

CITY OF VENTURA
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

Supplemental Information Packet

**Public Communications Received by 8:30 a.m.,
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Meeting of April 12, 2021

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AGENDA ITEM 8

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

From: noreply@cityofventura.ca.gov
Sent: Monday, April 12, 2021 5:49 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: -EXT- Online Form Submittal: Public Comment Form

Public Comment Form

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Name Tomas Rebecchi

Address

Phone Number

Email Address

Select Legislative/Hearing Body City Council

Meeting Date 4/12/2021

Select a Topic: Public Comments

Recommendation *Field not completed.*

Written Comments I am writing to you because I am concerned about SoCalGas' plan to double the size of a historically faulty compressor station across the street from an elementary school in West Ventura, CA.

Identified as a methane super-emitter by NASA, the facility has had a bad track record of leaks and violations. It has also been home to numerous industrial uses over the decades. As a

result, the property is contaminated by a number of harmful chemicals, including arsenic, lead, petroleum hydrocarbons, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), and volatile organic compounds (VOCs). A building slated to be torn down may also contain asbestos.

I urge you to join the community in demanding the Department of Toxic Substance Control hold an inclusive and bilingual hearing to address further questions. Also, that SoCalGas and government agencies conduct a full Environmental Impact Review of the entire expansion project, which is usually required for toxic projects of this size.

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From: Matt Bello
Sent: Monday, April 12, 2021 6:53 PM
To: Sofia Rubalcava; Joe Schroeder; Lorrie Brown; Jim Friedman; Doug Halter; Mike Johnson; Jeannette Sanchez-Palacios
Cc: City Clerk; City Attorney; City Manager Internet Email
Subject: -EXT- SCE Gas Compression Site Comments

Hello,

Unfortunately, I am having technical issues and cannot open the new WebEx program and make a public comment.

I am writing to you because I live two blocks from the gas compressor station on Olive Street off of the Ventura Avenue. I am greatly concerned with its possible expansion and the site's continued existence in our neighborhood. When this permit was approved in the early twentieth century, we did not understand the possible health effects of nearby residents. We do now and such processes should cease where we know they will affect the health of our residents.

I hope the Ventura City Council will prioritize assisting residents in ending this as a site for gas compression. I look forward to hearing from you on what our plan could be to move forward with addressing this issue.

Best Regards,

Matt Bello
W. Vince Resident in Ventura

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AGENDA ITEM 12A

**2020-2021 CARES ACT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK
GRANT FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS AND
THE 2019-2020 ACTION PLAN AMENDMENTS**

From: Kirsteen Clark
Sent: Monday, April 12, 2021 4:03 PM
To: palacios@cityofventura.ca.gov; Sofia Rubalcava; Joe Schroeder; Lorrie Brown; Jim Friedman; Doug Halter; Mike Johnson
Cc: City Clerk
Subject: -EXT- Item 12A, a-e, on the city council Agenda for 4/12/2

I am writing to implore you to use your collective decision making power to support funding via the Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) for the Westside/ Avenue Library partnership for providing check-out computers for seniors and low income adults.

Thank you,

Kirsteen Clark, Ventura Resident

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AGENDA ITEM 13B

GENERAL PLAN UPDATE

From: noreply@cityofventura.ca.gov
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To: City Clerk
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Name	Kyler Carlson
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Select Legislative/Hearing Body	City Council
Meeting Date	4/12/2021
Select a Topic:	Agenda Item Number/Topic
Agenda Item Number/Topic	13B
Recommendation	Against Recommendation
Written Comments	Attached as Separate file due to character limit.
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Mr. Gilli,

I'm deeply sympathetic to the total amount of work expected of you and the entire community development staff. If the amount you've been required to speak to tonight is any indication, there a lot on you and your staff's plate.

That being said, I am concerned about the strategy for completing the Housing Element expressed in the Staff Report on the General Plan. Most importantly, I'm concerned that only planning for two opportunities for public engagement—at the June GPAC meeting/workshop and a July Hearing of the planning commission—Is not enough engagement to meet the minimum required by HCD.

If residents do not feel they've been adequately listened to, and petition that complaint to HCD while it reviews the draft element, HCD might kick that draft back to the city. A delay like that could knock our Element timeline out of compliance, which would nearly double the costs of updating the Housing Element in the future and strip the city of local control to approve any development that's 20% affordable or 100% moderate.

Clearly, no one, and especially those against any sort of growth, want that outcome.

This housing element is understandably a monumental task for the city. Rushing to put together a plan for where 5,300 new units of housing might reasonably fit in the city without adequate outreach to the general public is a huge risk, and especially requires reaching out to local groups that know and service low-income renters and the unhoused, and others who know firsthand the barriers in place that prohibit Ventura from producing its fair share of affordable housing.

Offering a promise of a better Housing Element in a few years doesn't feel adequate when the need for affordable housing is deeply felt across the city now.

The collective knowledge from your constituents who are on the ground dealing with these issues can be a key for solutions that close the housing gap, so I'd like to encourage council to direct staff to do more to engage these groups specifically regarding the Housing Element.