

TO: Ventura County Board of Supervisors
VIA EMAIL TO: ClerkoftheBoard@ventura.org
SUBJECT: November 10 Legacy Permit Amendments

Honorable Supervisors,

I urge you to reject the amendments to the coastal and non-coastal zoning ordinances before you today.

Subjecting existing CUP's to additional review and approval by the Board of Supervisors adds unnecessary time, costs, and red tape to a regulatory system that works. Please trust our county planners to do their jobs. Older CUP's, like all oil and gas operations in Ventura County, are already strictly regulated by over 25 federal, state, and local regulatory agencies. Adding supervisor approval on top of all this seems fiscally irresponsible and over-reaching on the boards part. It is misleading for extremists to claim that legacy oil operations are unregulated. This item is part of a broader effort to shut down all oil and natural gas production in Ventura County. Until we can find a complete replacement for fossil fuels, we need to help local industry produce as much as they can. The alternative is sending this revenue overseas and increasing green house emissions by requiring more and more oceanic tankers to supply us oil. California spent \$20 Billion dollars last year importing foreign oil. **This needs to stay local!**

Activists often claim that job loss in the oil and natural gas industry is acceptable because oil and gas workers can simply find jobs in green energy. The truth is, "green jobs" in Ventura County pay on average of 35 percent less than oil and gas jobs, according to a report by the Building and Construction Trades Council and are still decades away from producing the number of jobs oil and gas currently supports. An all-of-the above energy strategy is the only approach for California as we look toward an energy future that includes renewable energy working in tandem with oil and gas. **We need to leverage the oil tax revenue to subsidize the renewable revolution while we still can and build the most diverse and robust energy sector in the state. Lets lead the charge!**

The local industry employs thousands of workers like me and provides tens of million in revenues that support County services like public safety, social services and education.

Support our local workforce, the local economy, and the energy needs of today and tomorrow. Reject this fiscally and environmentally irresponsible policy change.

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