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I am in support of amendments to Ventura County Zoning Ordinances for more adequate oversight, permitting, and regulating of new oil wells and associated facilities.

Until now, in Ventura County, oil wells have operated under antiquated permits, and have continued to be drilled, without evaluating overall environmental impacts nor impacts to nearby communities, an environmental justice issue. Environmental, climate, air and water supply and/or contamination, and public health impacts need to be analyzed and reviewed before new drilling permits are issued.

All new or expanded wells in Ventura County, and the flaring associated with such, should be analyzed under modern environmental standards of review, particularly in our current climate emergency. It is no longer acceptable for oil companies to drill new wells or modifications of wells and/or facilities, without a critical evaluation of impacts to our environment and public health.

I urge the Board of Supervisors to vote for the Zoning Ordinance amendments to ensure protections for our environment and public health, such that new oil wells and facilities are subject to environmental review, with public notice and hearings. This is one step in an orderly, just, and necessary transition from fossil fuel production and use to better, sustainable alternatives with jobs for Ventura County's workforce.

Thank you for considering these comments.

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