

Katherine Douglas

Public Comment- Group 2

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From: jim yarbrough <jyarbro2003@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 8, 2025 7:15 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Written Comment for May 13 meeting to address greenhouse gas emissions

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I am asking the Board to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to protect our air, our water, and future generations of children. I ask that you ban new oil and gas development and that you phase out existing oil and gas operations in Santa Barbara County.

I think you understand why I make this requests. If you need more reasons, here a few:

- Our community deserves clean air. Phasing out oil and gas will reduce air pollution and **protect public** health for everyone.
- Many local oil projects use dirty, carbon-polluting techniques like steam injection and are one of the major sources of GHG emissions in the County. Phasing out these operations is critical to **fighting climate change**.
- 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**.
- There is local precedent for phasing out oil and gas operations. The County (and later Goleta) engaged in a process aimed at permanently shutting down the Ellwood Onshore Facility after a set period and once investment costs were recovered.
- **State legislation** went into effect this year that empowers the County to pass an oil and gas ban and phase out ordinance that protects public health and the environment from the impacts of fossil fuel extraction.
- County staff acknowledged in its report that Santa Barbara oil production is valued at roughly \$512 million in direct benefits to the oil companies while the County only billed around \$7.1 million in property taxes in 2024. This is a mere 0.2% of the County's 2024-25 budget.
- Thank you for considering my requests and advice. Jim Yarbrough Newbury Park, CA (also located on the same Central Coast as Santa Barbara County, and what you do in SB County affects our quality of life in Ventura County, and vice versa)

Katherine Douglas

From: Tracey Willfong-Singh <traceysingh50@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 8, 2025 9:03 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: May13 comment Oil&Gas emissions

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Dear Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors,

Please phase out oil & gas production.
Prohibit new drilling.
Protect our air, ground water, health and climate.
We must work towards fossil free goals.

Thank you for considering a cleaner future , Tracey Willfong

Katherine Douglas

From: joanna.tang@lifesci.ucsb.edu
Sent: Thursday, May 8, 2025 9:09 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Please vote to phase out oil and gas on May 13

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Dear Supervisors,

I hope you are enjoying spring. I wanted to reach out because, as a constituent in Santa Barbara County, I appreciate your commitment to reducing greenhouse gas emissions in half by 2030. Climate change is already transforming our local ecosystems and health, and Santa Barbara County's willingness to address it through an oil phase out ordinance is exactly what is needed.

I love spending time outdoors every day, whether it be hiking, swimming, biking, or doing my job, which involves habitat stewardship, restoration, and research. I feel so grateful to live in Goleta, where I can spend time outside year-round and see plants and animals that aren't found anywhere else. However, California is also a biodiversity hotspot, which means our unique fauna, flora, and ecosystems are being degraded. Phasing out oil and gas will reduce our dirty emissions that have impaired the health of our local ecosystems and communities.

The oil ordinance would provide much-needed relief, and to prevent any further damage to our ecosystems and our health, it should be expedited. Our CAP should be both ambitious and followed by real actions, such as phasing out oil and gas. As the UN's International Panel on Climate Change reports, "The evidence is clear: the time for action is now. The ordinance should target the most climate-damaging oil production, such as cyclic steam or steam flooding. Phasing out oil and gas will provide critical benefits to our local community:

- **Improve air quality and health** by limiting air pollution caused by diesel trucks and gas-burning steam generators
- **Improve the safety of our drinking water supplies** by removing threats of toxic wastewater leaking into our groundwater basins
- **Improve road safety and trucking accidents** by getting huge hazardous oil tanker trucks off the road. Oil tanker accidents have created hazardous traffic, shut down roads, and have caused fires and spilled oil into Waterways.
- **Safeguard wildlife and endangered species** by removing the pollution and hazardous risks of oil production
- **Prevent disasters** by reducing risks of oil-related fires and wastewater injections that can trigger earthquakes
- **Saves resources:** Per the [UCSB report](#) on the benefits of an oil phase out, revenues to the County from local oil production (just \$3.3 million in property taxes or approximately 0.2% of county revenues) are low relative to some other land uses while costs to the County (accounting, legal, road repair, emergency services, etc.) are higher than other Industries.

