Katherine Douglas Public Comment - Grap 3 #2



From:

Carol

brunellica@gmail.com>

Sent:

Thursday, August 22, 2024 6:40 PM

To:

sbcob

Subject:

Climate Action Plan 2030

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

As a climate activist and and Santa Barbara resident, I urge you to include emissions from the fossil fuel industry (gas and oil) in the 2030 Climate Action Plan.

Sincerely, Áine Brunelli Sent from my iPhone

From:

Marcy Winograd <winogradteach@gmail.com>

Sent:

Thursday, August 22, 2024 8:19 PM

To:

sbcob

Cc:

Das Williams; Joan Hartmann; Laura Capps; Bob Nelson; Steve Lavagnino

Subject:

My feedback on the SB County Climate Action Plan

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Dear County Staff:

Thank you for preparing the <u>Climate Action Plan</u> and for offering strategies for achieving a 50% reduction from 2018 GHG's by 2030.

My Recommendations (copying the county supervisors)

Santa Barbara County should not partner with <u>REACH</u>-Regional Economic Action Coalition-a SLO-based lobby group pushing for climate-damaging policies that will only redistribute wealth upwards to skilled professionals and an ownership class, while leading to inflationary housing costs as billionaires buy up county property.

I recommend county staff <u>oppose this partnership</u> that calls for expansion of aerospace–billionaire space travel, private jet service and more military contractors, as well as <u>Al-driven high tech</u> <u>agriculture</u> that consumes a tremendous amount of energy.

Broaden the Climate Action Plan to include protection of our ozone layer–which is under threat from VSFB's increased rocket and satellite launches– and protection of our land, air and water at Vandenberg. which has a history of PFA contamination and to my knowledge has not tested the surrounding water supply for perchlorate. **Call for independent water testing around the base.**

Oppose expansion at VSFB because with expansion comes increased greenhouse gas emissions, ozone depletion and water contamination.

Impose a limit on private jet flights at our airports.

A 2021 report from the European Federation for Transport and Environment determined that private jets are five to 14 times more polluting per passenger than commercial flights--50 times more polluting than trains. You can read more in this article,

"How bad are private jet emissions for the environment?"

Include **more recommendations for climate resiliency.** Here's a <u>report</u> on what cities in Europe are doing, including green bus stops, climate resilient schools and neighborhoods, and flood protection with advanced pumping solutions.

Require passive solar and cool roofs in all new construction.

Prioritize the planting of trees near schools, parks and playgrounds, seek alternatives to blacktops and install sails or plant trees to keep playgrounds cooler.

More tree canopies, like the one on Chapala and Valerio in Santa Barbara.

Commit to working with the <u>Fish Reef Project</u> to replenish ocean kelp forests, which can sequester 20 times more carbon than land forests.

There's a lot of emphasis in the plan on electric vehicles and charging stations. What more could we do to encourage public transportation? How about a focus group of bus riders to learn about their experiences and what they would suggest for improvements? What if the county initiated a bus system tour: Ride the bus with us from here to there to there—Santa Barbara County Bus Basics 101. What could we do to promote greater use of the train system?

Promote a buy-local campaign.

If there isn't already a ban, then ban construction in fire prone areas.

Format-wise, I recommend the <u>Climate Action Plan</u> post its overarching goal on the first page in large letters and include, soon thereafter, a time-line for meeting benchmarks.

Thank you for your time, consideration and commitment to our county.

Sincerely,

Marcy Winograd 2633 State Street, S-1 Santa Barbara, CA 93105 424-443-9338

From:

Emily Sommermann <emily.sommermann@gmail.com>

Sent:

Thursday, August 22, 2024 8:32 PM

To:

sbcob

Subject:

Asphalt Companies

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 would like the board of supervisors to discuss ways they can hold asphalt companies liable for the cleanup after they do a project. Specifically, trucks should NOT leak asphalt as they travel to and from the work site. So many of our newly paved roads (think 192, 154) end up with plops of asphalt from some random trucks going to another job. Asphalt trucks in general are messy, spitting vehicles that deliver messy asphalt. I would like to see cleaner trucks with measures in place to hold the companies liable for the mess their trucks leave behind.

