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

To the Sandoval County Commissioners:

I'm writing you regarding the proposed oil & gas ordinance now up for final approval.

You had the chance to create an ordinance which truly protects the citizens and environment of the County, and you still have that opportunity.

Yet, so far you've squandered thousands of hours of citizen involvement, and many thousands of words of earnest & well-researched input by those of us who'll be affected by your neglecting the chance to craft something meaningful.

The ordinance in its present form does little more than pass through the need to comply with the 18 existing state and federal items cited. Other than requiring an inadequate 750-foot setback and a 60-decibel noise limit, the ordinance misses the mark on review of water quality and road impacts, among other issues critical to your citizens' quality of life.

There is enough evidence nation-wide to support a decision -- one you could have made -- to ban hydraulic fracturing here in our County. The boom nature of any economic gain from extraction is far too little reward, for the risk created by essentially welcoming petroleum extraction in Sandoval County.

This ordinance allows review basically only for an application's completeness, and not for substance. It isn't far from a 10-page rubber stamp of automatic approval.

Please don't be afraid of displeasing the industry. And don't be so timid as to be unwilling to exceed other jurisdictions' environmental protections. This is our environment we're talking about; we live here.

You still have the chance to pass a much more meaningful piece of legislation. Please do so, for all of us here.

Thank you,

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