

Katherine Douglas

Public Comment - Group 5

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**From:** John McCauley <imjohnm@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, December 13, 2025 6:45 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Corruption

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If Sable wins, we know who they paid.

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**From:** Leland Montgomery <lelandmontsb@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, December 13, 2025 7:08 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** The Sable Shell Game

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Dear Supervisors:

As the county supervisors contemplate this final vote on whether to transfer the operating permits from Exxon to Sable, please recognize this for what it is: a corporate shell game implemented solely to avoid reputational risk for Exxon and to avoid financial responsibility on the part of Sable Offshore Corp, which cannot afford any substantive cleanup cost whatsoever in the event of a future oil spill.

If we recall that Exxon is the also the company that for decades had the highest quality studies of the environmental damage caused by the oil industry, and deliberately hid that research from the public, the emergence of a crafty shell game to duck responsibility is right in line with Exxon's longtime corporate DNA.

While so many Santa Barbarans would like to cease all production activity in the county altogether, we could suggest to the supervisors a less drastic step that might please all parties. That is: if Exxon wants the oil to flow then it should take over the pipeline operation and carry the substantial operational and reputational risks that this project poses. That way we could preserve the jobs related to the pipeline and make sure that a corporate entity will be standing there when - not if - there's the next spill.

If the supervisors took such a bold step, I would bet real money that Exxon would not accept that opportunity, and likely shut down the pipelines and the production platform altogether.

We do applaud the supervisors diligence and supervision over this matter for the past several years. We hope that you will continue to view this corporate ruse for what it is: a naked money grab by a very thinly capitalized, irresponsible corporate entity.

Thank you

Leland Montgomery,  
Santa Barbara Resident

Ph: 973.303.0376

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**From:** David Lumley <davidrlumley@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, December 13, 2025 8:33 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Cc:** Julie Lumley  
**Subject:** Sable drilling permit

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The facts are undeniable. Opening drilling for a proven polluter, killing our marine life, poisoning the very water we all depend on, in an environment such fossil fuels are not needed, will endanger our residents and threaten our coastline and way of life. Vote NO. Thank you.

David R. Lumley

Bestselling author of "It's Impossible to Commit to Maybe" WSJ & USA TODAY

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**From:** Julie Lumley <julilumley@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, December 13, 2025 10:22 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Cc:** Dave Lumley  
**Subject:** Vote NO on Sable Permit

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As residents of Santa Barbara we can see that the facts are undeniable. Drilling is a proven polluter, killing our marine life, poisoning the very water we all depend on. To allow drilling will endanger our very way of life.

Vote NO!

Thank you,

Julie Lumley

Sent from my iPad

Julie

Sent from my iPad

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**From:** Alex Ziegler <alexofsb@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, December 13, 2025 11:47 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** This is a Clear Cut Decision. Vote Yes to DENY the Sable Permit Transfer

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- I am grateful the Board of Supervisors took a stand against Sable's pressure at the November hearing and directed County staff to prepare the findings needed to formally deny Sable's permit transfer requests. Now it is time to finish the decision and deny Sable's application to transfer permits for the Santa Ynez Unit, Las Flores Pipelines, and onshore processing facilities.
- Sable's record makes clear the company does not have the skills, training, or financial resources to operate these dangerous oil facilities. For example:
- The California Coastal Commission fined Sable a record \$18 million penalty;
- The state Attorney General filed a lawsuit accusing Sable of illegally discharging waste into streams and habitats;
- The District Attorney filed 21 criminal charges against the company, including five felonies; and
- The State Fire Marshall has indicated that Sable has not made necessary repairs to the corroded pipeline and thus has not complied with the State Waiver requirements and cannot restart.

What else would make it more clear to the Board?! Please deny this transfer of permits from Exxon/Mobile to Sable Offshore,

Thank you  
Alex Ziegler  
2301 Santa Barbara St  
Santa Barbara

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**From:** Kelsey Perry <kelseyjoanneperry@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, December 13, 2025 10:37 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Sable - vote to Deny the transfer of permits

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Pick vote to deny the transfer.