Thank you so much for your work safeguarding and supporting our community's health. Living in Goleta is a dream come true for me, and I hope to enjoy it for several years to come without the risks and threats of oil and gas production and pollution.

Sincerely,
Joanna Tang
PhD, University of California, Santa Barbara

Katherine Douglas

From: Susan Horne <susanhorne@cox.net>
Sent: Thursday, May 8, 2025 10:30 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Climate and Health Impacts - Oil and Gas

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Re: Climate Impacts

Dear SBC Board of Supervisors –

I am writing this letter as a career Health Educator and a constituent that cares about and follows the research and news on Climate Change and Health.

Our County's Climate plans need to include the huge impacts of oil and gas production and pollution on our population.

Please act to sunset the oil and gas production in our land and sea and air.

Many thanks for your prior attention to Climate Changes Impacts.

Yours,

Susan Horne,

Health Educator for CenCal Health ((SB Health Initiative is earlier name)and then the SB County Public Health Dept. for cumulative Request to sunset Oil and gas 30 years

Katherine Douglas

From: douglas.t.fischer@icloud.com
Sent: Thursday, May 8, 2025 11:10 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: please vote to phase out oil and gas production on May 13

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I've lived here for a quarter century and seen the repeated spills and leaks from our oil production facilities.

We need to be reducing reliance on fossil fuels, and phasing out production is one important part. Please vote in favor of an oil phase out ordinance.

The oil ordinance should:

1. Be expedited: Direct the County Planning and Development Department to prioritize the oil ordinance in its work plan. Ask that it be returned to the County Board of Supervisors for a vote this year.

2. Fix the loophole: Our CAP should be both ambitious and followed by real actions, such as phasing out oil and gas. As the UN's International Panel on Climate Change reports, "The evidence is clear: the time for action is now."

2. Limit the most climate-damaging oil production: The oil projects that have been proposed in the County over the past decade have been cyclic steam or steam flooding proposals, which are the most energy-intensive forms of oil production.

3. Improve air quality and health outcomes: Diesel trucks and gas-burning steam generators not only produce greenhouse gases, but they also emit health-damaging air pollution that causes cancer, asthma, heart disease, and other conditions.

4. Improve the safety of our drinking water supplies: Many oil projects are in the vicinity of critical drinking water aquifers. For instance, oil companies are currently seeking an exemption from federal drinking water protections in Cat Canyon to inject toxic wastewater below the Santa Maria Groundwater Basin, which provides drinking water to 190,000 people.

5. Improve road safety and trucking accidents: Due to the Phillip 66 refinery closure, trucking is increasingly used to transport oil. Recent proposals have included adding thousands of additional oil tanker truck trips annually to local roads. Oil tanker accidents have created hazardous traffic, shut down roads, and have caused fires and spilled oil into Waterways.

6. Safeguard wildlife and endangered species: Oil production kills and harms endangered and sensitive plants and animal species. The Central Coast's Mediterranean biome is a hotspot of biodiversity. The region contains numerous endemic, federally-listed, and sensitive species which require protection.

7. Prevent disasters: Oil projects are located in high fire hazard zones and increase wildfire

risks. Additionally, wastewater injections can trigger earthquakes. Phasing out oil will help prevent future natural disasters from wreaking havoc.

8. Saves resources: Per the UCSB report on the benefits of an oil phase out, revenues to the County from local oil production (just \$3.3 million in property taxes or approximately 0.2% of county revenues) are low relative to some other land uses while costs to the County (accounting, legal, road repair, emergency services, etc.) are higher than other Industries.

9. Exercise the County's legal rights: Jurisdictions including the city and county of Los Angeles have already passed oil phase out ordinances, and such actions have been further facilitated by the passage of AB 3233 last year clarifying the right of local jurisdictions to regulate oil. Health and safety regulation has long been the responsibility of local governments. The City of Santa Barbara has prohibited oil drilling for at least 60 years.

Katherine Douglas

From: Kim Cooper <busdevsage@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 9, 2025 7:27 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: No More Oil Drilling in Santa Barbara County

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Dear Santa Barbara County Supervisor,

As a constituent in Santa Barbara County, I appreciate your commitment to reducing greenhouse gas emissions in half by 2030. Climate change is real, and Santa Barbara County's willingness to address it through an oil phase out ordinance is exactly what is needed.

