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We are writing in opposition to the approval of the Strauss Wind Energy Project. We are well aware that the Santa Barbara elite consider Lompoc The "armpit of the county", as was famously proclaimed by former county supervisor, Salud Carbajal. Nevertheless, we moved here in 1963 and have never regretted moving to Lompoc. We enjoy the relative peace and quiet and scenic valleys and canyons. We are quite certain that this project, consisting of 29 wind generators up to 490 feet tall would create intolerable noise pollution and would be a scenic eyesore in the relatively pristine location of the proposed project.

We suspect the county supervisors have never even visited the proposed location of this project. This is not a remote location, as would be the site of many similar projects. The proposed project is only a few miles outside of town, on a road that leads to several private residences and a peaceful county park.

The canyon is home to innumerable wildlife species, which would inevitably be adversely affected by this project. It is well known that wind turbines are lethal to birds and bats. The noise would scare away wildlife from the area. In a town who's beach is closed half the year to protect nesting sites of the snowy plover, it is inconceivable that such a project would even be considered in such an area!

It is well known that these wind generators create noise that can be heard for miles. We understand that technological improvements have mitigated somewhat the amount of noise generated but, nevertheless, other similar wind farms result in constant humming and thumping noise that can be heard for miles and is often compared to and airplane or helicopter that never leaves. Would you want that noise in your backyard? I don't think so!

We are tired of Santa Barbara directing every undesirable project away from their own precious space up to Lompoc. If Santa Barbara supervisors want this project so badly, let them build it in Santa Barbara.

Sincerely,

Dr. John and Lillian Sawyer

