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Meeting of July 25, 2022

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AGENDA ITEM 12A

**REVISED ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT ORDINANCE AS IT
APPLIES TO PROPERTIES IN THE HIGH FIRE ZONE**

Tracy Oehler

From: noreply@cityofventura.ca.gov
Sent: Monday, July 25, 2022 3:59 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: -EXT- Online Form Submittal: Public Comment Form

Public Comment Form

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Name	Dan Redderson
Address	
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Select Legislative/Hearing Body	City Council
Meeting Date	7/25/2022
Select a Topic:	Agenda Item Number/Topic
Agenda Item Number/Topic	12A. Revised Accessory Dwelling Unit Ordinance as it Applies to Properties in the High Fire Zone
Recommendation	Support Recommendation
Written Comments	I have been talking to people that have invested a lot of money on architectural plans but haven't submitted to the city yet, and they are understandably very upset. I - on the other hand - have already submitted plans and checked off all the requested requirements months ago. Each time I have inquired about

picking up my permit I was told that I was next in the queue behind much larger developments. Are you saying those in my situation might not be able to get a permit because of a new requirement that has just been added in May? Those that would otherwise have already picked up their permit will have to wait for a process that goes until September? Another question I am hearing from others: In all this time, do you know why our pending projects never made it into the 'new application' or 'under review' section of the development map? I apologize for my tone but ask for your understanding on how upsetting this injustice feels to my family and others in our situation.

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AGENDA ITEM 8

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Tracy Oehler

From: Grace Chu
Sent: Monday, July 25, 2022 4:06 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: -EXT- CLOSED SESSION Agenda Item 2: Intervene in the SoCalGas GRC

Dear Ventura City Council Members,

Despite strong opposition from residents in Ventura, SoCalGas has decided to move forward with replacing the Ventura Compressor Station with a much larger and expanded facility. SoCalGas is requesting the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) approve \$233 million in the General Rate Case (GRC) to replace the existing compressor station, while knowing that the total cost for the project will be closer to \$464 million, ultimately a cost ratepayers will have to bear. SoCalGas continues to spin this project as a “modernization” but the new compressor station is planned to more than double the horsepower of the existing compressor station’s capacity. In SoCalGas’ GRC application, they fail to disclose the project is located in a residential neighborhood, across from homes, an elementary school and Boys and Girls Club. No other gas compressor station in California (and to our knowledge, the entire country) is situated so close to homes and where children spend their days learning.

We cannot allow SoCalGas to use the GRC as a mechanism to streamline a project of this size, controversy, and known threats posed to the health and safety of our community. The GRC has a limited ability to explore project necessity and environmental impacts and alternatives. The City of Ventura needs to intervene in the SoCalGas GRC and weigh in on the project to push for alternatives that reduce local harms and safety risk. By intervening, the City can push for this project to be pulled out of the GRC and require SoCalGas to file an application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (“CPCN”). Unlike a GRC, the CPCN process provides opportunity for a hard look at both purpose and need, and requires environmental review under CEQA. If the Commission requires a CPCN, this will meet the City’s long-standing demand for full environmental review of the project and provide a forum to look into the proposed doubling of compressor capacity, mitigation for project impacts, and alternatives such as relocating to a less populated location.

When a polluting powerplant was being proposed in the City of Oxnard, Oxnard City Council stood alongside their community and became an intervener in the CPUC hearings on the project. Although the Ventura City Council does not have local control over this project, you still have the ability to do more to influence the outcome of this project at the state level.

Sincerely,

Grace Chu

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Tracy Oehler

From: Steve Pinsky
Sent: Monday, July 25, 2022 4:49 PM
To: City Clerk
Cc: Sofia Rubalcava; Joe Schroeder; Lorrie Brown; Jim Friedman; Doug Halter; Mike Johnson; Jeannette Sanchez-Palacios
Subject: -EXT- CLOSED SESSION Agenda Item 2: Intervene in the SoCalGas GRC

Dear Council Members,

We write to implore you to use all resources and means of regulatory leverage at your disposal to prevent SoCal Gas from moving forward with their plan to expand the Ventura Compressor Station, a facility whose siting is now wildly inappropriate for the densely populated west side neighborhood that has grown up around it, and whose future usefulness is highly questionable as communities throughout California pursue electrification and discontinue the use of methane gas inside their homes and businesses.

The climate crisis is here, and it demands rapid and drastic action at all levels of industry and government. The only responsible "modernization" for fossil fuel facilities is to start winding them down, and even without considering the unconscionable risk to the low income, majority-minority neighborhood now being treated as a sacrifice zone, this facility should be shuttered or relocated and reduced in scope rather than expanded. The petroleum industry has a long history in our county, and its influence runs deep in our local politics. The people of Ventura need our leaders to recognize that our planet's future is more important than the death throes of an unsustainable energy system, and to intervene with the CPUC on their behalf. You can make the case that it is inappropriate for this project to be considered under the GRC and demand that SoCal Gas file an application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CPCN"). This will subject the project to proper environmental review and allow for a reassessment of the methane compressor's location in the middle of a densely populated neighborhood.

We appreciate the work and attention that the Council has put into this fight already, and ask that you follow through on your stated demands for an EIR by intervening at CPUC against the flawed and misleading GRC application from SoCal Gas.

In Solidarity,
Steve Pinsky, District 1 resident
Democratic Socialists of America, Ventura County

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