Santa Barbara County is a lovely place to live and visit. Our roads should reflect our care for the natural beauty of our land.

Thank you,

Emily Sommermann

From:

Rachel Altman <raltmansb@gmail.com>

Sent:

Thursday, August 22, 2024 8:53 PM

To:

sbcob

Subject:

August 27 Agenda Item #2: 2030 Climate Action Plan

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 Santa Barbara County Supervisors, Please pass the oil and gas resolution recommended by staff. Direct staff to amend the Climate Action Plan to include pollution from the oil and gas industry in the GHG inventory and develop pollution reduction measures.

As a member of our community and a grandmother who is concerned for the future for ALL of our children, I am deeply concerned about the increase in pollution as a result of the fossil fuel industry's negative effect on our health and our lives.

Pollution from the oil and gas industry should be included in the GHG inventory in the Climate Action Plan. Ventura and Los Angeles Counties both include oil industry pollution. Santa Barbara County should as well. One single oil operation could erase the work all of us have done to reduce our individual carbon pollution.

If Exxon's facilities, shut down since the 2015 oil spill, but once one of our largest polluters, were turned back on, pollution would soar, even as the county could claim to meet climate goals.

To comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the county must tally all pollution from all activities — not pick and choose and pretend that pollution is less than it really is.

According to scientists, the next few years are critical for climate action. Local Climate Action Plans should meaningfully contribute to California's goals and not give the most polluting industries a free pass. Climate action is urgent. <u>July was California's hottest month ever.</u> Our county is vulnerable to extreme heat, wildfires, drought, sea level rise, and other impacts.

Reducing pollution from burning fossil fuels will also save lives lost to air pollution that contributes to asthma, respiratory illness, heart disease, and cancer.

Thank you for your attention to this crucial matter, and for passing the oil and gas resolution recommended by staff.

Mrs. Rochelle (Rachel) Altman 1383 Sycamore Canyon Rd. Santa Barbara, CA 93108

From: BILL WOODBRIDGE < bill.woodbridge@verizon.net>

Sent: Thursday, August 22, 2024 9:01 PM

To: sbcob
Cc: Katie Davis

Subject: August 27 BOS meeting, Agenda #2: CAP

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-

This is blatant "greenwashing" at its worst. The County is DECEIVING its residents by issuing reports of emission measurements that DO NOT INCLUDE the biggest contributor of CO2 and methane emissions in our county = the fossil fuel industry. So the results issued by the county lull us into thinking that we are making huge progress, when in fact, our "progress" is substantially less than the County would have us believe. It is imperative, to restore the county's credibility, to commence including, in your measurements, any and all CO2 and methane emissions from fossil fuel activities in the County.

It is unfair to ask all residents to reduce their sources of emission while the biggest polluters get off with a free pass!!!! This kind of disinformation is what happens in China and Russia. Is that what we have become??

The County's excuse is that it only reports emissions from sources it has control over. No, no, you don't have "control" over any of the other sources either, so that is more intentional disinformation....

With disgust,

Bill Woodbridge 56 S. Patterson Ave. #207 S.B. CA 903111

From:

Tom Biesanz <thomasbiesanz@aol.com>

Sent:

Thursday, August 22, 2024 10:52 PM

To:

sbcob

Subject:

August 27 BOS meeting on the 2030 Climate Action Plan

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Dear Santa Barbara County Supervisors,

Our environment affects us daily. Please amend the Climate Action Plan to include emissions from the fossil-fuel industry in the GHG inventory and reduction measures to help meet our climate goals.

