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Sidney Hill

At the request of Mr. Alan Friedman I am adding my concerns to the current pending decision on Sandoval County Oil & Gas Ordinances. Mr. Friedman has made me aware of an ongoing geological evaluation by the NM Institute of Mining and Technology for the Sandoval County Planning & Zoning Division that is projected to be delivered on or about May 11, 2018. It would seem to me that it would be prudent to have the results of this evaluation prior to any final decision on the County's Ordinance(s).

As a retired Registered Professional Petroleum Engineer (with over 50 years industry experience) I am concerned that what I have been able to find from public sources and other publications does not allow me to document that there is factual support for commercial (potentially profitable) oil and/or gas reserves in other than the San Juan Basin of the County. While I am no longer a practicing Registered Professional Petroleum Engineer (and never was in NM) and certainly not a NM Certified Geologist I do have sufficient college level geological academic credits and practical experience to recognize that the Albuquerque Basin of Sandoval County appears to lack most (if not all) of the parameters I (my companies) demanded prior to dedicating required exploratory capital resources.

Further, to commit to the unavoidable disruptions to the community, the potential damage to the County infrastructure, potential damage to the local environment and the potential for legal actions that would eventually have to be addressed; any company I represented would have demanded a complete and comprehensive geological evaluation accompanied by defensible economics prior to making any commitment. I would hope that the County would do no less in this instance.

The final result will most probably be the same even after the geological evaluation by the NM Institute of Mining and Technology is delivered; however, those making the decision would at the very least be better informed to do their Benefit to Community Cost analysis. If all that is to be gained is another data point of geological section, is the total community cost justified? I have serious doubts that it is.

Do not take this wrong please. I was born to a Registered Professional Petroleum Engineer, spent all my youth in the patch, have two degrees in Petroleum Engineering, was Registered in three states and proudly practiced as a Petroleum Engineer for over 50 years. I support prudent / state of the art hydrocarbon development. I also support my community and any community I impacted in the practice of my profession.

Thank you

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