Gratefully,  
Kelsey Perry



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**From:** Cerena Childress <cerena@astrologicalnow.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 14, 2025 9:43 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Deny Sable Offshore permits

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Dear Santa Barbara Supervisors ~

Locally more than a hundred community members showed up last month at our Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors hearing urging you to deny Sable Offshore permits for oil and gas facilities including **the very pipeline that caused the catastrophic oil spill ten years ago** on the Gaviota Coast. I stand with those 100+ people.

The vote was 4-1, hoping for 5 this time! I was here in that oil spill, cried for the creatures that suffered and died. What a horrible death. Our beaches smelled not only of oil but death. Many humans got sick from the oil and waste trying to help survivors. PLEASE don't let this ever happen again.

- Deny Sable's application to transfer permits for the Santa Ynez Unit, Las Flores Pipelines, and onshore processing facilities.

- Sable's record makes clear the company does not have the skills, training, or financial resources to operate these dangerous oil facilities.

For example: The California Coastal Commission fined Sable a record \$18 million penalty;

The state Attorney General filed a lawsuit accusing Sable of illegally discharging waste into streams and habitats;

The District Attorney filed 21 criminal charges against the company, including five felonies; and

The State Fire Marshal sent Sable a notice regarding noncompliance with the State Waiver requirements for the pipelines.

- Sable has not shown that it has the financial capacity to cleanup an oil spill or abandon the facilities.

Keep your hearts strong and true. It's time to be humanitarian in behalf of all beings, ocean beings.

Wishing you all Happy Holidays ~ Let's make 2026 and the years to come Safe and Clean!

Mrs. Cerena Childress  
607 Kentia Av #1  
Santa Barbara CA 93101



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**From:** Seth Steiner <wsasteiner@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 14, 2025 6:11 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** FINAL DENIAL OF SABLE OIL PERMITS, item #6, Dec 16, 2025

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Chairman and Supervisors,

Last month four Supervisors made a wise and courageous decision to protect our economy, our environment and our health. Sable Oil has proven time and again that it cannot be trusted to operate responsibly. There is substantial community support to deny Sable Offshore Corp. permits for oil and gas facilities here. And now we have a super-majority of Supervisors who agree.

Sable's response has been toothless threats and pressure. This only makes more clear that they are unwelcome... and unfit to operate these facilities and be responsible neighbors. I ask our Supervisors today to again defend our interests and to formally and finally deny Sable's permit transfer requests.

Thank you.

Seth Steiner

750 Shaw Street

Los Alamos

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**From:** Kelsey Maloney <kelsey@thewriteteam.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 15, 2025 8:32 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Please Deny Permits for Sable

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Good morning,

I am writing as a resident of Santa Barbara County of about 20 years. I am encouraged that the County Board of Supervisors is clear-eyed about the reckless and lawless actions that Sable has demonstrated is their way of getting things done. As you know, this company does not have the experience or track record or financial resources to operate oil facilities. We should not have confidence in their ability to operate any facilities responsibly, as they have already disregarded laws and direct orders from various authorities. This will inevitably result in damage to our coast, injury, and future oil spills.

Please protect our community from this company by denying Sable's application to transfer permits for the Santa Ynez Unit, Las Flores Pipelines, and onshore processing facilities.

Thank you,

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Kelsey Maloney (she/her)  
Grant Writer  
805-946-0504

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**From:** Susan Shields <shields3033@netscape.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 15, 2025 8:34 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Items D3 and D6 on agenda 12.16. meeting

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Attention Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors

D3: The county cannot afford to expand the Santa Maria jail. CCP analysis has demonstrated 7 strategies to reduce the jail population and improve outcomes for mentally ill and addicted people. Please consider these alternatives.

