures	\$16,181,542.79
Lobbying expenditures in quarters when the issues pertinent to setbacks were implied, but the legislation itself was not directly mentioned	\$15,404,824.98
sub-total, LOBBYING EXPENDITURES	\$31,586,367.77
Payments to influence reported by oil industry front groups	\$12,024,962.30
[adjustment to avoid double-counting: LESS transfers of cash to dark money groups previously accounted for in the lobbying expenditures sub-totaled above	(\$10,623,520.41)
sub-total, (NET OF) DARK MONEY PAYMENTS TO INFLUENCE	\$1,401,441.89
Loans from oil industry to "Stop the Energy Shutdown," ballot measure campaign committee	\$14,358,264.00
Monetary contributions to "Stop the Energy Shutdown," ballot measure campaign committee	\$5,772,074.00
sub-total, CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE RECEIPTS ¹	\$20,130,338.00
TOTAL	\$53,118,147.66

- CSHC has tracked down more than \$53,000,000 in dark money already spent by Big Oil corporations.
- Big Oil has now started spending \$500,000 per week on misleading TV ads targeted at frontline communities falsely claiming higher gas prices because of California's climate action energy policies.



Health professionals, scientists, and our communities are uniting again to keep SB 1137— the health and safety buffer zone law

- Organize now in your community
- Endorse the campaign now at: cavsbigoil.com/endorse



In November vote to KEEP SB 1137

Additional information at: cavsbigoil.com

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