The downsides to continued oil drilling are significantly great than any upside, especially since the upside only benefits a few in increased revenue and profits.

Please support the vast majority of us in Santa Barbara County to safeguard us, and the environment from the many risks associated with oil drilling here on land, and in the channel.

Kindest regards,

Kim

Kim E. Cooper
805-448-1928

Katherine Douglas

From: Thomas Trappler <trappler@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, May 9, 2025 7:32 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Please vote to phase out oil and gas on May 13

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As a constituent in Santa Barbara County, I appreciate your commitment to reducing greenhouse gas emissions in half by 2030. Climate change is real, and Santa Barbara County's willingness to address it through an oil phase out ordinance is exactly what is needed.

I am a voting resident of Santa Barbara and an oil ordinance is important to me and should be done this year. The oil ordinance should:

1. Be expedited: Direct the County Planning and Development Department to prioritize the oil ordinance in its work plan. Ask that it be returned to the County Board of Supervisors for a vote this year.
2. Fix the loophole: Our CAP should be both ambitious and followed by real actions, such as phasing out oil and gas. As the UN's International Panel on Climate Change reports, "The evidence is clear: the time for action is now.
3. Limit the most climate-damaging oil production: The oil projects that have been proposed in the County over the past decade have been cyclic steam or steam flooding proposals, which are the most energy-intensive forms of oil production.
4. Improve air quality and health outcomes: Diesel trucks and gas-burning steam generators not only produce greenhouse gases, but they also emit health-damaging air pollution that causes cancer, asthma, heart disease, and other conditions.
5. Improve the safety of our drinking water supplies: Many oil projects are in the vicinity of critical drinking water aquifers. For instance, oil companies are currently seeking an exemption from federal drinking water protections in Cat Canyon to inject toxic wastewater below the Santa Maria Groundwater Basin, which provides drinking water to 190,000 people.
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10. Exercise the County's legal rights: Jurisdictions including the city and county of Los Angeles have already passed oil phase out ordinances, and such actions have been further facilitated by the passage of AB 3233 last year clarifying the right of local jurisdictions to regulate oil. Health and safety regulation has long been the responsibility of local governments. The City of Santa Barbara has prohibited oil drilling for at least 60 years.

Thank you for your time and consideration,
Thomas Trappler

Katherine Douglas

From: John Fisher <john@jpfisher.net>
Sent: Friday, May 9, 2025 8:40 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Phase out oil and gas

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I live in the County, between Goleta and Santa Barbara, In Ms Capps district. We own our home and vote in every election.

It is essential that you vote to phase out oil and gas production in our County.

The rise in greenhouse gases in the atmosphere is creating a climate apocalypse for our children and grandchildren. Already we see signs of serious damage to the biosphere, which is itself the most important carbon sink to mitigate excessive CO2. Production and burning of oil, gas, coal are the primary sources of greenhouse gas emissions. This has been widely known since the 1970's, but short-term greed and lazy thinking has allowed the problem to get worse every year. Continuing headlong to produce and consume fossil fuels is just plain stupid across the globe.

In our County, oil production and burning has polluted our air for decades. We are forced to staff air pollution agencies, engage in lawsuits and taxation, and spend time and money fighting a mighty industry in a never-ending confrontation which saps our political energies. Hideous offshore platforms with considerable risk of spills threaten our tourist industry, which is financially far more important than oil and gas production. Oil fields like Cat Canyon ruin pristine wine country, a big source of tourism.

In short, why would you accept the considerable risk, the political warfare, the wasted staff time all associated with oil and gas, in exchange for some puny tax revenues? Those revenues will never repay the daily administrative costs, let alone the damage to health and prosperity and environment.

In passing a phase-out, please make sure that County agencies such as Planning are directed to emphasize and expedite work on the phase-out.

Do not let them drag their proverbial feet in an attempt to maintain the cozy ways of the past.

Thank you for protecting our beautiful and people.

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John Fisher
Santa Barbara

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Katherine Douglas

From: Terry Fernandez <tfernandez50@verizon.net>
Sent: Friday, May 9, 2025 12:20 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: SB County MUST phase out oil & gas development!!!

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Dear SB County Board of Supervisors,

As your constituents in SB County, we appreciate your commitment to halve greenhouse gas emissions by 2030. Climate change is the existential threat to human life and we need to leave a better environment for our children and their children.