Tom Biesanz

I co-create communities of Aliveness and Vision, by Experiencing a friendly world! Savoring Gratitudes! and being curious how things are turning out even better than I can possibly imagines

From: John Cunningham <drjohn@marinbenefits.com>

Sent: Friday, August 23, 2024 7:37 AM

To: sbcob

Subject: August 27 BOS meeting on the 2030 Climate Action Plan

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Dear Santa Barbara County Supervisors,

Please amend the Climate Action Plan to include emissions from the fossil-fuel industry in the GHG inventory and reduction measures to help meet our climate goals. Leaving this polluting industry outside of the plan is short-sighted and irresponsible to our future selves.

Thank you for caring about the quality of life we share here.

John Cunningham

Santa Barbara Resident and voter

Sent from Mail for Windows

From:

Alan Kuhn <alankuhn@msn.com>

Sent:

Friday, August 23, 2024 8:56 AM

To:

sbcob

Subject:

please amend the 2030 Climate Action Plan

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Dear Santa Barbara County Supervisors,

The oil industry is clearly a major source of greenhouse gas (GHG) pollution. It doesn't make sense to pretend otherwise and exclude that industry from the 2030 Climate Action Plan. Please amend the Climate Action Plan to include emissions from the fossil-fuel industry in the GHG inventory and reduction measures to help meet our climate goals.

Thank you, Alan Kuhn Santa Barbara, CA

From:

sdmdsb <sdmdsb@cox.net>

Sent:

Friday, August 23, 2024 9:05 AM

To:

sbcob

Subject:

August 27 BOS meeting on the 2030 Climate Action Plan

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Santa Barbara County Supervisors,

<u>Please amend the Climate Action Plan</u> to include emissions from the fossil-fuel industry in the GHG inventory and reduction measures to help meet our climate goals.

Steve Daniels Santa Barbara

From:

Irene Cooke <irene.cooke@gmail.com>

Sent:

Friday, August 23, 2024 11:05 AM

To:

sbcob

Subject:

August 27 Agenda Item #2: 2030 Climate Action Plan

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Dear Santa Barbara County Supervisors,

I am writing on behalf of my grandson, a Santa Barbara native, because I am desperately concerned about the impacts of climate change on his future. Scientists tell us that the next few years are critical for climate action.

In drafting our County's climate action plan, a critical component was omitted. Ventura and Los Angeles count oil industry pollution. Santa Barbara does not, thereby giving the most polluting industries a free pass. To comply with the California Environmental Quality Act, the county must tally ALL pollution from ALL activities — not pick and choose and pretend that pollution is less than it really is

Please pass the oil and gas resolution recommended by staff. Direct staff to amend the Climate Action Plan to include pollution from the oil and gas industry in the GHG inventory and develop pollution reduction measures.

<u>July was California's hottest month ever.</u> Our County is vulnerable to extreme heat, wildfires, drought, sea level rise, and other impacts.

We must do everything possible to be good ancestors to future generations and take swift and meaningful action NOW!

Respectfully submitted, Irene Cooke Goleta

Irene C. Cooke 970-531-0831

From: Becca Tucker <becca@californiamsf.org>

Sent: Friday, August 23, 2024 12:47 PM

To: sbcob

Subject: August 27 BOS meeting on the 2030 Climate Action Plan.

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First, thank you for developing a Climate Action Plan and working towards meaningful climate progress for our community. Climate and environmental sustainability, including an inclusive economy, and *infill housing to avoid shipping our problems elsewhere and traffic*, are critical. I am a mother of two and a community member who lives in Santa Barbara CA.

Santa Barbara County Supervisors, please:

- Include emissions from fossil fuel facilities in the Climate Action Plan's greenhouse gas (GHG) inventory and emissions reduction measures. An amendment on this is necessary to meet our climate goals.
- To comply with the CEQA, the County must tally all pollution from all activities not pick and choose.
- Ventura and Los Angeles Counties count oil and gas industry emissions in their GHG inventory. Santa Barbara County does not.
- A single oil operation could erase all of the County residents' hard work to reduce carbon emissions and pollution. The progress we've made by switching to electric cars and solar would be undone by leaving out this one industry's pollution from the Climate Action Plan.
- Through its permitting authority, the County has more control over oil and gas industry
 pollution and emissions than other emissions sources. We need to take every
 opportunity we have to reduce GHG emissions by 50 percent by 2030.
- Air pollution from oil and gas facilities causes asthma, respiratory illness, heart disease, and cancer. Drawing down this pollution will save lives.

