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**From:** Kenneth Bork <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 11, 2020 9:35 AM  
**To:** ClerkoftheBoard  
**Subject:** 2040 General Plan 9-15-20 Meeting - Public Comment

Dear Clerk of the Board:

I am a resident of Oxnard and wish to submit my comments to the Board in reference to the 9/15/20 agenda topic on the 2040 General Plan. Thank you.

Dear Board of Supervisors:

My name is Kenneth Bork and I am a Senior Environmental Scientist for California Resources Corporation also known as CRC. I live in Supervisor Zaragoza's 5th District and have lived in the County since 1967. After graduating Channel Islands High School, I went to college in San Jose but returned here after graduating to live, work and raise a family because of the geography, climate, diverse peoples, and a thriving economy brought about by diverse industries. I have worked in the oil and gas industry for over 30 years. My full time job is to make sure our oil and gas operations are and remain safe. My family and I have never become ill because of my work in the oil industry or where we live. The reports that state this do not represent Ventura County.

The Board must realize by now that California, a state with over 39.5 million people, uses 100% of all local oil production and imports an additional 70% of the oil it consumes every day. Importing that additional 70% leaves much more of an environmental footprint than producing it locally. By importing this oil, we are deliberately contributing to polluting the Pacific Ocean because some people do not want oil and gas production in Ventura County. None of the oil production in the rest of the U.S. crosses the Rockies. None of it comes west. There are no pipelines to do so.

The transition to 100% renewables is not going to come as fast or as easily as some would like. The infrastructure alone is at least a decade away from completion. California consumption would have to fall considerably to eliminate the need for local production.

The Workforce Investment Board, as mentioned in these hearings, will not be able to complete a study and implement a worker transition program (from oil and gas to renewable jobs) for at least 3-5 years out. If you approve this General Plan, it goes into effect in 30 days and that's where my job clock starts ticking to its end.

The reason I am writing is to ask the the Board, especially Supervisor Zaragoza to reconsider approving the General Plan at this time. It is not complete and there are too many unknowns for this document to set the course of county government decision-making for the next 20 years. There has been no economic impact analysis on the oil and gas policy changes, yet the General Plan is proposing to eliminate processes that will ultimately shut our operations down. Each one of these policy changes, if adopted, removes a piece of the regulated procedures necessary to produce reliable, ample and affordable energy here in Ventura County.

Sincerely,  
Kenneth Bork, CRC Senior Environmental Scientist  
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