D6: I urge you to deny Sable Oil permits for their transfer request for continuing oil and gas facilities. You must protect the environment of the county.

Susan Shields  
3033 Calle Rosales, SB 93105

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**From:** T. Hartwell <countessca@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 15, 2025 8:41 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Departmental Agenda item #6 Sable offshore

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Hello,

I'm writing to request that you vote "NO" to deny these transfers once and for all! As someone who has longtime personal and familial roots in Santa Barbara, I know the importance of this coastline. We cannot have another Gaviota spill.

Thank you sincerely,

Tess Hartwell

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**From:** Donnalee Dorman <donnalee3015@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 15, 2025 8:43 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Permits for oil/gas

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to ask you to deny the transfer of permits to Sable for oil and gas facilities off our coast. We have had horrific oil spills off our coast and need to limit the oil and gas leasing/drilling and monitor closely the existing facilities. The impact these lease sales can have on our Channel Islands and sensitive ecosystem could be catastrophic. Please protect our beautiful coast!

Thank you,  
Donnalee Herman  
Ventura, CA  
Sent from my iPad

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**From:** Tracey Willfong-Singh <traceysingh50@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 15, 2025 9:08 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Comment item agenda D6 /Sable

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Dear Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors,

Do NOT approve any transfers of ExxonMobil permits to Sable Offshore.  
Sable has already shown they do not follow rules & laws. Their actions are already in terrible violation.  
The pipeline that caused the oil spill ten years ago has not been replaced nor repaired.  
Santa Barbara cannot afford another oil spill.  
We have voted to phase out oil.  
Beautiful Santa Barbara MUST continue to be a leader in protecting the environment.  
Keep Oil Out of our waters & lands.  
No More Oil Spills  
No More Oil Pollution  
Let's Move into a Cleaner , Carbon free Future.

Thank you for your work to Save Santa Barbara!  
Tracey Willfong  
Santa Barbara



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**From:** Cody Westheimer <codymusic@me.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 15, 2025 9:21 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Subject: Deny Sable Offshore permits

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Dear Supervisors,

I wanted to thank you in advance for protecting our community from the bad actor that is Sable. They have proven they are careless, lawless and solely profit driven. This is in exchange for the safety of our residents and health of our marine ecosystem.

Thank you again for looking out for your residents and nature!

Kindly,

Cody Westheimer

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**From:** Tim Coonan <timcoonan81@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 15, 2025 9:46 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Oil leases

**Caution:** This email originated from a source outside of the County of Santa Barbara. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify the sender and know the content is safe.

I am thoroughly opposed to the Trump administration plans to open up six leases off the California coast for oil drilling. Such drilling would do lasting and irreparable harm to the marine and coastal resources of California, including those in Channel Islands National Park. It would be a massive environmental step backward. And we don't need the oil.

Thank you,

Tim Coonan  
Wildlife Biologist  
National Park Service (ret.)

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**From:** Greg Frank <gjfrank2021@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 15, 2025 9:52 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Permits Approval for Gold Coast

Caution: This email originated from a source outside of the County of Santa Barbara. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify the sender and know the content is safe.

Please do not approve the Sable Permits for drilling on our Beautiful Coast Line. We cannot afford another spill disaster that occurred 10 years ago.

Thank you!

Greg Frank

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**From:** Brooke <brookegant@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 15, 2025 10:02 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Transfer of permits to Sable

**Caution:** This email originated from a source outside of the County of Santa Barbara. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify the sender and know the content is safe.

I urge the Board to make the final vote to deny the transfer of permits to Sable for oil and gas facilities.

I have had the privilege of living in California my entire 77 years and have seen the growth of the oil industry, the damage it has done to my health and to our environment including the catastrophic oil spill on the Gaviota Coast.

