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Sent: Monday, November 13, 2017 3:50 PM
To: Sidney Hill
Subject: Proposed Sandoval County Oil and Gas Ordinance

Dear Sandoval County Commissioners,

I live at 181 Sagebrush Drive, Corrales, 87048 and am a retired foreign service officer who served the US government for over 25 years. I am asking the Commission to table the Stoddard County Oil and Gas Ordinance until the results of the geological study ordered by the Commission is complete and reviewed by the Commission, by experts, and by residents. I also ask the Commission to establish a working group that will review the factors, positive and negative, that might affect Sandoval and surrounding areas.

Extracting oil and gas has had significant impact on the quality of water in many instances. Our water resources are too important and scarce to risk extraction without adequate understanding of the potential impact, now and in the future. The Commission itself must have had such concern when it ordered the geological study, and therefore any move forward on regulation should wait for these findings. Although I appreciate the Commission's confidence in its staff to make weighty decisions by themselves, I do not find the provision in the Stoddard Ordinance that staff alone can approve projects to be acceptable risk management for projects that have been shown to have long-lasting and significant impact when allowed in appropriate locations or without sufficient oversight.

I am a regular voter and active in the community. The duty of the Commission which represents me is to ensure that the quality of life for current and future residents is maintained, not harmed, and ideally improved through environmental protection and investment in a sustainable future.

I strongly urge you to table the Stoddard Ordinance.

Thank you,

Rebecca Black