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Subject: Legacy Permits and Vested Rights
To: clerkogtheboard@ventura.org <clerkogtheboard@ventura.org>

To Ventura County Board of Supervisors:

I am writing this email on behalf of my parents, Robert and Inez Culbert, ages 90 and 92, who are owners of property on South Mountain in Somas. The Culbert family has had a royalty lease agreement in place since the early 1950's. The proposed amendment for zoning will be extremely detrimental to our family. The oil royalties are the primary source of income for my parents, who are otherwise on fixed income. If this amendment is passed, it will cut off income to seven (7) Culbert households, including two disabled family members and two people in their 90's. I'm sure other property owners are in the same situation. The timing for this decision couldn't be worse, since 2020 has been a horrible year due to the current pandemic and economic depression. Don't you care about the impact on over 1,000 families that are in the same situation as our family? Also, we were not even informed about this hearing, we were informed by our royalty company. Isn't there a responsibility for proper notification to allow fair representation?

Please consider the following:

- Shutting down oil and gas production will impact the livelihoods of over 1,000 royalty owners, many who depend on this as their main source of income.
- This amendment will eliminate many jobs in the oil and natural gas industry, adding to our already record-breaking unemployment.
- Royalties have already been greatly reduced this year due to lower oil prices during the pandemic. This will add additional financial harm to people already financially stressed.
- The local energy supply is keeping communities safe during the pandemic by delivering energy that assists with essential services, including supplying groceries to stores, water to our taps, medical supplies and personnel to hospitals and clinic, power for communications and emergency response centers and our local law enforcement.
- The oil and natural gas industry contributes \$56 million in tax revenues that support vital services in Ventura County. If that money is eliminated, critical services like social services and public safety will have to drastically cut budgets and services. How do you plan on replacing these funds?
- This amendment would cause an entire local industry to close down and decrease revenues at a time where business and private households are already struggling.
- This amendment is too extreme and infringes on property owner's vested rights. It is unlawful and would open the county up to future lawsuits.

- If the oil and natural gas production is eliminated, the value of the property will be drastically decreased. Not only would royalties be affected, but so would property values. It is unfair to target property owners in this way. Our family has owned this property for over 65 years and it is unbelievable to think that a Board of Supervisor vote could cost us hundreds of thousands of dollars.
- The overall effect of this amendment will be to raise the cost of living for everyone in Ventura County during a time when people are already suffering financially and already have a high cost of living.

I appreciate your time to reconsider this unfair and harmful amendment.

Thank you,

Janet Hake

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