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Dear Ventura County Board of Supervisors,

I urge you to protect the residents of Ventura County by making sure that all oil and gas operations in Ventura County are held to modern safety and environmental standards. We can not continue to expand oil operations while putting the health and safety of our residents and the environment at risk. These permits were handed out decades ago, but they have no place in our county or our communities anymore, not when we now have a better understanding of the irreversible impact that they have on our public health, safety and climate. The oil companies don't want to play by the same environmental rules that every else has to follow. With the climate crisis and pollution in our communities, it is not acceptable that any person or corporation has an unlimited right to expand in ways that pollute our land, air or water.

I am here to ask that ALL new drilling and expanded extraction be required to have a new permit and full compliance with CURRENT health, safety and environmental standards. I am also here to ask that those of you that received any funds from oil and gas companies recuse yourself from any votes involving these issues as there is a direct conflict of interest. The residents of Ventura County deserve full transparency and accountability from their elected officials.

Thank You,

Ruth Luevanos

Simi Valley City Councilmember

*This email reflects my own individual opinion, not the entire city council.

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