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General Public Comment - Grp 1

From: mark bradley <markbradleysb@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 8, 2026 4:19 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Prohibit new oil projects in SB county

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I am a longtime resident of Santa Barbara and Sierra Club volunteer, and I support the proposal to prohibit new oil and gas projects in the county.

Sincerely

Mark Bradley
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Chelsea Lenzi

From: Rachel Altman <raltmansb@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 9, 2026 12:12 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Proposed cuts to County employees and services

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Dear Supervisors,

I strongly urge you to resist these cuts, which will prove to be very damaging to our community. I kindly request:

- No layoffs and no service cuts
- Protection for the most vulnerable members of our community
- Immediate funds used for immediate needs, not long-term capital projects such as the North County jail expansion
- Investment in housing and health, not incarceration

Thank you for your consideration of my request, and for your service to our county.

With best wishes,
Rachel Altman
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Chelsea Lenzi

From: Daniela Soleri <soleri@ucsb.edu>
Sent: Saturday, May 9, 2026 12:31 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Tuesday, May 12th - NO to proposed cuts to county employees and service reductions that will directly harm our community

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Supervisors,

I'm writing to express my strong disagreement with the proposed cuts to community services being made to comply with HR 1. That, in my opinion is a disastrous, undemocratic, dangerous bill designed to punish the most vulnerable people and harm society as a whole across our country, and now in SB county. Approve a budget that retains and invests in measures that evidence has shown to improve community safety and wellbeing, not measures driven by political animus and fear.

- No layoffs and no service cuts
- No elimination of the Santa Barbara and Santa Maria pharmacies and laboratories operated by the County Health Department
- Protection for the most vulnerable members of our community
- Immediate funds used for immediate needs, not long-term capital projects such as the North County jail expansion
- Investment in housing and health, not incarceration

Sincerely,

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Chelsea Lenzi

From: HOWARD WINANT <hwinant@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 9, 2026 1:40 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Dear Supervisors, Don't agree to cutbacks!

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Dear SB County Supervisors,

Last fall, Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 620, which is the union representing the largest group of county workers, put out a call for citizens to come together and stop the County's premature attempt to comply with the Trump administration's directive to transition individuals with "unsatisfactory immigration status" out of County clinics. Members of DSA and several other community organizations answered the call, and we succeeded. Unfortunately, we are now facing a new set of cuts and layoffs that will have the same devastating impact.

The County is proposing to eliminate the Santa Barbara and Santa Maria pharmacies and laboratories operated by the County Health Department, leaving only Lompoc to serve the entire region. Regardless of what department leadership may claim, our community members cannot simply "go across the street" to a private pharmacy. County Health is the only option for many uninsured patients who cannot pay market rates or travel long distances for basic care.

At the same time, the Department of Social Services is facing deep administrative cuts, even though workload is expected to increase due to new federal verification requirements under H.R. 1 ("the One Big Beautiful Bill"). Delays in processing benefits will hit immigrant families, low-income households, and seniors the hardest.

Note: I am a 79 year-old senior.

In the Sheriff's Department, the proposed layoffs target civilian staff, not sworn personnel, even though civilian workers are not the source of the department's chronic overtime and budget overruns. Once again, the lowest-paid workers and the public they serve are being asked to absorb the consequences of poor fiscal management.

SO I'M CALLING ON YOU NOT TO AGREE TO THESE CUTBACKS.

Here are the positions I would like to see you uphold:

- No layoffs and no service cuts
- Protection for the most vulnerable members of our community
- Immediate funds used for immediate needs, not long-term capital projects such as the North County jail expansion
- Investment in housing and health, not incarceration

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Howard Winant

Upper East, SB

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Howard Winant
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Chelsea Lenzi

From: Corina Svacina <corina.cartoons@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 10, 2026 12:00 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Public Comment for May 12

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Dear County Officials,

As a citizen of Santa Barbara, I am writing to you to urge you to keep the County's Santa Barbara and Santa Maria pharmacies open for county workers and community members. County Health is the only option for many uninsured patients who cannot pay market rates or travel long distances for basic care. At a time when gas is at an all-time high, we cannot simply ask community members to go to Lompoc, where the last remaining County Health would be if Santa Barbara and Santa Maria's pharmacies were to close. At a time when prescriptions are at an all-time high, we cannot ask members to simply go across the street to a private pharmacy. We need to continue to fund and support the County Healths in Santa Barbara and Santa Maria.

