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I, Patricia Edwards, own an oil mineral interest in Ventura County which is partially developed and partially yet-to-be-developed. I have family members who are similarly situated, including a brother, an aunt, and cousins.

I inherited this interest from my grandmother, Josephine Ross Edwards, who had inherited it before 1910 from her uncle, Leopold Schiappa Pietra, who had adopted Josephine after the 1901 death of Josephine's mother. About 1866, Shiappa Pietra had purchased the 1832 Mexican Land Grant of Rancho Santa Clara del Norte (in Saticoy), which had been granted in 1837 by Governor Juan B. Alvarado to Juan Maria Sanchez giving rise to the oil interest.

I consider the proposal to modify our rights to continue to drill, pump, and maintain our oil mineral rights by modifying a ministerial administrative action to a discretionary action to be an unconstitutional taking. If we have a well that needs maintenance, which requires a permit for which we presently get ministerial approval, and that approval is withheld as a matter of discretion, that action would destroy the value of our property interest. For reference, the U.S. Supreme Court has held that actions by a government that destroy the value of private property are actionable as takings under the 5th Amendment of the United States Constitution. **Lucas v. South Carolina Coastal Council**, 505 U.S. 1003 (1992).

If this proposal is passed, you should reasonably expect that the County and each county supervisor will be sued.

I respectfully request that the proposal not be adopted. Thanks.