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Dear Staff: Please find attached a comment letter for Tuesday's hearing. Please let me know that you have received the letter and were able to forward the letter to the supervisors and enter it into the item packet for Tuesday's hearing. Thank you. Marell Brooks, CPA President

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Santa Barbara County Supervisors  
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Via email: [sbcob@countyofsb.org](mailto:sbcob@countyofsb.org)  
RE: October 21 Agenda Item #2: Oil Phase Out – SUPPORT

To: Board of Supervisors

Citizens Planning Association strongly encourages the County of Santa Barbara to adopt the proposed program to stop new oil and gas well drilling and to safely close existing wells in Santa Barbara County.

Santa Barbara County has experienced several major oil spills in recent history, from the 1969 Union Oil drilling rig blowout to the 2015 Plains All American Pipeline rupture, as well as many onshore oil spills. We have a collective responsibility to prevent further pollution and habitat destruction and combat long-term damage to our ocean, land, and wildlife caused by oil drilling.

Oil and gas operations inject wastewater underground, threatening clean water. In the Cat Canyon oil field alone, a state study identified 291 wells that pose a risk of contaminating the Santa Maria groundwater basin, which is relied upon by 190,000 community members in North County. Phasing out oil and gas will protect our precious groundwater.

We urge you to move forward with the preparation of ordinance amendments prohibiting new drilling and phasing out oil operations. Phasing out oil drilling is crucial to achieving our climate goals and protecting our air, land, and water from the harmful impacts of oil drilling.

Ending drilling is a vital step toward environmental justice and will help safeguard the health of our local communities for generations to come. To ignore or delay efforts to reduce the impacts of the county's major sources of greenhouse gases, and air, soil, and water pollution just increases the problems and makes them harder and more costly to solve in the future. Now is the time to act.

We support the county's efforts to study and mitigate the effects of phasing out our local oil industry opening the door for sustainable job creation in renewable energy and green technology sectors, and we encourage the development of these opportunities.

Marell Brooks, President

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