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Subject: Comments on the Proposed Sandoval County Oil and Gas Ordinance

TO: Sandoval County Commission

The following are our concerns regarding the proposed Sandoval County Oil and Gas Ordinance.

1. The O&G Ordinance should be Special Use NOT Permissive Use. The decision to approve drilling permits should not be delegated to one staffer and there needs to be public notification and an opportunity for public comment/input regarding oil and gas drilling permits.
2. The Albuquerque Aquifer is one of our most precious resources in this desert state. The O&G Ordinance needs to have strong regulations to protect the purity of our water. Oil and gas companies should be required to perform baseline groundwater testing and post-drilling monitoring.
3. We recommend waiting to approve the final O&G Ordinance until after the NM Bureau of Geology and Mineral Resources and the NM Institute of Mining and Technology complete their study regarding the impact of oil and gas production in Sandoval County and the impact it will have on our aquifer.
4. Please consider our concerns regarding the O& G Ordinance as you have an obligation to listen to and to ensure the public safety of Sandoval County residents.

Thank you,

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