In addition to maintaining the County's Health presence in those areas, when evaluating this year's budget, I encourage you to invest in our workers. Please do not layoff any workers or cut services. We need our workers and public services in order to keep the Central Coast a vibrant, beautiful area.

In summary:

- No layoffs and no service cuts
- Protect the most vulnerable members of our community by continuing to fund County Health in Santa Barbara and Santa Maria.
- Immediate funds used for immediate needs, not long-term capital projects such as the North County jail expansion
- Invest in housing and health, not incarceration

Thank you for taking the time to read my concerns.

Best,
Corina Svacina

Chelsea Lenzi

From: Kate Connell <connell.kateclare@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2026 8:00 AM
To: sbcob
Cc: Roy Lee
Subject: Save Public Services in Santa Barbara

Caution: This email originated from a source outside of the County of Santa Barbara. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify the sender and know the content is safe.

Please vote against proposed cuts to county employees and service reductions - these cuts will directly harm our community, especially our most vulnerable immigrant residents!

Don't eliminate the Santa Barbara and Santa Maria pharmacies and laboratories operated by the County Health Department, leaving only Lompoc to serve the entire region! Regardless of what department leadership may claim, our community members cannot simply "go across the street" to a private pharmacy. County Health is the only option for many uninsured patients who cannot pay market rates or travel long distances for basic care.

At the same time, the Department of Social Services is facing deep administrative cuts, even though workload is expected to increase due to new federal verification requirements under H.R. 1 ("the One Big Beautiful Bill"). Delays in processing benefits will hit immigrant families, low-income households, and seniors the hardest.

And in the Sheriff's Department, the proposed layoffs target civilian staff, not sworn personnel, even though civilian workers are not the source of the department's chronic overtime and budget overruns. Once again, the lowest-paid workers and the public they serve are being asked to absorb the consequences of poor fiscal management.

- **No layoffs and no service cuts**
- **Protection for the most vulnerable members of our community**
- **Immediate funds used for immediate needs, not long-term capital projects such as the North County jail expansion**
- **Investment in housing and health, not incarceration**

Thank you for putting our community first!

Kate Connell
Eastside Santa Barbara

Katherine Douglas

From: Zachary W. Akzin <AkzinZ@sbcapcd.org>
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2026 11:00 AM
To: Daren Mann
Cc: hmaldonado@sbunified.org; lchavez@goleta.k12.ca.us; dist_board@sbunified.org; Laura Capps; sbcob; Roy Lee; Joan Hartmann; info@independent.com; news@noozhawk.com; Assemblymember.Hart@assembly.ca.gov; Senator.Limon@senate.ca.gov
Subject: RE: Formal Opposition to Permit to Operate 16542 – Contaminated Soil Cleanup Project at 125 S. San Marcos Road
Categories: Ask where to file

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Dear Mr. Mann,

Your public comment has been received by the District and has been saved to the project file. The District will respond to your comments in writing prior to a decision on final permit issuance. If you have any questions, please let me know, and I will keep you advised on any public comment opportunities regarding the project.



Sincerely,



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Subject: Formal Opposition to Permit to Operate 16542 – Contaminated Soil Cleanup Project at 125 S. San Marcos Road

Dear Mr. Akzin,

I am writing to formally and strongly oppose Permit to Operate 16542 related to the proposed excavation, handling, and transport of arsenic-contaminated soil at 125 S. San Marcos Road.

I am the parent of three children currently attending El Camino Elementary School — one child in third grade and twins in kindergarten — and my family lives nearby. I am deeply concerned about the health, safety, environmental, traffic, air-quality, and quality-of-life impacts this project may impose on surrounding families and students.

The proposed excavation and transport of approximately 1,750 cubic yards of arsenic-impacted soil within 1,000 feet of both El Camino Elementary School and San Marcos High School raises extremely serious concerns regarding airborne toxic exposure to children, cumulative environmental impacts, trucking activity near schools, and long-term public-health liability.

In addition to the environmental concerns, I have already observed what appears to be deteriorating traffic and construction safety conditions around the school associated with ongoing construction activity in the area.

