



Santa Barbara County Farm Bureau

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Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors
Chairman of the Board
September 28, 2022

Dear Chairman of the Board,

It has been brought to our attention that the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors is proposing an electrification ordinance. This ordinance would restrict the use of natural gas in new buildings or improvement projects that modify over 50% of the roof/exterior.

I am writing today in opposition of such ordinance and the impact it would have on our agricultural community. With agriculture being vastly rural, there is not always easy, or cheap, access to the electrical grid. If a property owner wishes to build personal or employee housing and the nearest electrical hookup is miles away, this would incur unfair and significant costs to said landowner to have their electrical hookup.

Additionally, barns for livestock have the need to be temperature controlled. This should come at the most cost-effective method for that farmer, not a mandate that it has to be heated/cooled via electricity.

Agriculture also uses windmill turbines to protect against frost damage. We fear this ordinance would prohibit future use of these necessary machines.

We ask that you exempt zoned agriculture from this ordinance.

My best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sheldon B...', written in a cursive style.

Santa Barbara County Farm Bureau President