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County of Ventura
Planning Division
Jay Dobrowal
800 S. Victoria Avenue
Ventura, CA 93009-1710

Dear Mr. Dobrowal,

Re: PL 13-0150. (Vintage Oil) allowing the continuation of oil operations and trucking on Koenigstein Rd. in the Upper Ojai

My wife and I have been a residence of 12615 Koenigstein Rd. for the last 46 years. We have protested the operations and expansion of oil operations in our community since the 1970s.

Throughout the time growing up as a child riding my bike, I realized what grave hazards large trucks pose to pedestrians and children who use the streets and highways. While raising our five children in the Upper Ojai my wife and I have seen the dangers and hazards that the oil industry inflicts on the children in the community.

The oil industry also imposes environmental hazards. The fumes from oil drilling, soil and water contamination, as well as the negative effects of fracking such as the use of our precious water resources all combined to affect our quality of life in a negative way.

Our beautiful valley is a unique treasure that is enjoyed by all who live and visit. Even though the Oil Industry in the Upper Ojai was established well before our time in Ojai, the Oil industry is still a detriment to the beauty and quality of life to the people who reside and visit. Without the Oil industry presence, our little valley would flourish as one of finest places in the world to live.

We feel it is time to end the era of the oil industry in the Upper Ojai and return it to the people who live there.

Not only should you deny this CUP, but you should revoke the CUP's of all oil drilling operations in the Upper Ojai

If the County of Ventura can revoke the CUP for the Taft Nature Center, which was a benign altruistic operation focused on educating children and adults on the wonders of nature. Then the County of Ventura surely has the power to stop the ugly, polluting oil monster which is a hazard to all who live in the Upper Ojai.

As a public servant it is your constitutional duty to protect your constituents. Please do not let big money and corruption rule our County of Ventura democracy.

Sincerely,



John Whitman