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Ventura County Board of Supervisors:

On behalf of the Santa Clara Valley LULAC Council, I am writing to express our concern regarding the expansion of gas and oil operations. We believe that all oil and gas operations in Ventura County should be held to modern safety and environmental standards. Using antiquated Conditional Use Permits, is no longer acceptable. 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 seem to not be held to the same land use rules that everyone else has to follow, therefore seemingly giving them special preferential treatment. Today we have a better understanding of the climate crisis and the pollution impacting our communities and with this in mind, we can't accept that these companies or corporations have 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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