

To: Clerk of the Board, clerkoftheboard@ventura.org

Subject: Item #47 READ AT MEETING

Honorable Supervisors,

I am President of the League of United Latino American Citizens (LULAC), Council #3288 and an Oxnard resident. LULAC is the largest and oldest Hispanic civil rights organization in the United States. **In July, 2019, the LULAC General Assembly gathered in Milwaukee, Wisconsin passed as national policy, “Resolution to Support STEM Education and Careers in America’s Energy Future”.** I therefore rise to speak in opposition of coastal and non-coastal zoning ordinance amendments to legacy CUPs that will curtail local oil and gas production.

The amendments before you today subject legacy CUPs to an unnecessary layer of red tape that will slow local production and hurt Ventura County’s workforce. Thirty percent of oil and gas workers on the Central Coast are Latino. **The industry provides good, high-paying careers for people of diverse ethnicities and varying educational backgrounds. They employ tradesmen, with six-figure earning potentials which furthers the wealth of the Latino community, especially here locally. Ventura County needs local jobs now more than ever in the wake of a public health epidemic.**

We cannot meet environmental challenges collectively if we can’t afford basic needs. **Extreme energy policies impact Latinos, the most vulnerable demographic.** Responsible oil and gas production must be a part of the equation for affordable, reliable and equitable energy policies.

I urge you to reject Item #47.

Sincerely,

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