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Dear Ventura County Board of Supervisors:

I agree with the following and ask the same;

This letter is on behalf of LULAC de Camarillo, #3284, a council of the League of United Latin American Citizens, the oldest and largest Latino civil rights organization in the United States. We ask that all oil and gas operations occurring within Ventura County be held to modern safety, health, and environmental standards. Currently, Oil & Gas is operating under antiquated conditional use permits and this is unacceptable. These antiquated permits were handed out decades ago, before our current understanding of the public health, safety, and climate impacts of oil production. All new drilling and expanded extraction should require a new permit and full compliance with current health, safety and environmental standards.

We are well aware of the vast evidence that shows that pollution to our environment impacts the health of the most marginalized communities, specifically Black and Brown communities. Below, you will find the link to our research publication which delineates the health risks for our Latino population who are exposed to such contamination. We urge the County of Ventura to prioritize the health of our communities and we urge that you require new permits for oil and gas operations in Ventura County.

<https://lulac.org/environment/catf/>

Sincerely,

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President, LULAC de Camarillo #3284

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