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**From:** Larry Goodell <larrynewmex@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 14, 2017 8:02 AM  
**To:** Sidney Hill  
**Subject:** Comments on the Proposed Sandoval County Oil and Gas Ordinance

Sidney Hill, the Public Information Officer

Dear Sidney Hill,

Lenore and I are residents of Placitas in Sandoval County since 1963 and 1968. We are disturbed at the ordinance Sandoval County is considering. It is harmful and potentially dangerous to our beloved area. We stand against it and hope the Commissioners reject it.

- The ordinance would allow **one sole staffer to approve drilling permits, with no public notification**, comment or input. Drilling permits will simply be checked for completeness then approved within 10-days. Permitting should be approved under a special use provision that allows for public notification, a hearing, and input.

- The ordinance **lacks measures to prevent the contamination of an aquifer** nearly 1-million people depend on--the ABQ Aquifer. This poses a serious threat to our drinking water supply because the NM Oil Conservation Division (NMOCD) does not require companies to drill test wells for routine oil and gas drilling. The ordinance should require oil and gas companies to perform baseline groundwater testing and post-drilling monitoring.

- The ordinance **finest oil and gas companies only \$300 for violations** and does not distinguish between minor or major violations. A \$300 fine will not encourage oil and companies to operate as good neighbors. Although the state's maximum fine is \$1000, there has been a large drop in fines collected by NM OCD since 2009 and a sharp increase in the number of spills.

Thank you for appreciating our concerns.  
Two long-standing citizens of Sandoval County,

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