

Opposition to proposed amendment to General Plan Policies
Ventura County Board of Supervisors Agenda item 66 for meeting of September 12, 2023

The County of Ventura should table the proposed amendment proposal and let the legal process determine the validity of the challenge to the General Plan. The California Attorney General has filed an amicus brief in support of the General Plan. Positions in the plan include the exclusion of new oil wells within 1500 feet of residences and 2500 feet of schools, a ban on flaring of excess fracked natural gas, and utilizing pipelines instead of diesel trucking. Allowing language that would limit or curtail these safeguards would preemptively capitulate in the court action and would in consequence adversely affect the health and well-being of residents of Ventura County. The Board of Supervisors has the choice to surrender to the patronage of special interests or act in concert with the health and well-being of constituents.