Action by you Supervisors to implement an oil/gas phaseout ordinance is very important to us for the following reasons:

- SB County's Climate Action Plan (CAP) is incomplete due to the loophole that left out oil and gas production; the plan cannot succeed without phasing out oil production.
- Oil production techniques proposed are the most energy-intensive ways used for oil production.
- The current Sable project proposed to use a damaged existing pipeline that cannot be brought up to an acceptable safety standard, and Sable is not financially able to deal with spill mitigation and recovery.
- Many oil projects are near our critical drinking water aquifers. For example, The Cat Canyon project is seeking exemption from federal drinking water protections in order to inject toxic wastewater below the Santa Maria Groundwater Basin, which supplies drinking water to 190,000 people.
- Oil transport via truck has led to accidents, hazardous spills and road shut downs.
- Oil production inherently harms the surrounding biome and threatens numerous species of plants and animals, many of which are endangered.

We are Santa Barbara natives and we VOTE in every election.

Thank you for considering our input. Please help us move forward to a better environment!

Terry and Joyce Fernandez
Santa Barbara, CA

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From: Pat Adler <patadlerca@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 9, 2025 12:58 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Gas and oil

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Please vote to phase out gas and oil.
Pat Adler

Sent from my iPad

Katherine Douglas

From: Cindy Lynn <cindycoaches@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 9, 2025 1:41 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: DRAFT ORDINANCE NOW

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Hello Santa Barbara County Supervisors

I have lived in Santa Barbara County for the past forty some years and want to thank you for the work you do to protect our impossibly beautiful coastline from exploitative industry practices that systematically damage our fragile ecosystems and create a high risk living environment for all who live and work in Santa Barbara city county and coastline.

I am particularly concerned about a REPEAT OF REFUGIO BEACH OIL SPILL and other numerous incidents I could list that ENDANGER THE HEALTH AND WELL BEING of our healthy community ecosystems. If you have witnessed the devastation and despair AFTER the oil spill as I have, you never forget how destructive an "oil spill" can be. It is no longer acceptable to give the oil companies a free pass when they normalize danger and destruction while transporting through poorly maintained infrastructure while strategizing to exploit endless loopholes such as the one I am writing to address in the 2024 CAP. Please do whatever it takes to hold their feet to the fire and challenge them to redo the plan according to more than their "mathematical success" (aka profitability margins)

CAP 2025 : DRAFT THE NECESSARY OIL AND GAS PHASE OUT ORDINANCE NOW

The CAP 2024 erroneously exempts the Oil and Gas industry from the phase out of oil production (highly intensive energy extractions and transmission/transport via deteriorating pipelines/orphan wells off shore platforms) which creates a HIGH RISK OF ECO DISASTER AND WILDFIRE RISK.

This endangers not only the economic interests of the entire city county and state BUT the safety and well being of the human life forms that live here. It is not acceptable to exempt the Oil and Gas Industries for their culpability by allowing them a loophole. I invite you to challenge the premise that the oil and gas company cannot commit to a phase out plan to "mathematically succeed." We are asking you to invite the oil and gas industry to adopt a more altruistic viewpoint with our health and safety in mind when you DRAFT AND ORDINANCE TO PHASE OUT OIL NOW!

Thank you for your vote for our beautiful coastline and healthy people healthy planet.

Cynthia Naughton
(805)626 0068

Katherine Douglas

From: DARLENE novak <novassance@cox.net>
Sent: Friday, May 9, 2025 1:47 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions by the year 2030

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Dear SB County Board of Supervisors,

As a constituent and 36 year citizen in Santa Barbara County, I appreciate your commitment to reducing greenhouse gas emissions in half by 2030.

Diesel trucks and gas-burning steam generators not only produce greenhouse gases, but they also emit health-damaging air pollution that causes cancer, asthma, heart disease, and other conditions.

Many oil projects on near drinking water aquifers. The safety of water for 190,000 people is at stake.

Oil production kills and harms endangered animals and plants and other species. The Santa Barbara area contains sensitive species which require protection.

Oil projects are located in high fire hazard zones and increase wildfire risks. Additionally, wastewater injections can trigger earthquakes. Phasing out oil will help prevent future natural disasters.

