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**From:** James Brehm [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 9, 2020 2:17 PM  
**To:** ClerkoftheBoard  
**Subject:** Regarding Antiquated Conditional Use Permits or Oil Operators in Ventura County

To the Ventura County Board of Supervisors,

Hello, and thanks for hearing me. You may be receiving similar messages from other members of the community. This is an issue of Public Safety and it should be treated as such. I hope that you will make policy decisions that will bring us to a healthy and sustainable future. I plan on having children and would very much like them to grow up in a world that looks like the one we live in now. If oil companies continue to operate unchecked this will not be possible. All of this is scientific fact. We must make policy decisions based on such facts, with respect to the health and economic well-being of our children and future generations. The following is a copy/pasted message from other community members with which I happen to wholeheartedly agree. Please consider treating the most dire situation the human race currently faces with due respect.

All oil and gas operations in Ventura County should be held to modern safety and environmental standards. We can't continue to expand oil operations indefinitely under antiquated Conditional Use Permits. These permits were handed out decades ago, before our current understanding of the public health, safety, and climate impacts of oil production.

The oil companies don't want to play by the same land use rules that everyone else has to follow. But with the climate crisis and the pollution in our communities, we can't accept that any person or corporation has an unlimited right to expand in ways that pollute our land, air, or water.

All new drilling and expanded extraction should require a new permit and full compliance with current health, safety and environmental standards. Thank you for helping to make that happen today.

Sincerely,

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