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Sent: Friday, November 6, 2020 4:02 PM
To: ClerkoftheBoard
Subject: Restrain the use of Conditional Use Permits for oilfield expansions

Members of the Board of Supervisors,

I write to urge you to require new permits for oilfield expansions rather than allowing them under Conditional Use Permits. I am familiar with how vested interests with intimate knowledge of governmental rules and regulations can find un-intended loop holes, or language that made sense when the regulation was generated, but no longer make sense.

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 already impacting 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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