Jurisdictions including the city and county of Los Angeles have already passed oil phase out ordinances, and such actions have been further facilitated by the passage of AB 3233 last year clarifying the right of local jurisdictions to regulate oil. Health and safety regulation has long been the responsibility of local

Climate change is real, and Santa Barbara County's willingness to address it through an oil phase out ordinance is exactly what is needed.

Respectfully,

Joni Novak
422 E. Alamar Avenue
novassance@cox.net

Katherine Douglas

From: cassandra silver <syriebell@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 9, 2025 1:55 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: drinkable water, breathable air, wildfires, wildlife

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Please, please continue to make Santa Barbara an oasis in a dangerously out-of-control world heading for worse.

Issues:

The oil projects that have been proposed in the County over the past decade have been cyclic steam or steam flooding proposals, which are the most energy-intensive forms of oil production.

Diesel trucks and gas-burning steam generators not only produce greenhouse gases, but they also emit health-damaging air pollution that causes cancer, asthma, heart disease, and other conditions.

Many oil projects are near critical drinking-water aquifers. For instance, oil companies are currently seeking an exemption from federal drinking water protections in Cat Canyon to inject toxic wastewater below the Santa Maria Groundwater Basin, which provides drinking water to 190,000 people.

Trucking is increasingly used to transport oil. Recent proposals included adding thousands of additional oil tanker trips per year to local roads. Oil tanker accidents have created hazardous traffic, shut down roads, caused fires, and spilled oil into waterways.

Oil production harms--often kills-- endangered and sensitive animal species. The Central Coast's Mediterranean biome is a hotspot of biodiversity. And the region contains numerous endemic, federally-listed, and sensitive species which require protection.

The oil projects are located in high fire-hazard zones and increase wildfire risks. Phasing out oil will help prevent future natural disasters from wreaking havoc.

Your grateful but frightened constituent,
Cassandra Silver

Katherine Douglas

From: Marjorie Popper <mpopper@silcom.com>
Sent: Friday, May 9, 2025 2:26 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Oil and gas phaseout ordinance

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Honorable County Supervisors:

I am urging you to enact an oil and gas phaseout ordinance as part of our County's Climate Action Plan. Expedited action to adopt a phaseout ordinance would go a long way towards the County's commitment to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in half by 2030. Especially important is limitation to the most energy-intensive forms of oil extraction, such as cyclic steam and steam flooding oil projects. These methods have also led to significant water contamination in the past. The Santa Maria ground water basin is impacted by oil development and it provides drinking water to over 190,000 people while supporting major agricultural operations. Contaminants from oil extraction endanger both the health of people and the local agricultural economy.

The County's legal right to pass an oil phaseout ordinance has been facilitated by the passage of AB 3233, so the pathway is clear for the Board of Supervisors to take action now to help reduce greenhouse gas emissions that inevitably endanger us all.

Thank you for considering a pathway towards a safer and healthier environment for all.

Respectfully,

Marjorie Popper
1875 Still Meadows Road
Solvang, CA 93463

Katherine Douglas

From: Lorna Moore <lornamoore@earthlink.net>
Sent: Friday, May 9, 2025 2:28 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Distribute to Supervisors for May 13 Meeting, Agenda item #8

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Re: May 13 Meeting, Agenda Item #8

Dear Supervisors,

My husband and I are constituents of Santa Barbara County, and we vote in every election. We urge you to make a *real* commitment to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in half by 2030 by adopting an oil phase-out ordinance. Please direct the County Planning and Development Department to prioritize the oil phase-out in its work plan and return it to the Board for a vote this year.

Lorna Moore and Donald McGilvray

2108 Las Canoas Rd., Santa Barbara, CA. 93105

Sample subject: May 13 Board of Supervisors Meeting, Agenda item #8. Please vote to phase out oil and gas

Sample intro:

As a constituent in Santa Barbara County, I appreciate your commitment to reducing greenhouse gas emissions in half by 2030. Climate change is real, and Santa Barbara County's willingness to address it through an oil phase out ordinance is exactly what is needed.

In your own words, tell the commissioners why an oil ordinance is important to you and that it should be done this year. Tell the Supervisors where you live and that you vote. For helpful background information, see links at bottom of page.