I have also been fortunate to see the amazing advancements we have made to create better energy alternatives. Why in the world would we continue to threaten our precious coastal environment when it is NOT NECESSARY??? Surely the nearsighted thinking of immediate financial profit cannot be more important than our grandchildren's future!

We must stop supporting  
an outdated industry that is destroying our planet and ALL of the living creatures on it!

I respectfully thank you for your vote of denial,

Brooke Gant  
Proud California native

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**From:** Pamela Wilkinson <ppwilkinson@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 15, 2025 10:58 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Deny Sable's application to transfer permits - Agenda item Dec 16

**Caution: This email originated from a source outside of the County of Santa Barbara. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify the sender and know the content is safe.**

Please complete what was started at last month's Board of Supervisors' meeting, and DENY Sable's application to transfer permits for the Santa Ynez Unit, Las Flores Pipelines, and onshore processing facilities.

Sable's record makes clear the company does not have the skills, training, or financial resources to operate these dangerous oil facilities. They have continually showed they are bad players, by ignoring the CA Coastal Commission repeatedly, resulting in an \$18 million penalty; by illegally discharging waste into streams and habitats resulting in a lawsuit by the CA Attorney General; with their noncompliance with the State Waiver requirements for the pipelines, resulting in the State Fire Marshal sending Sable a notice; and by accumulating 21 criminal charges against them, including five felonies, filed by the District Attorney.

In addition, Sable has not shown that it has the financial capacity to cleanup an oil spill or abandon the facilities, and has refused to show its insurance coverage.

Thank you for taking a stand against this bad player.  
Pamela Wilkinson

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**From:** David Luff <david.luff@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 15, 2025 11:07 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Save Our Santa Barbara Channel From Sable Oil

**Caution:** This email originated from a source outside of the County of Santa Barbara. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify the sender and know the content is safe.

Please protect and save our California Coastal Ecosystem, Marine Mammals, Channel Islands National Park, Chumash Heritage National Marine Sanctuary and Coastal Communities by denying the transfer of the permits to Sable for oil and gas facilities, including the very pipeline that caused the catastrophic oil spill ten years ago on the Gaviota Coast.

Sincerely,

David Luff  
390 Frances St.  
Ventura, CA 93003



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**From:** Ellen harvey <fishfood2@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 15, 2025 12:35 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Sable's application

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Please deny sable's application to transfer permits of the Santa Ynez Unit ,Las Flores pipeline, and onshore facilities. Sable has demonstrated over and over a disregard for following the rules or laws! They have demonstrated that they do not care about the environment or following the proper procedures ! Sable was fined an 18 million dollar penalty from the coastal commission.The state attorney general filed a lawsuit because Sable was discharging waste into streams and habitats ! The district attorney led 21 criminal charges against the company,including 5 felonies ! Next the state fire marshal sent Sable a notice of non compliance with state water waiver requirements for pipelines! Also Sable has not shown it has the financial capacity to clean up an oil spill or abandoned facilities! Sables disregard for the environment and ignoring codes and rules is very disturbing and disgusting! Sable should easily be denied the permit ! It is very important to protect the land and sea in this pristine area now and for future generations! It's important to say no to protect all the wildlife,plants and sea life that can't speak for themselves but depend on humans to do the right thing ! We are counting on you to respect and protect our environment over oil profits ! Please vote no to Sable's application to transfer the permits ! Thank you !

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**From:** Natalie Johnston <nrosejohnston@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 15, 2025 1:11 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** STOP the Sable Pipeline

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To the Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors,

We must have dangerously short memories in order to consider reopening the same Sable Offshore pipeline that gushed 450,000 gallons of crude oil into California's coast only 10 years ago, costing \$750,000,000 in damage. Even more negligent is the concept of allowing that pipeline to resume extraction without environmental review. Due to its proximity to the Santa Ynez, Sisquoc, and Cuyama Rivers, even minor leaks can severely contaminate drinking and agricultural water in Lompoc and Santa Maria.

