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**Sent:** Wednesday, July 29, 2020 9:31 AM  
**To:** Fogg, Mindy  
**Cc:** PC Hearing Comments; ClerkoftheBoard, ClerkoftheBoard; Newell ML (Michele) at Aera  
**Subject:** Please Read Out Loud at Planning Commission - Item 7 CASE NUMBER PL20-0052

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SWETT ANTONSEN  
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Sincerely,

  
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Sincerely,

Dawn Cooper  
Ventura resident and proud Oil and Gas Worker.

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The oil and gas industry touches nearly every aspect of modern life. Petroleum products are used to make jet fuel, other transportation fuel, solvents, chemicals, plastics, synthetic, and asphalt to name a few. In these unprecedented times that we are living in it is imperative that we continue to produce oil in our "backyard" in an environmentally safe manner and keep our economy strong. If we don't we will be importing oil from states and countries that aren't environmentally conscious. It is counterintuitive to tighten the grip on oil production here in Ventura County. I challenge every one of you who is sitting here today to find out what oil products you use in your modern, comfortable life and remove all of them. I can almost guarantee that you can't nor want to.

Don't be a hypocrite by using oil produced products and simultaneously tightening the control over the oil and gas fields. It is important that we as a community continue to produce oil in an environmentally safe manner and not change the approval process to discretionary approval by the Board.

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Chris DeMoor

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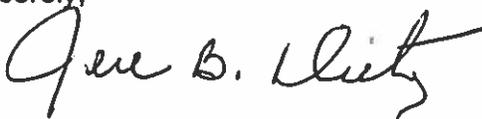
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I have been a resident of Ventura County for the past 61 years. I attended Lincoln, Washington, Mills, & El Camino elementary schools, Anacapa Jr High, Ventura High, & Ventura college before heading off to college at UCSB.

I have worked in the oil & gas industry for the past 40 years in Ventura County. I have raised a family in Ventura, put 3 children through college in this state, all of which wouldn't have been possible without the economic benefits that working in the oil & gas industry has provided & continues to provide.

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gene B. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "G".

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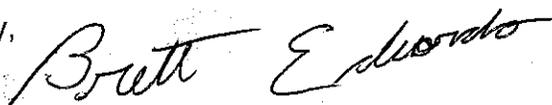
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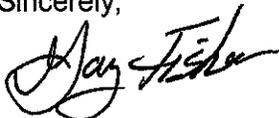
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M. K. Kaina  
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VENTURA, CA 93001

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I strongly urge you to have conversations with our local regulators (VCAPCD, CalGEM, VC Environmental Health, etc) to ask them about how seriously our company and my colleagues take our compliance obligations. Ask to see their audit or inspection findings; ask them what they think of our operations and our facilities; ask them if they have trust in our ability to do the right thing. I am confident what you will find is that we have earned their respect because of the way in which we have been conducting our business for decades.

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Christopher Logan  
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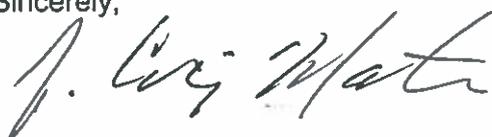
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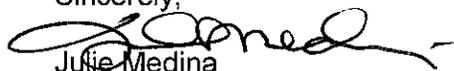
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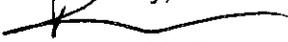
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**Sent:** Wednesday, July 29, 2020 9:10 AM  
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Sincerely, *Jeremy Moser*  
*147 Solley way, Fillmore Ca. 93015*



## Fogg, Mindy

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**Sent:** Wednesday, July 29, 2020 9:09 AM  
**To:** Fogg, Mindy  
**Cc:** PC Hearing Comments; ClerkoftheBoard, ClerkoftheBoard; Newell ML (Michele) at Aera  
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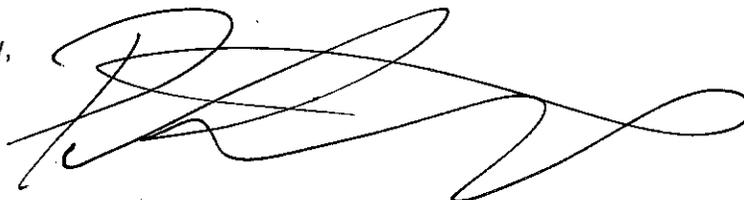
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As a local oil and natural gas company employee, I am writing you to express my opposition and deep concern on changing the approval process for legacy permits from ministerial review to discretionary approval by the Board. This is not additional oversight for this industry, we are already regulated by more than 25 agencies in the State of California. This is an effort to systematically shut down our industry in Ventura County.

This new policy will not only impact my family, but also the lives of more than 2,000 fellow oil and natural gas employees here in Ventura County. By agreeing to the suggested changes to the ordinance, over time you will be taking away high paying jobs that put food on the table and a roof overhead for our families.

In this orchestrated effort to shut down all oil and gas operations in Ventura County, you will be devastating our diverse workforce that includes veterans, single mothers, second chancers and Union members. You will also be taking away the \$56 million in tax revenues that support vital services like education, social services and public safety during a time when the County already recognizes a multi-million dollar shortfall due to COVID-19.

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Sincerely,

Ana Vizcarra  
AERA Energy



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