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To: sbcob
Subject: ERG Pipeline comment letter
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Dear Clerk of the Board: Please forward this comment letter to the five supervisors before today's meeting. Sorry for the late submission. We only learned of this a few days ago and our board had to research the item. Thank you. Marell Brooks, Ex. Dir. CPA



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RE:ERG Foxen CanyonPipeline

Dear Supervisors:

Citizens Planning Association has reviewed the staff report for this new pipeline and opposes the expansion of any development that would violate the Santa Barbara County commitment to clean energy.

CPA urges you to continue to stand up for the protection and preservation of a healthy ecosystem and our right to clean water and air, by voting against ERG's Foxen Canyon pipeline. You recently voted as a body to reject offshore drilling, stating that Santa Barbara County supports clean energy.

Moving forward with this pipeline makes no sense as it would counter any gains we make with an offshore ban, such as reducing GHG emissions, and trade the safeguarding of marine life for increasing risks to drinking water supplies, wildlife habitat and a host of other environmental and health risks associated with onshore oil expansion.

Please remain consistent with the recent vote; support a transition to 100% clean energy that includes no new fossil fuel infrastructure as well as an ordinance that rejects new oil wells. ^{11/11/17} ERG, AERA and PetroRock all have active proposals for new oil development that total over 750 new wells in Santa Barbara County. This proposal before you today cannot be considered in a vacuum; we know these high intensity wells are coming forward. Also, this particular pipeline would cross five 'blue line creeks' and has potential to contaminate these waterways. There is no 'safe' way to transport fossil fuels and pipeline spills are inevitable.

The community is still reeling from the recent fires and mudflows which can be linked to climate change. To support more pipelines which will move oil from high intensity steam injection wells at this time would violate our commitment to clean energy.

Respectfully submitted,

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