

**INITIATIVE MEASURE TO BE SUBMITTED  
DIRECTLY TO THE VOTERS**

The County Counsel of Santa Barbara has prepared the following title and summary of the chief purpose and points of the proposed measure.

**Initiative to Ban “High-Intensity Petroleum Operations” including but not limited to Well Stimulation Treatments and Secondary and Enhanced Recovery Operations such as Hydraulic Fracturing, Steam Injection and Acid Well Stimulation Treatment on all Lands within Santa Barbara County’s Unincorporated Area**

The proposed Initiative amends Santa Barbara County Comprehensive Plan policies and the Santa Barbara County Code to prohibit the use of any land within the County’s unincorporated area for, or in support of, High-Intensity Petroleum Operations, including but not limited to onshore exploration and onshore production of offshore oil and gas reservoirs. The proposed Initiative states that the prohibition, if adopted, would not apply to onshore facilities that support offshore exploration or production from offshore wells. The prohibition also would not apply to off-site facilities or infrastructure, such as refineries and pipelines that do not directly support High-Intensity Petroleum Operations. The prohibition would apply in any zoning district within the County.

High-Intensity Petroleum Operations are defined by the Initiative to include well stimulation treatments and secondary and enhanced recovery operations such as hydraulic fracturing, cyclic steam, waterflood or steamflood injection and acid well stimulation treatments.

The proposed Initiative authorizes the Board of Supervisors to grant an exception to the application of any provision of the Initiative if the Board of Supervisors finds, based on substantial evidence, that both:

- (1) the application of any aspect of the Initiative would constitute an unconstitutional taking of property, and
- (2) the exception will allow additional or continued land uses only to the minimum extent necessary to avoid such a taking.

The provisions of the proposed Initiative would not be applicable to any person or entity that has obtained, as of the effective date of this Initiative, a vested right, pursuant to State law, to conduct a High-Intensity Petroleum Operation as defined by the Initiative.

The proposed Initiative provides that the Board of Supervisors must take all steps reasonably necessary to enforce the Initiative and defend it against any challenge.

Comprehensive Plan policies and County Code provisions amended and adopted through the Initiative may only subsequently be amended or repealed by the vote of County voters.