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Dear Chair and Members of the Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to submit the public comment from Californians for Property Rights attached in opposition the proposed amendments to the Land Use and Development Code (LUDC) and Coastal Zoning Ordinance (CZO) to prohibit new onshore oil and gas wells, scheduled for the September 15, 2026 hearing.

Sincerely,

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September 14, 2026

Chair Nelson and Members of the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors
105 E. Anapamu Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Re: Opposition to Proposed Oil and Gas Prohibition Ordinances

Dear Chair Nelson and Members of the Board:

On behalf of **Californians for Property Rights**, I write in opposition to the proposed oil and gas prohibition ordinances.

Californians for Property Rights brings together families, farmers, small business owners, taxpayers, and working Californians to defend the fundamental right to own, use, and build prosperity from private property.

Property rights are key to our nation's prosperity, and these rights have been shown to be foundational to building prosperity around the world. However, for Americans, these rights are not only integral to our economy but also, and even more importantly, to our Constitution.

Oil and gas mineral and royalty interests are private property. Minerals cannot be moved when government changes the rules. Their value depends upon the ability to access and responsibly produce them, and a government prohibition can effectively eliminate that value.

These impacts reach real families. Mineral and royalty income supports farmers, ranchers, retirees, small businesses, and other property owners. For some agricultural families, it helps keep working farms and ranches economically viable and in family ownership.

The precedent matters. Today the property at issue may be a mineral estate. Tomorrow it may be agricultural land, a family business, real estate, or another privately owned asset.

Californians for Property Rights respectfully urges the Board to reject these ordinances and protect the constitutional property rights of Santa Barbara County residents.

Respectfully,

Eric Eisenhammer
Executive Director
Californians for Property Rights