Thank you!!

From: Jessica Lohr <jmlohr@gmail.com>

Sent: Friday, August 23, 2024 12:54 PM

To: sbcob

Subject: August 27 Agenda Item #2: 2030 Climate Action Plan

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Dear Santa Barbara County Supervisors,

My name is Jessica Lohr and I care deeply about the area I've grown up and lived in: Please pass the oil and gas resolution recommended by staff. Direct staff to amend the Climate Action Plan to include pollution from the oil and gas industry in the GHG inventory and develop pollution reduction measures.

Santa Barbara County is usually one of action - not empty performative reactions. To leave out the most important data in our fight against a boiling, burning planet is a waste of an otherwise beautiful and well-intended effort. The only way to find real solutions is to know the real depth and breadth of a problem, which is impossible to do while hiding vital information. Please make the right choice for us and the entire planet so we can move forward!

Thank you, Jessica

From:

John Brooks <johnbrooks69@gmail.com>

Sent:

Friday, August 23, 2024 12:57 PM

To:

sbcob

Subject:

August 27 Agenda Item #2: 2030 Climate Action Plan

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Dear Santa Barbara County Supervisors,

It just doesn't make sense to have a climate action plan without addressing the biggest contributors to the crisis.

Please pass the oil and gas resolution recommended by staff. Tell your staff to amend the Climate Action Plan to include pollution from the oil and gas industry in the GHG inventory and develop pollution reduction measures.

Thank you from my grandchildren and me.

John Brooks

Vice President of the First Amendment Foundation of Ventura County.

From: Jeff Phillips <jphillips8@antioch.edu>
Sent: Friday, August 23, 2024 1:07 PM

To: sbcob

Subject: Climate Action Plan

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Dear SB County,

Share your appreciation and why this matters to you:

I appreciate the County developing a climate action plan that can start to address our contributions to human-caused climate change. I believe we will experience many benefits to our community by taking aggressive action: cleaner air, more and better jobs, healthier ecosystems and human communities.

But to be honest, we must

- include emissions from fossil fuel facilities in the Climate Action Plan's greenhouse gas (GHG) inventory and emissions reduction measures. This amendment is necessary to meet our climate goals.
 - To comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the County must tally all pollution from all activities not pick and choose and exclude oil and gas emissions.
 - Ventura and Los Angeles Counties count oil and gas industry emissions in their GHG inventory. Santa Barbara County does not.
 - A single oil operation could erase all of the County residents' hard work to reduce carbon emissions and pollution. The progress we've made by switching to electric cars and solar would be undone by leaving out this one industry's pollution from the Climate Action Plan.
 - Through its permitting authority, the County has more control over oil and gas industry pollution and emissions than other emissions sources. We need to take every opportunity we have to reduce GHG emissions by 50 percent by 2030.
 - July was California's hottest month ever. Our county is vulnerable to extreme heat, wildfires, drought, and other climate impacts. We must do our part to reverse climate change.
 - Air pollution from oil and gas facilities causes asthma, respiratory illness, heart disease, and cancer. Drawing down this pollution will save lives.

According to the UN International Panel on Climate Change, we must take bold climate action in the next few years to avoid the worst effects of climate change. Local Climate Action Plans – like ours – should meaningfully draw down carbon emissions and pollution, but that only works if we are transparent in tallying emissions and require the most polluting industries to do their fair share.

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From: Maureen Russell < mkr@maureenrussell.com>

Sent: Friday, August 23, 2024 1:44 PM

To: sbcob

Subject: August 27 BOS meeting on the 2030 Climate Action Plan.

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.

Thank you for developing a Climate Action Plan that makes meaningful climate progress for our community. As a Climate Steward, a nature lover, and environmental advocate taking deep action against the dangers of climate change are extremely important to me and my family.

