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For the public record concerning the proposed Sandoval County Oil and Gas Ordinance:

I am now a retired teacher and have lived in Placitas for over 50 years and have watched our community and the surrounding areas grow in leaps and bounds. **Sandoval County is now densely populated** in many areas. The proposed Stoddard ordinance has no basis in needed research and protections to insure that our water supplies will not be affected. Our aquifer connects to that of Albuquerque as well which compounds the seriousness of the situation. There is a **need for water monitoring** that is not included in this proposed ordinance or in the State and Federal regulations that the Commission has repeatedly alluded to as being sufficient. Why is the public concerned about water usage when our County Commissioners are willing to give astronomical amounts of water to the fracking industry on a daily basis and to put our water supply at risk? The transportation and disposal of toxic water from drilling operations has also not been addressed sufficiently.

A **geologic study by NM Tech** is due in May. We need to wait for that report to be published in order to have a more in-depth and comprehensive understanding of how our geology could make oil and gas drilling a dangerous/or not activity in this county. Why are we moving forward with this ordinance when the County itself has ordered this study? Permits can be approved right now, as they have been in the past. **Why is there a rush to approve an ordinance without sufficient background information?**

**We also need for the residents, county officials and representatives of the pueblos to be taken seriously** on this far-reaching and potentially devastating ordinance. Aside from water usage and potential contamination, **many other issues are unresolved**... the close proximity of new drilling operations to residences, schools, etc., noise levels, road degradation, etc. When they indicated the lack of protections in the Stoddard ordinance during the public meetings, the testimony of informed professionals, concerned citizens and officials were wholly ignored or received in a demeaning manner by the Chairman of the Commission. This indicated a **clear prejudice in favor of the oil and gas industry without proper regard for rational, educated and well thought out environmental concerns and quality of life issues**. This was an outrage and clearly demonstrated that **decisions had already been made by Commissioners to support the needs of the industry instead of providing protections for the citizenry**.

**This is a very serious situation that will have ramifications for our county for generations to come. There surely needs to be more oversight of industry practices and for approving permits than the Stoddard ordinance provides for.** It should **not** be in the hands of one county staff person to approve and move permits forward as they are submitted.

**Please, step back and insure that we provide an ordinance that is truly protective of our land, water and the property rights of our citizens.** Many other counties have provided ordinances that are much more stringent than the Stoddard ordinance or even the citizens's ordinance, and have been able to proceed with **responsible development**.

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