Borrow from these 9 talking points.

The oil ordinance should:

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From: Sally H <sbhearon@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 9, 2025 2:30 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: phase out oil and gas in SB County!

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Hello,

I am a long-time resident of Santa Barbara County (34 years), and I have been in the front line of resistance to the oil industry's constant pressure to "drill baby drill".

This latest chapter is becoming ridiculous, and I just want you to say NO to any effort by SABLE or any other company. And I want it to be forever and ever.

I have confidence that you can resist and reject any efforts, arguments, or threats of any oil drilling company. Please do not disappoint all of us who have tirelessly attended County meetings and written thousands of letters to keep oil and gas OUT OF SANTA BARBARA COUNTY.

Thank you,

Sarah (Sally) Hearon
2808 Miradero Drive
Santa Barbara, CA 93105

Katherine Douglas

From: Kim Stanley <kimsz345@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 9, 2025 2:34 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Drilling for Oil in SB County

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Dear Supervisors,

The connection between the use of fossil fuels and climate change is irrefutable. Drilling for oil should be seen as an archaic way of providing energy. It is not the way toward a safe, clean, prosperous future.

I do all I can to be a good climate steward: I ride my bike, I use reef-safe sunscreen, I avoid buying materials with plastic packaging, my clothes are made of natural fibers and I try to do most of my shopping at thrift stores. Private consumers like me are doing our best, and we pass these values on to our children, but your decisions have a HUGE impact. Give us some hope for the future.

Please prohibit new drilling and phase out oil operations; instead, make streets safer for people who walk and bike, promote use of transit, offer solar tax credits, support organic agriculture and encourage conservation not consumerism.

Sincerely,
Kim Stanley

Katherine Douglas

From: ELLEN FENGER <fenger1@cox.net>
Sent: Friday, May 9, 2025 2:56 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: May 13 BOS on the Prohibit Oil Drilling ordinance

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Dear Supervisors,

Please stop all new oil drilling and phase out current drilling. We have had extreme disasters here from drilling including in 1969, and the Plains spill.

We also experience more subtle but far reaching effects. These include serious Public Health issues for humans and habitat and wildlife destruction. These are preventable.

Let's lead the way on the right side of this issue.

Thank you!

Ellen Fenger

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Katherine Douglas

From: A Hilliard <larksound@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 9, 2025 3:05 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Yes! Phase Out Oil and Gas!

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Greetings Thoughtful Supervisors.

I am a voter who lives in Goleta. Please create a bulletproof ordinance to phase out the oil and gas industry that threatens our Central Coast ocean and land environment.

Fix the loophole: Our CAP should be both ambitious and followed by real actions, such as phasing out oil and gas. As the UN's International Panel on Climate Change reports, "The evidence is clear: the time for action is now."

I urge you to direct staff to
[draft the necessary oil and gas phaseout ordinance and prioritize this work.](#)

Our ocean and land are all we've got!

Regards,

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Katherine Douglas

From: Beth Palmer <bethpal@msn.com>
Sent: Friday, May 9, 2025 3:24 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Greenhouse emissions

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As a constituent in Santa Barbara County, I plead with you to pass an oil ordinance and to do what else you can to reduce greenhouse gas emissions!

Beth Palmer
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Katherine Douglas

From: W Seth Steiner <wsasteiner@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 9, 2025 3:43 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: MAY 13 BoS MEETING COMMENT--AGENDA ITEM #8

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Honorable Board Members,

Our county has a legal right to regulate onshore oil operations. The city and county of Los Angeles have oil phase-out ordinances and the City of Santa Barbara has prohibited oil drilling for decades.

We know that the oil industry is responsible for air and water pollution, environmental destruction, and tanker accidents... resulting in sickness and death. Further, the renewable energy industries account for a much larger, and faster growing, source of jobs here than does oil. And property taxes from local oil production account for only about 0.1% of county revenues.

Lastly, we don't need Santa Barbara County oil. The U.S. is already the world's largest producer, and is a net exporter. Our county's oil is also less desirable than most oil produced world-wide, as it has a higher carbon cost when considering production, transportation and refining.

At a minimum, the Board should provide direction to staff to address emissions from oil and gas operations with ordinance amendments including a phase-out plan.

Cordially,
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