I need you to do one more EXTREMELY important thing with this CAP.

PLEASE Include emissions from fossil fuel facilities in the Climate Action Plan's greenhouse gas (GHG) inventory and emissions reduction measures. This amendment is necessary to meet the climate goals. PLEASE consider the following:

- To comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the County must tally all pollution from all activities not pick and choose and exclude oil and gas emissions.
- Ventura and Los Angeles Counties count oil and gas industry emissions in their GHG inventory. Santa Barbara County does not.
- A single oil operation could erase all of the County residents' hard work to reduce carbon emissions and pollution. The progress we've made by switching to electric cars and solar would be undone by leaving out this one industry's pollution from the Climate Action Plan.
- Through its permitting authority, the County has more control over oil and gas industry
 pollution and emissions than other emissions sources. We need to take every opportunity we
 have to reduce GHG emissions by 50 percent by 2030.
- July was California's hottest month ever. Our county is vulnerable to extreme heat, wildfires, drought, and other climate impacts. We must do our part to reverse climate change.
- Air pollution from oil and gas facilities causes asthma, respiratory illness, heart disease, and cancer. Drawing down this pollution will save lives.
- According to the UN International Panel on Climate Change, we must take bold climate action
 in the next few years to avoid the worst effects of climate change. Local Climate Action
 Plans like ours should meaningfully draw down carbon emissions and pollution, but that
 only works if we are transparent in tallying emissions and require the most polluting
 industries to do their fair share.

Thank you!

Maureen Russell
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Schedule A Meeting With Maureen

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From: Andra Dillard <andradillard@hotmail.com>

Sent: Friday, August 23, 2024 2:49 PM

To: sbcob

Subject: Climate Action Plan

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.

We are seeing global weather change an temperature rises growing at exponential rates. It is already predicted that some of our US cities will not be habitable by humans. Clearly, having an environment that can sustain the human race into the future should be the greatest priority for all of us.

I appreciate very much your development of the SB County Climate Action Plan, which addresses this issue. However, emissions from fossil fuel facilities in the Climate Action Plan's greenhouse gas (GHG) inventory and emissions reduction measures need to be included to meet our climate goals. It says a double standard to say that residents are required but these industries are not.

Additionally:

- To comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the County must tally all pollution from all activities not pick and choose and exclude oil and gas emissions.
- Ventura and Los Angeles Counties count oil and gas industry emissions in their GHG inventory. Why would our County exclude them when they are generators?
- A single oil operation could erase all of the County residents' hard work to reduce carbon emissions and pollution. The progress we've made by switching to electric cars and solar would be undone by leaving out this one industry's pollution from the Climate Action Plan.
- Through its permitting authority, the County has more control over oil and gas industry
 pollution and emissions than other emissions sources. We need to take every
 opportunity we have to reduce GHG emissions by 50 percent by 2030.
- July was California's hottest month ever. Our county is vulnerable to extreme heat, wildfires, drought, and other climate impacts. We must do our part to reverse climate change.
- Air pollution from oil and gas facilities causes asthma, respiratory illness, heart disease, and cancer. Drawing down this pollution will save lives.
- According to the UN International Panel on Climate Change, we must take bold climate action in the next few years to avoid the worst effects of climate change. Local Climate

Action Plans – like ours – should meaningfully draw down carbon emissions and pollution, but that only works if we are transparent in tallying emissions and require the most polluting industries to do their fair share.

The changes in the Climate Plan, ethically speaking, should apply to all, and MUST be applied to all to meet our goal's and to help sustain human life on this planet.

Thank you! Andra Dillard 932 N Patterson Ave. Santa Barbara

From:

Susan Shields <shields3033@netscape.net>

Sent:

Friday, August 23, 2024 3:41 PM

To:

sbcob

Subject:

August 27 BOS meeting on the 2030 Climate Action Plan.