It's telling that Sable is actively seeking every route around Fire Marshal safety compliance. If they felt that their pipelines were well-constructed and properly maintained, their company would have no problem meeting state regulations. They're aware of just how dangerous the Santa Ynez Unit and the Las Flores Pipelines are, and their defiance of the Coastal Commission's cease-and-desist notices shows their blatant disregard for the law. Should they continue to operate, communities will be forced to continue paying the price for their destruction, both in terms of their health and their taxpayer dollars.

We cannot crumble to the power of wealthy, out-of-state corporations. You represent Santa Barbara County residents, not Texas-based oil companies. I ask you to please establish yourselves as protectors of the people and stop Sable Offshore before the next climate disaster strikes.

--Natalie Johnston, resident of neighboring Ventura County

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**From:** Holly Sherwin <hollysherwin8@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 15, 2025 2:03 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Sable Permits

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Dear County Board of Supervisors

I am writing to request that you formally deny Sable's permit transfer requests. Thank you so much for your stance to date and your commitment to protecting our coastline and communities from a company that seems to have no desire to meet our standards for pipeline operation or the rule of law.

Now it is time to finish the decision and deny Sable's application to transfer permits for the Santa Ynez Unit, Las Flores Pipelines, and onshore processing facilities. Sable's record makes clear the company does not have the skills, training, or financial resources to operate these dangerous oil facilities.

Thanks again for your time and service.

Best,  
Holly Sherwin  
Santa Barbara, CA

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**From:** Paasha Mahdavi <paasha.mahdavi@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 15, 2025 4:13 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Public Comment for Item 6 (25-01067) for Dec 16 2025 BOS Hearing

**Caution: This email originated from a source outside of the County of Santa Barbara. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify the sender and know the content is safe.**

Dear Supervisors,

I am writing today to once again urge the Board of Supervisors to deny the transfer of permits to Sable Offshore. I have been researching Sable since it first proposed to acquire permits for the Santa Ynez Unit (SYU). In this time, I have discovered a company that consistently misrepresents itself and its impacts on California's oil markets.

Initially, Sable claimed that restarting production from the Santa Ynez Unit (SYU) would displace foreign imports and provide "cleaner" oil than from abroad. In February 2025, I presented an in-depth statistical analysis to the Board of Supervisors based on data from state agencies showing that these claims are false. Restarting SYU production will not displace foreign oil imports on a cost basis, as SYU's barrels are not more cost competitive than existing foreign suppliers to California. And the SYU's carbon intensity is higher than imports, such that production from the SYU would increase greenhouse gas emissions above and beyond what would be emitted if the unit remains inactive.

Now, Sable is claiming it has the financial capacity to safely operate the SYU, the POPCO facilities, and the Las Flores Pipeline system, positioning itself as a financially capable operator in the event of a spill or accident. Yet its financial record is abysmal. Based on its latest securities filings, Sable owes existing liabilities of \$1 billion, coupled with accumulating debts of roughly \$36 million in cash per month in servicing and repairing the SYU. In its latest 10-Q, it reported only \$41 million in cash on hand, which even added to the \$250 million raised in November, means that the company is teetering on the edge of a perilous fiscal cliff. Even if production commences, this is not a company that is financially stable to cover the costs of any disaster, let alone cover the costs of routine operations and repairs.

If the County does not grant its permit transfer, the company is effectively threatening to forego the pipelines and sell its crude via an Offshore Storage and Treatment Facility (OSTF). Yet here again there are misrepresentations. Not only does the company lack the financing to acquire an OSTF or to convert an existing vessel to an OSTF—which would cost roughly \$600 million to \$1.2 billion—there are no available OSTFs on the market nor will there be for upwards of 3 years.

Enough is enough. This company has misinformed, misrepresented, and mischaracterized itself since Day 1. I strongly urge the Board to stick to its November 2025 vote and deny the permit transfer once and for all.

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Santa Barbara, CA