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Dear Board Members;

As a long time citizen of Santa Barbara County I feel compelled to contact you regarding ICE operations in our county. I have always taken pride in the fact that our county has always been a welcoming community, blessed with natural wonders, which thrives on hard work and diversity. I would like to believe we still are. That very diversity is under attack by the current administration using ICE as their vehicle to promote terror and trauma on our citizens who do not pass a "color test".

As the events in Minnesota have amply demonstrated, they are not letting up. I have tried to contact ALL of the Board (especially my Member, Ms. L.Capps) via email to find out what their stance is. I have heard crickets. I was told this is frequently discussed at meetings. Calling various county offices I was referred to look at some meeting minutes. They LOOK like they should be searchable however clicking on the link informs you that the minutes are not finalized and are unavailable. This is true for ALL of the minutes that had a searchable link. Maybe you are unaware of this. This information is hard to come by using the tools we are provided.

My ask is this, as a citizen, voter and one concerned that all our population feel safe I would ask you to put out a public statement (to the public - there is this thing called news and social media which is great for that!) regarding this county's position on ICE. We are asked to demonstrate peacefully to make our views known. We have small voices, you have a larger megaphone. I am asking you to use that megaphone to help ALL of those you govern understand what this county will and will not do.

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From: [John Barron](#)
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Subject: Submission of letter opposing Sable Offshore's pipeline resumption
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Attachments: [Sable Offshore-Public Ltr..pdf](#)

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Hi Katherine,
Thank you for sending me this direct link so that my letter (PDF attached) can be submitted for public record to the Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors prior to this Friday's deadline.

Sincerely,
John

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SABLE OFFSHORE:

For inclusion in the Public Record/ Hearing to OPPOSE granting pipeline allowances

Dear Supervisor Hartmann,

I am a 76 year old Santa Barbara native and for past 22 years a Buellton homeowner. I was in college studying biology when the 1969 Platform Holly oil spill occurred and vividly remember seeing firsthand the fouling of our waterfront and the death of not only shore birds (some endangered) but the entire coastal ecosystem. The economy and destructive effects by irresponsible oil companies to our beloved shoreline was brought to national attention on the cover of TIME Magazine and news services across the country and the world. This attention grew into what became *International Earth Day*.

The 1969 Oil Spill atrocity became the most visible to date from decades of downplaying responsibility by oil companies who still have not cleaned up the decaying pipes and oil leakages locally in Summerland, as just one example.

Out-of-sight, out-of-mind. This is the same mindset of companies such as The Great American Pipeline and now **Sable Offshore** (onshore) weigh in from out-of-state to try to tell us how every safeguard is being made to protect our irreplaceable waterfront. This laughable mentality came to full evidence again in 2015 when The Refugio coastline and State Park was besmirched by over 120,000 gallons of thick crude oil. This false-promise neglect resulted from a severely decayed pipeline section corroded and breached by decades of water leakage and submersion and yet had just been 'inspected' just weeks before by a now defunct Texas company who declared it safe. This section is just part of 120 miles of buried pipeline, laid at the same time and running beneath 3 of the most important rivers in Santa Barbara County before returning to just yards from the Pacific Ocean in many places.

So, now here we go again. Following this disaster, Sable Offshore, another company located out-of-state, is presenting us with their assurances that they are aware, diligent and financially underwritten to recognize and preserve our most valuable resource. Previous companies who sought to make this a feasible endeavor were at least internationally recognized such as EXXON/Mobile and yet they acknowledged the unsurpassable challenges ahead...and sold their interests! To imagine a new upstart, ill-financed and insured, company such as Sable Offshore who blatantly ignores State agencies' safeguards and imposed fines only shows their disregard for our irreplaceable coastline. Are we really that obtuse and trusting?

The piping of Point Arguello grade crude is extremely thick. To move this along the 120 miles of pipeline requires extreme pressure and heat to move it over uneven terrain and keep it flowing. The very nature of this viscous material is to try to escape...into a most fragile and unforgiving environment. Our coastline cannot easily rejuvenate, if at all. An example of this is the Prince William Sound in Alaska when the Exxon Valdez went aground in 1989. Spillage from this disaster still impacts the eco-system and food chain. Are we waiting for this to happen again? How many of these can 'Earth Day' survive?

We may not get another chance to act locally. Please let's draw a line in the sand, and hope it doesn't fill up with oil.

Sincerely,

John Barron
Santa Ynez Valley
January 20, 2026