

**VENTURA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**September 12, 2023 – BOS Meeting**

**RE: AGENDA ITEM #66**

I encourage the BOS to revisit the Settlement Agreement that was negotiated out of the public eye and that substantially weakens policies in the recently adopted General Plan. Please do not approve this item as proposed.

Make no mistake, this backtracks from the open public process of our General Plan.

The public is closely watching these incremental efforts to weaken standards of review, discretionary standards, and protection of public health.

Consider a continuation of this action and require staff to identify points of negotiation and demonstrate more clearly what the public lost and gained during the negotiations.

More and more is being learned about human health and environmental damage from both the production and use of fossil fuels. We must as a society work aggressively to taper our dependence on fossil fuels and wind down its production in lockstep.

It is not an exaggeration that our very survivability as a species requires that we all move in that direction.

Sincerely,

Steven Colome