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**Subject:** April 9th Time Certain - Amendments to 2040 General Plan COS-7.7, COS-7.8 & Adendum NO-1  
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Clerk of the Board,

I am writing to the Ventura County Board of Supervisors about the “time certain” topic scheduled at 3:00PM on April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Subject: Public Hearing to Consider Adoption of Proposed Amendments to Ventura County 2024 General Plan, Conveyance of Oil and Produced Water, Gas Collection, Use, and Disposal Regarding Oil and Gas Production, and Approval of Addendum #1 to the Ventura County 2040 General Plan. Planning Division Case No.PL 23-0113

I trust this item was scheduled to approve changes in language that validate the change in concept to “If feasible” from the original language that allowed no latitude in permitting and enforcement language of the traditional and necessary operational procedures in the handling of produced gas, produced water, or oil. Currently and historically gas flares are used when produced gas could not be sold to public utilities or otherwise used or sold on-site. Produced water is currently injected into either Class 2 permitted wells on site or transported to a Class 1 disposal well, off site. Since pipelines to refineries are not accessible from our lease, oil is hauled by truck. Compliance with the original language of the 2040 General Plan would have forced the immediate shutdown of our lease in Ventura County on Wooley Road east of Oxnard.

I understand that the purpose of the original language of the 2040 General Plan was designed by the BOS in office at the total scope of the malign impact of the original General Plan language on our lease and to the oil industry in general. The voters signaled in the 2021 Referendum their support for sustaining the oil industry in Ventura County. I trust the Board is following through on the principles voted on in the referendum.

I am asking for the Board’s approval of 2040 General Plan language validating the sustainment of the Ventura County Oil Industry. I further request the Supervisors work with the Governor and the Legislature to understand and validate the benefits of the California Petroleum industry. Do not approve any further petroleum industry killing legislation or regulations, like AB2719 (Bryan).

In recent years the security of California’s oil supply has only become more in jeopardy. From open, indiscriminate warfare against international shipping along the borders of Saudi Arabia’s by the neighboring Houtiis of Yemen, to attacks by Iraqi militia forces (allied with Iran Hamas, and Hezbollah) on Israel and US troops, to Civil War between the government and drug cartels on Ecuador, to the ongoing fight in Columbia between the cocaine cartels and government forces, crude oil supply from each of Caliofornia's exporting countries has only become more insecure. I realize California’s oil industry only supplies less than 25% of the State’s crude oil needs. An immediate halt of any California produced oil supply would no doubt bring on a supply crisis worse than in the gas lines of 1973. All California regulations imposed by the

Governor and Legislature are certainly about a zero carbon related environmental future rather than the economic interests of the people of California. Oil imported using ocean going oil tankers is more carbon intensive than oil produced in California. Legislative and regulatory bodies must also consider the economic impact on domestic oil companies (large and small) from an immediate production stoppage. With CALGEM blocking oil permits for new drilling projects for several years, the industry in California cannot sustain economic viability. Have the greater economic implications of a domestic oil shutdown impacting all or any portion of California's oil industry even been considered by our State government or the NGOs advocating zero carbon? I know the present VC BOS understands these issues. Does Governor Newsom?

I hear the April 9<sup>th</sup> BOS Meeting will potentially be subject to a demonstration. Even protestors know, but may not acknowledge, that the need for petroleum for California's economy has not diminished. Any honest evaluation of the carbon issue would recognize the importance of a strong California petroleum industry. Actions contrary to this public interest may seem virtuous, but do not validate the elimination of California's Petroleum Industry. Please convey my thoughts to the members of the Board of Supervisors.

Respectfully,

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