



September 11, 2023,

Ventura County Board of Supervisors
800 S. Victoria Ave.
Ventura, CA 93009

RE: Support for the Outcome of the Settlement Regarding the 2040 General Plan

Dear Members of the Ventura County Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to express the strong support of the Ventura County Taxpayers Association (VCTA) for the outcome of the settlement reached concerning the 2040 General Plan. We believe that this resolution reflects a commendable step towards open and honest dialogue on complex matters that impact our community, and we commend both the County and the parties involved for their efforts in reaching a resolution.

This lawsuit regarding the 2040 General Plan has already incurred significant costs, amounting to upwards of \$3,000,000 in taxpayer funds, paid to attorneys in Los Angeles. These resources could have been better utilized in addressing the critical needs of our community. We appreciate the County's commitment to resolving this matter without further expense to the taxpayer.

Further, the adopted *Implementation Clarification* for certain policies regarding oil and gas contained in the 2040 General Plan aligns with the principles of transparency and responsible governance that VCTA advocates for. The clarification of policies ensures that they are implemented consistently and in line with the Board's original intent while respecting the environmental considerations laid out in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

VCTA is committed to supporting efforts that prioritize the responsible use of taxpayer funds and foster open and honest dialogue in our community and we applaud the County's commitment to addressing complex issues through constructive dialogue and settlement, rather than protracted legal battles. We encourage continued collaboration and cooperation between stakeholders to ensure the efficient use of public resources and the betterment of our community.

Sincerely,

Ron Golden
Chair of the Board
Ventura County Taxpayers Association

Ryan Grau
Executive Director
Ventura County Taxpayers Association