

Ventura County Board of Supervisors
Michael Powers, Ventura County CEO
800 South Victoria
Ventura, CA 93009

Re: Request for Economic Impact Analysis of over 250 New Policies in draft General Plan

Dear Chair Bennett, Members of the Board and Mr. Powers:

I am writing to express my concern over the refusal to complete a thorough ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS of over 250 new Policies and Programs you have incorporated into the draft General Plan.

Many of these new policies and programs contain language that mandates the County spend local tax dollars and/or commit limited County resources. Several new policies and programs will likely have a negative impact on Ventura County's tax revenue and jobs and will result in increased costs to county residents.

On September 10, 2019 your board voted 3-2 against taking a closer look at how your new policies and programs will impact the taxpayer's wallets or cut services to Ventura residents. You voted to limit the economic analysis to only a handful of programs and their impact to County departmental budgets – which is in no way a complete or fair evaluation of costs of the General Plan that will fall on Ventura County residents.

Creating policies without an understanding of how your constituents will be affected is not only irresponsible, it is a bad faith gesture to the very public you were elected to represent. A thorough ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS must be completed and made available for public review and comment before the General Plan is finalized!

This ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS must include a breakdown of the fiscal implications of each policy and program on:

- Local TAX REVENUE as it relates to public safety, social services and education
- Direct and indirect JOBS
- OUT OF POCKET living expenses to Ventura County residents (such as utility costs, permit fee increases, increased construction costs, etc.)

As your constituent, I demand that you direct the County CEO's office to conduct a thorough and complete ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS of all new policies and programs you have proposed for the General Plan 2040. We expect and deserve this consideration from our elected officials.

Sincerely,

Print Name: _____

Date: _____

Address: _____
