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Dear Ventura County Clerk of the Board,

I urge you to reject amendments to the coastal and non-coastal zoning ordinances. The proposed amendments will shut down an industry that provides more than 2,000 high paying jobs for working families in Ventura County and with it, millions in tax revenue.

The move to require discretionary review of legacy conditional use permits is part of a collaborative effort by some Board members to shut down all oil and natural gas operations in Ventura County and can open the County to expensive lawsuits that we cannot afford right now.

Supporters of such shutdowns often claim that oil and gas workers can simply transition to jobs in the green energy sector. According to a recent report released by the State Building and Construction Trades Council this is simply not true and in fact, green jobs in Ventura County, as defined by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, paid on average 35 percent less than oil and gas jobs.

In addition, oil and gas companies in Ventura County operate under the strictest environmental regulations in the world. Responsible oil and gas production must be part of the equation for affordable, reliable and equitable energy policies.

Please support our local workforce, our economy, royalty owners, and an affordable and reliable energy supply for all Venturans. I urge you to reject this new harmful and costly policy.

Regards,
Ralph Matthews