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Attention Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors

Regarding the Climate Action Plan, I reside in the county and I believe your plan does not go far enough and should be strengthened. I am surprised you have not included oil and gas emissions, which are potentially a considerable percentage of undesirable emissions in our county. CEQA requires that emissions from all sources be included in the climate plans of California counties. Ventura and Los Angeles Counties include all these in their plans. Fossil fuel processing plants generate emissions that can affect both human and animal health. The county should take this into account in the scope of your action plan. The effects of the climate crisis are very evident in this part of the world, particularly in the form of lethal wildfires. I would like Santa Barbara County to take every possible step to keep our residents and the environment safe.

Susan Shields

3033 Calle Rosales, SB 93105

From:

Kevin McClintock < mcclintockkevin@gmail.com>

Sent:

Friday, August 23, 2024 4:01 PM

To:

sbcob

Subject:

August 27 BOS meeting on the 2030 Climate Action Plan

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Dear Santa Barbara County Supervisors, Please amend the Climate Action Plan to include emissions from the fossil-fuel industry in the GHG inventory and reduction measures to help meet our climate goals.

Additional Talking Points:

- Ventura and Los Angeles count oil industry pollution. Santa Barbara does not.
- A single oil operation could erase the work done to reduce carbon pollution by every other person. Even as we switch to electric and solar, this one industry would be getting a free pass — their pollution not even counted.
- To comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the county must tally all
 pollution from all activities not pick and choose and pretend that pollution is less than it
 really is.
- The county has more control over the oil industry through its permitting authority than over other sources of pollution, such as our cars' tailpipes. We need to maximize our efforts to reduce GHG pollution by 50%
- July was California's hottest month ever. Our county is vulnerable to extreme heat, wildfires, drought, sea level rise, and other impacts. We need to do our part to contribute to California's goals to address climate change.
- Reducing pollution from burning fossil fuels will also save lives lost to air pollution that contributes to asthma, respiratory illness, heart disease, and cancer.

Kevin McClintock mcclintockkevin@gmail.com 805 698 4672

From:

Hod <hgray@specialneedsproject.com>

Sent:

Friday, August 23, 2024 4:15 PM

To:

sbcob

Subject:

August 27 BOS meeting on the 2030 Climate Action Plan

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Dear Supervisors,

The SB County Climate Action Plan is deficient in that oil industry pollution is neglected. Emissions from the fossil-fuel industry should be counted in the GHG inventory and reduction measures in order to meet climate goals.

To comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the county must tally all pollution from all activities — not pick and choose and pretend that pollution is less than it really is.

Hod Gray 1000 E. Maple Avenue Lompoc, CA 93436 805.962.8087 805.698.4143 (cell) bosshod@mac.com

From: mripstep@gmail.com

Sent: Friday, August 23, 2024 4:23 PM

To: sbcob

Subject: August 27 Agenda Item #2: 2030 Climate Action Plan

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Dear County Staff and Elected Officials,

Thank you for developing a Climate Action Plan that makes for meaningful climate progress for our community. We want our community to be healthy and safe for all humans and wildlife.

Especially the future generations of children in our county.

Please include emissions from fossil fuel facilities in the Climate Action Pan's greenhouse gas (GHG) inventory and emissions reduction measures. This amendment is necessary to meet our climate goals for sure!

You must record all pollution from all activities and not just pick and choose and exclude oil and gas emissions.

Ventura and LA counties count oil and gas industry emissions in their GHG inventory. Santa Barbara County does not. A single oil operation could erase all of the County residents' hard work to reduce carbon emissions and pollution. Leaving out gas and oil industry's pollution is terrible since these industries cause so much pollution. Air pollution from oil and gas facilities causes asathma, respiratory illness, heart disease and cancer.

Drawing down this oil and gas pollution will save lives. Please realize what this community is facing with Climate change we are now more vulnerable to wildfires, drought, debris flows and other climate impacts.

Please we are at the last hour of turning point to save the health of our communities. WE must do our part to reverse climate change.

Sincerely, Melissa Riparetti-Stepien Santa Barbara resident since birth.

Please note my new email adresss! mripstep@gmail.com

Thanks, Melissa