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Sent: Saturday, November 11, 2017 11:56 AM
To: Sidney Hill
Subject: Comments on the Proposed Sandoval County Oil and Gas Ordinance

Dear Sirs,

I have attended most Planning and Zoning and County Commission meetings since the oil and gas issue has been raised for discussion. The Commission Chair, the majority of other commissioners and the industry have chosen to ignore proven facts regarding the potential dangers of oil and gas extraction. The lack of study and biased attention given by the SC Commissioners is discouraging, but public awareness is growing at a rapid rate and those who are qualified will pursue action based on scientific research, much of which has already been presented.

There has been overflowing public attendance at the latest meetings with numbers such as 175 against / 5 for the Stoddard Ordinance. Also, a petition asking the SC Commission to be responsible has well over 800 local New Mexican signatures at this time. I have submitted this petition twice to your office and will submit an update at your request.

The Stoddard Ordinance is carelessly written with the potential to allow great damage. The Citizens Ordinance is NOT anti- oil and gas. Those who label it as such, do so for their own convenience and motives. Doing so is easier than questioning, researching, actually conversing with those who may not share the same perspective and finding solutions that can move us all forward.

I am including a comment from the Sept. 21st meeting where I asked questions of the Commissioners that have yet to be answered.

Sincerely,
Laura Robbins

My name is Laura Robbins and as a resident of Sandoval County, I am disturbed that *this* draft ordinance is even being considered for publishing and posting. There are so many issues that it does not address. So, I need to ask you some questions.

1. **Why** are you considering this flawed draft, which was written by and only supports the oil and gas industry?
2. **Why** are you considering an ordinance that would exclude the public from knowing about and having input into an oil and gas company's request for a permit? Had "permissive use" applied during the SandRidge application, there would have been no public input. A bankrupt company might have been given permission to drill in Rio Rancho Estates.
3. **Why** are you considering an ordinance that does not require an applicant to provide proof of its fiscal solvency and evidence that it has complied with environmental laws both instate and out of state?
4. **Why** are you considering an ordinance that does not require the industry to pay for the deterioration of county roads specifically caused by oil and gas traffic? An issue of concern to residents of Cuba.
5. **Why** are you considering an ordinance that does not require the industry to contribute to special training and equipment needed for emergency services? Accidents **will** happen. There are 4-5 oil spills a day in New Mexico.
6. **Why** do you think that the Stoddard general liability insurance will cover damages that may occur? The state currently does not have the resources to pay for all the oil and gas environmental damages that occur. Eddy County

and Carlsbad are fighting the state to pay for millions of dollars to repair damages created by an oil and gas injection well.

6. **Why** shouldn't the county require companies to have a water monitoring system since OCD does not have that requirement? Surely you are not willing to make a risky bet that our precious ground water will never be contaminated.

7. **Why** are you considering an ordinance that does not even pretend to protect the health, safety, welfare and environment of Sandoval residents?

8. **Why** are you considering an ordinance that could have a serious impact on our county and our county budget?

9. **Why** would you want to count on a volatile industry for added revenue? Look what has happened to our state finances.

10. **Why** would you consider this ordinance without reviewing what Chairman Arango admits is a well thought out citizens proposal?

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