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

Dear Sandoval County Commissioners,

I am writing today to let you know that I think the proposed oil and gas ordinance is a terrible one for the residents of Sandoval County, of which I am one.

— To allow a single staffer the ability to approve drilling permits without any public notification, comment or input does not serve the community in any sense, and in fact, shuts out the community of all input. That is absurd.

— The ordinance proposes to fine oil and gas companies only \$300 for violations, and does not distinguish between major and minor violations. (Living in Placitas, I know only too well about minimal fines against the gravel mine NOT doing anything to discourage violations.) This ordinance does not do anything to encourage oil and gas companies to be good neighbors.

— The ordinance lacks measures to prevent the contamination of the nearby ABQ Aquifer, upon which nearly one million people depend. The ordinance 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.

In a nutshell, the proposed oil and gas ordinance is bad for Sandoval County. The residents deserve better. The county can certainly do better.

I urge the Commissioners in the strongest possible terms, to put the safety of its residents first, and to vote against this ordinance as it currently stands.

Thank you,
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