Directly across from El Camino Elementary during school drop-off this morning, I personally was in a near accident involving a cement truck entering the construction zone. I was riding my long-tail bike with both of my 6-year old twins on the back during drop-off while families and children were actively arriving at school. The cement truck driver began making a left-hand turn into the site, abruptly stopped mid-turn, and then restarted movement in the middle of active school traffic circulation, creating a dangerous and chaotic situation near students, cyclists, and parents.

This incident reinforced my concern that construction activity adjacent to a school is not currently being managed with an appropriate level of caution, coordination, or sensitivity to the realities of school drop-off and pickup conditions. I am extremely concerned that adding excavation operations, contaminated soil hauling (the street is constantly dirty and the dust flows directly into the kindergarten play area all-day long), and a substantial increase in heavy truck traffic will further compound these safety risks for children and families in the immediate area.

More broadly, I am deeply concerned that recent state-driven housing densification policies and streamlined development pathways have significantly reduced meaningful local oversight and community input regarding the cumulative impacts of large-scale residential development near schools and established residential neighborhoods. The rapid concentration of high-density construction activity in this area is already creating observable traffic, safety, environmental, and quality-of-life impacts that many nearby families believe have not been adequately planned for or mitigated.

Additionally, I, along with other concerned parents in the community, have already begun documenting unsafe construction-related conditions and impacts occurring near El Camino Elementary School, including:

- Unsafe truck behavior during school drop-off and pickup periods
- Dust events near student and pedestrian areas
- School-hour traffic conflicts involving construction vehicles
- Blocked or partially obstructed crossing and pedestrian areas
- Idling trucks adjacent to school routes and family traffic patterns

These issues are already degrading the safety environment surrounding El Camino Elementary, and many of us are deeply concerned that the proposed contaminated soil excavation and hauling operations will significantly worsen these conditions.

At this time, I do not believe the District has demonstrated that nearby students, residents, teachers, and staff can be adequately protected from:

- Airborne contaminated dust during excavation and loading
- Wind-driven particulate migration
- Truck emissions and roadway contamination
- Accidental releases during transport
- Increased heavy vehicle conflicts near school traffic
- Long-term cumulative exposure risks to children and sensitive populations

Children are recognized as sensitive receptors under California environmental and public-health frameworks, and I believe substantially greater scrutiny is warranted before any permit is approved.

Accordingly, I request the following before any permit approval or project activity proceeds:

1. Full public disclosure of all environmental, toxicology, soil sampling, air-quality, and risk assessment reports associated with the site.
2. Independent third-party air monitoring during all excavation and hauling activities, including real-time particulate monitoring and arsenic-specific testing, with public reporting requirements.
3. Clearly defined stop-work thresholds and mandatory shutdown procedures during elevated wind conditions or any exceedance of air-quality thresholds.
4. Full disclosure of haul routes, trucking schedules, traffic-control plans, dust mitigation protocols, contingency plans, and school-hour operational impacts.
5. Formal evaluation of alternative remediation approaches that could reduce or eliminate airborne exposure risks near schools.
6. A public hearing and expanded community review process prior to any permit approval.
7. Comprehensive review of cumulative environmental, traffic, and public-health impacts under applicable California environmental review requirements, including impacts on nearby schools and residential neighborhoods.

Please also consider this letter a request that all comments, supporting documentation, technical analyses, mitigation measures, and agency responses associated with this permit application be preserved as part of the administrative record.

I also respectfully request written confirmation that this correspondence has been received, reviewed, and incorporated into the administrative record associated with Permit to Operate 16542.

Given the seriousness of the concerns raised — particularly those involving student safety, traffic conflicts near an active elementary school, airborne contamination risks, and ongoing construction-related safety issues already being observed by nearby families — I further request a written response outlining what actions, additional reviews, mitigation measures, investigations, or procedural steps the District intends to take in response to the concerns identified in this letter and by affected community members.

Please also advise whether additional public comment opportunities, hearings, or review periods are anticipated as part of this process. I'm very interested in making my voice heard and hearing from my fellow neighbors - can you let me know?

I intend to continue closely monitoring this matter and evaluating all available administrative, environmental, and legal avenues to ensure the health and safety of nearby children and residents are fully protected.

I strongly urge the District to deny Permit to Operate 16542 or, at minimum, substantially delay approval pending further independent review and public process.

Sincerely,

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