

Fogg, Mindy

From: Tim Dalton <tim@l-binc.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 28, 2020 8:28 AM
To: Fogg, Mindy
Subject: Item7 CASE NUMBER PL20-0052

Commissioners,

I work for a small company and we distribute hundreds of royalty checks each month for oil properties located in Ventura.

I don't understand the need on changing the approval process for legacy permits. We are regulated by more agencies than I can count. Seems like this is an effort to eliminate oil production in Ventura County.

With unemployment so high in Ventura this is not the time for this kind of action.

Please protect revenue generating industries like oil and gas production.

Sincerely,

Tim Dalton

Dear Planning Commissioners,

I am writing to you to urge you to reject the effort to strip local oil and gas operators of their Conditional Use Permits.

The move to require discretionary review of legacy CUP's is nothing but a power grab by some members of the Board of Supervisors and part of a concerted effort to shut down all oil and gas operations in Ventura County.

Local oil and gas producers operate under some of the most stringent environmental standards in the world. Even legacy permits are subject to regulation by the 25 state and federal regulatory agencies that oversee local energy production.

Subjecting CUP's to an additional review and approval by the Board of Supervisors adds unnecessary red tape that ultimately hurts our local workforce. Legal precedent has also shown it is unlawful and opens the County to expensive lawsuits.

The industry, its thousands of workers and contractors, and Ventura County residents will suffer when local production slows down because CUP's are unnecessarily held up by the Board of Supervisors.

Please, do the right thing and reject this radical policy change.

Valerie Estvan
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Dear Planning Commissioners,

As an oil and gas worker I find the local climate of “Anti Oil” disheartening. I love living here and the thought of moving my kids elsewhere to support them saddens me. Hope it does not come to that.

I raise my kids with the philosophy of hard work and the notion that it is better to provide for one’s self than to rely on others. California Energy Commission reports we imported just under 60% our oil last year from foreign countries. Why would Ventura County support any measure that makes it more difficult to produce oil locally? The thought of relying on foreign countries for something as essential as oil, when we could produce it here at home is truly disheartening. We should be increasing our oil production and keeping those hard-earned jobs and dollars local rather than sending them overseas. Maybe Ventura is flush with money and doesn’t need the \$56 million in tax revenue? Maybe Ventura County has a plan to replace the 2,000 high paying oil jobs with an alternative industry?

As a taxpayer I find the move to require discretionary review of legacy CUP’s by the board of supervisors financially irresponsible. Two departments approving the same thing seems redundant. Seems a better spend on our tax dollars would be to let the planning department do their jobs and trust them to uphold the States regulations instead of playing political games with peoples livelihoods.

Reject this policy change.

Eric Kroh

Newbury Park, 91320

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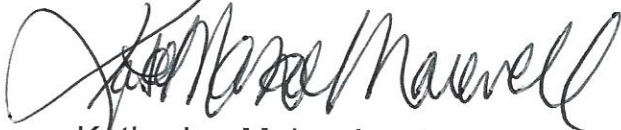
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Thank you for your time and support.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Katherine Malzacher-Maxwell", with a large, stylized initial "K" and "M".

Katherine Malzacher-Maxwell
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Fogg, Mindy

From: Nobriga, Jeff R <Jeff.Nobriga@crc.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 29, 2020 2:35 PM
To: Fogg, Mindy
Cc: PC Hearing Comments
Subject: Item 7 CASE NUMBER PL20-0052 (Please Read at PC)

Honorable Planning Commissioners,

As a local oil and natural gas employee, I am writing you to express my opposition to changing the approval process for legacy permits from ministerial review to discretionary approval by the Board of Supervisors.

Changing the review process allows the Board to pick and choose projects based on personal and political preferences, not objective facts and data. Several members of the Board have demonstrated time and time again that their vote is partisan-based, rather than relying on the expertise and recommendations of their Planning Department and Air Pollution Control District staff.

The oil and natural gas industry is already regulated by more than 25 federal, state and local regulatory agencies. The move to require discretionary review of legacy permits is nothing but a power grab by some members of the Board of Supervisors in an effort to systematically shut down the oil and natural gas industry here in Ventura County.

I urge the Planning Commission to oppose this change to the ordinance.

Sincerely,
Jeff Nobriga

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Subject: Please Read Out Loud at Planning Commission - Item 7 CASE NUMBER PL20-0052

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Dear ladies and gentlemen,

Today Ventura is one of the most beautiful and prosperous areas in Southern California, and owes much of its success to the development of its petroleum resources. It is such an integral part of Ventura's identity that it is depicted at the heart of Ventura County's emblem.

There is no dispute that the petroleum industry has provided handsomely and steadfastly to Ventura County for just over 100 years, and remarkably, it continues to do so! The employment, tax revenue, educational contributions, and micro economics among other elements of Ventura's local economy are supported by this important resource, and is crucial to the wellbeing of our community that is so interdependent.

My understanding and love of our environment began as a youngster surfing the waters of SoCal as well as an outdoor enthusiast of the mountains. I hold a BS in Petroleum Engineering from Colorado School of Mines and have several years in the industry. Despite the continual bombardment of rhetoric from environmental groups, I can say that the time I have spent working in the oil fields has given me a renewed perspective of its environmental impacts, and that time has dispelled much of the disinformation disseminated throughout our community by the opposition. In my personal experience, we in the petroleum industry are a step ahead of regulations, always, to uphold our positions as stewards of the environment.

It is in my opinion, that should the Board of Supervisors gain governance over when and how the petroleum industry in Ventura County conducts their business, it will be a devastating blow to the very foundations of the county itself. I have personally attended some of the Board of Supervisors meetings, and have witnessed firsthand several of the board member's bias towards the industry and their adamant efforts to move against the industry. I believe that the State of California's regulations upheld by the California Geologic Energy Management Division, a.k.a. CalGEM, is more than an adequate governing body for the county's petroleum industry. I urge the Planning Counsel to allow the industry to continue providing for our county at its current capacity, and not to inundate this crucial industry with unnecessary bureaucracy that will undermine the good life for the people of Ventura, today and into the future.

Sincerely,

Ralph Quick

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July 29, 2020

Ventura County Planning Commission

Subject: Item 7 Case Number PL20-0052

Chair White and Honorable Planning Commissioners,

My name is Marc Traut, President of Renaissance Petroleum. We are strongly opposed to the effort to require discretionary review of legacy Conditional Use Permits for oil and gas operations in Ventura County.

If you look at the Ventura County seal behind you, you will see that there is an oil derrick right in the center of the seal, clearly showing the important role that the oil and gas industry has played in the County.

It is not a secret that this plan is part of a larger orchestrated effort by certain supervisors with the agenda to shut down Ventura County's oil and gas industry. The local industry supports more than 2,000 high paying jobs for working families. Our industry also makes up a significant part of our local tax base, providing \$56 million in tax revenues that support vital services like education, social services, and public safety.

Subjecting CUP's to an additional review and approval by the Board of Supervisors adds unnecessary red tape that ultimately hurts our local workforce. Legal precedent has also shown it is unlawful and opens the County to expensive lawsuits.

Our industry and its workers will suffer further hardship if you go through with this proposal. We urge you to vote "no".



Marc Traut
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