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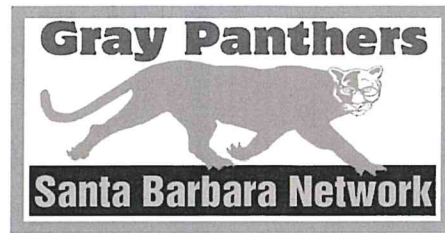
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Hello there,

Please see the attached for the public comment letter from the Gray Panthers Santa Barbara Network on the May 13 Climate Action Plan item.

Thank you,

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# Gray Panthers Santa Barbara Network

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### Re: May 13. Agenda Item: 2030 Climate Action Plan – Oil and Gas Facilities

Honorable Members of the Board of Supervisors:

The Gray Panthers Santa Barbara Network (GPSBN) feels strongly that the County must include the phasing out of oil and gas projects and the denying of new oil and gas projects in the Climate Action Plan.

GPSBN advocates for older adults in the County. One of our policies states: "Support a clean and sustainable environment and access to life-sustaining systems for all." Your action last August to reduce greenhouse gas emissions was a step in the right direction. However, the additional step of phasing out oil and gas projects also is necessary.

Among the many harmful aspects of such projects, diesel trucks and gas-burning steam generators emit health-damaging air pollution which are known to cause cancer, asthma, and heart disease especially in older adults.

Additionally, the contamination of drinking water aquifers by injecting toxic substances underground and by oil spills into watersheds, rivers and creeks is harmful. Older adults rely on potable, safe drinking water to maintain their overall health.

Please do the right thing to insure the safety and health of all county residents, especially the older adults.

The Gray Panthers Santa Barbara Network was formed to educate, advocate and agitate on behalf of the older adults of our County.

Thank you,

Gail Marshall, Chair