

# Public Comment

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Dear County of Santa Barbara Planning Commission,

I am writing in opposition of the proposed Orcutt Gas Station, 3616 Orcutt Rd, APN: 107-011-028.

The intersection of Orcutt Road, Lakeview Road, and Hwy 135 is an *incredibly* dangerous intersection. It is extremely congested and quite honestly a free for all at all hours of day and night. Located just down the street from Lakeview Junior High, children will often be seen attempting to cross this busy intersection by foot and by bicycle.

The property was formerly a gas station, but has sat vacant for many years. Adding additional demand to this intersection from vehicles entering and leaving so close to this corner will greatly increase the danger of the existing 6 way intersection. This is not a use that encourages nearby residents to arrive by walking; this is a use that will *ONLY* be accessed via vehicle.

Due to the nature of the site, it is extremely unsafe to construct a gas station or other any other use that will increase vehicle traffic. I am not only requesting that the application for a gas station be denied at this intersection but that it be looked at by the County and rezoned to remove this as a concern moving forward.

Thank you,

*Joshua Smith*