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Honorable Janet Wolf
Chair, Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors
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RE: Agenda Item A-3: Opposition to Proposition 23 (Suspends Air Pollution Control Laws Requiring Major Polluters to Report and Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions That Cause Global Warming Until Unemployment Drops Below Specified Level for Full Year.)

Dear Chair Wolf,

The Community Environmental Council would like to express our opposition of Proposition 23, which would effectively reverse California's groundbreaking greenhouse gas emission limits (AB 32, the Global Warming Solutions Act). As such, we support the Legislative Program Committee recommendation to adopt a resolution opposing Proposition 23.

We also recommend that the County refer to the Proposition by its full title: Suspends Air Pollution Control Laws Requiring Major Polluters to Report and Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions That Cause Global Warming Until Unemployment Drops Below Specified Level for Full Year. The "California Jobs Initiative" is the name given to the Proposition by the proponents and has not been adopted in any official capacity by the State of California.

In fact, the cost and impact on jobs from AB 32 is uncertain, with several studies showing a positive effect on the economy due to cost savings from energy efficiency and conservation, job growth from the clean technology and renewable energy sector, and greater cost stability from decreasing our dependence on fossil fuels.

As such, the CEC encourages you to oppose Proposition 23.

Sincerely,

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