
From: Rosella Gonzales <ROSELLAGONZ@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, November 13, 2017 3:43 PM
To: Sidney Hill
Subject: Comments on the Proposed Sandoval County Oil and Gas Ordinance

Mr. Hill,

My name is Maria "Rosella" Gonzales and I reside at 6312 Beaver Ct. NE, Rio Rancho, NM 87144. I am writing to again affirm my opposition to the proposed Sandoval County Oil and Gas Ordinance that will be voted on Thursday, 11/16/2017. I have heard and considered multiple positions and arguments on this issue and am convinced that we need an ordinance that provides stronger health and welfare protections for the residents of Sandoval County. The risks associated with such activity are far to great to move forward without strong drilling approval and operation oversight. My 40 years experience in public health (I have an MPH) and social work (I am an MSW) has demonstrated to me the physical and intellectual damage that people and the environment can incur when we are not diligent and respectful in how we approach our natural resources. It is far to easy to assume that our natural resources are there for our taking without repercussions. That is a foolish assumption. We must be mindful of the potential and real long term costs associated with a lax approach justified by the need to run a streamlined, efficient process. That is reckless and dangerous and leaves the County to face unknown but certain future liabilities.

Below is a copy of an email exchange with Commissioner Jay Block regarding this issue. It provide more of my thinking on the matter.

Again, I strongly urge rejection of the ordinance as written. We can do better and we cannot afford not to do better.

Sincerely,

Maria "Rosella" Gonzales

From: Jay Block <jblock@sandovalcountynm.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, October 24, 2017 4:59 PM
To: Rosella Gonzales
Subject: Re: "Stoddard Ordinance"

Thank you for your response. In regards to those two counties, here's my issue. They have a very restrictive ordinance that has made it so difficult and costly for the industry to operate that there are no wells in either county. So my question to them would be if you are so against this industry and have restricted so much then why do you continue to take the funding it provides teachers, public safety, social services, etc. I have a real problem with that.

Talk soon and thank you again for your respectful and insightful comments.

Jay

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 23, 2017, at 11:17 AM, Rosella Gonzales <ROSELLAGONZ@msn.com> wrote:

Commissioner Block -

While I did not raise the issue of a drilling moratorium I am glad that you did. To answer your question, no I am not suggesting a total moratorium on fracking. That sounds too much like a "ban" on fracking that was legally overturned in the Mora County case some years ago. I do not want us to waste time and resources re-litigating that question.

I am in favor of a temporary moratorium as Sandoval County arrives at an ordinance that reflects input from the various voices that comprise the County. Whether that looks like the Santa Fe or San Miguel County ordinances should be left to an inclusive process and a resultant, well thought out and carefully crafted product.

The above said, I do think that we need to take advantage of the work of Santa Fe and San Miguel counties. Those counties were able to successfully work through the differences and challenges oil and gas drilling present. We would be smart to learn from those experiences.

Thank you.

Rosella Gonzales

From: Jay Block <jblock@sandovalcountynm.gov>

Sent: Sunday, October 22, 2017 12:03 PM

To: Rosella Gonzales

Subject: RE: "Stoddard Ordinance"

Rosella,

Thanks for the message and thank you for participating in our local government voicing your opinion. Are you telling me you want a total moratorium on fracking? I want to understand if you want us to end operations in the county or have an ordinance similar to Santa Fe and San Miguel county.

Jay

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From: Rosella Gonzales [ROSELLAGONZ@msn.com]

Sent: Thursday, October 19, 2017 10:29 AM

To: Jay Block

Subject: "Stoddard Ordinance"

Commissioner Block -

As a District 2 constituent I am writing to urge a no vote this evening on the "Stoddard Ordinance". I spoke with you at the last Commission meeting voicing my opposition to this lack of adequate oversight of activity that poses a high risk of compromising our water and air quality, and negatively impacting our overall quality of life.

While I can appreciate the argument that the extractive industry provides economic advantages and tax revenues for our education system, I think that those advantages in no way offset the health care and quality of life costs associated with this industry. Also, this is old school energy. We need to look to the future and seek economic and tax revenue opportunities that move us forward. Promoting the old distracts from our attending to creative solutions. I think we can lead in economic development and, at the same time, keep our environment safe for future generations.

Again, as your constituent I urge you to step-up and vote against this ordinance.

Rosella Gonzales

(Note: I attended the last Commission meeting and urged you to vote against moving the ordinance forward. I truly hope you now vote against it. I also attended several of the Planning Commission meetings where I made my thoughts on this topic part of the public record. A large number of County individual residents, elected officials and Native Governmental groups have spoken against this ordinance. We can't all be wrong.)