Exhibit 9
Email/U.S. Postal Public Comments Vision and Guiding Principles
Dear Susan,

Thank you for coming to our Casa Conejo MAC meeting this evening and inviting participation from our tract in the County's 2040 planning process. Per our conversation, attached is a copy of my revised draft of the Vision and Guiding Principles in Word. Most of the new text that I wrote is in bold italics. I lined through text that should be removed/replaced. Not quite a redline format, but I think you can see my changes fairly easily by comparison with the County's draft that was provided to Supervisor Park's office and forwarded to the MAC council members. I also fixed some grammatical errors.

Please note that these are my own personal comments and proposed changes as an interested Ventura County resident. This document is not provided on behalf of the MAC nor is it intended to represent the views of the MAC as a whole.

I hope this helps with your compilation and in taking the next step in finalizing the draft for the Planning Commission's next review.

Wendy Zimmerman
Newbury Park
VISION
Ventura County is a remarkable place in which to live, work and play. Our exceptional quality of life and economic vitality are rooted in the stewardship and cultivation of both cultural and rich natural resources. We treasure our world class beaches, fertile agricultural plains, and scenic mountains and our talented residents. The General Plan reflects the County's ongoing commitment to collaborate with Ventura County’s residents, cities, businesses, and non-profit organizations to address our environmental, social, and economic needs in a sustainable manner, and allow to enable our safe, healthy, vibrant and diverse communities to thrive.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES
Guiding Principles are central ideas that articulate the County’s commitment to achieving the Vision of the General Plan. They establish the framework for the ideas and concepts—set forth the philosophy embodied by behind the General Plan and serve as guide lines for the development and implementation of the County’s touchstone during the process to develop goals, policies, and programs.

Land Use and Community Character
Direct urban growth away from agricultural, rural and open space lands, in favor of locating it in cities and unincorporated communities where public facilities, services, and infrastructure are already available or additions can more easily be provided while striving to maintain and/or to improve upon the quality of life for current residents.

Economic Vitality
Foster economic and job growth that is responsive to the evolving needs of the County’s residents and long term benefits. Seek out opportunities that provide for necessities, are cost effective, generate income, enhance our quality of life and are environmentally sustainable. and opportunities of the County’s economy, while enhancing our quality of life and promoting environmental sustainability.

Agriculture
Encourage the long-term range viability of Ventura County’s agricultural and ranching economy by conserving agricultural lands and supporting a diverse, nutritionally sound and globally-competitive agricultural industry.

Circulation/Transportation/Mobility
Support the development of a balanced and coordinated multi-modal transportation network that meets the mobility and accessibility needs of all residents, businesses and visitors.
Housing
Provide affordable and equitable housing opportunities by preserving the existing housing supply and supporting diverse *environmentally sound* new housing types beneficial to residents of all ages.

Conservation and Open Space
Manage the County's preservation and utilization of natural resources, such as soils, water, air quality, *coastlines, plants and* minerals. Protect wildlife and its their habitat. *Maintain public access to open spaces for recreational use where possible to do so without harming the land.*

Water Resources
Manage water resources in a manner that addresses *meets* current demand without compromising the ability to meet future demand *needs.* Balance the needs of urban and agricultural uses while sustaining ecosystem health. *Seek out means to provide additional water storage and conservation opportunities and keep water supplies clean.*

Public Facilities and Services
Invest in infrastructure and services to be sure that *are effective, efficient and reliable utilities are provided and keep up with modern technology.* Utilize clean and renewable energy sources and methodologies. Seek to reduce waste and increase recycling. Plan, repair and replace infrastructure and necessary services with an eye to promote economic vitality, save money, ensure public safety and to improve our quality of life.

Health and Safety
Minimize risks to residents, businesses and visitors from human-caused *damages* such as hazardous materials, noise, air and water pollution, as well as natural hazards such as flooding, wildland fires, and geologic events. *Provide quality and timely emergency services.*

Climate Change and Resilience
Reduce greenhouse gas emissions and pollution to achieve mandated targets, and increase resilience to the effects of climate change.

Healthy Communities
Promote economic, social, mental and physical health and wellness. *Provide* by promoting access to the arts, and by *Encourage residents of all ages to exercise and use active transportation such as walking and cycling.* Provide access to healthy foods and nutritional education. *Apply a holistic view towards the development and sustaining of a community of healthy people living in a healthy environment.*
Good morning,

I was just attempting to fill out the questionnaire made available at the MAC meeting. It became immediately apparent to me that there was no way I could respond to the questions except in written comments in two boxes. The problem with the boxes is that my responses will be put in a “bucket” by subject matter. My concern is that any feedback from this document should be disregarded due to its bias in development.

For example take F: To what extent does the Conservation and Open Space guiding principle match your values?

“Manage the County’s natural resources, such as soils, water, air quality, minerals, and wildlife and its habitat.”

a. Strongly agree
to e. Strong disagree

I can’t mark any answer to this question. If I say strongly agree then I am ceding to the passive action verb “manage” to which I take strong issue. However, if I mark strongly disagree I am saying I don’t want the guiding principle to envelop the concept of management.

This same logic applies throughout the questionnaire to every guiding principle.

The following is from an email sent to me by Steve Colome yesterday:

I suspect that no one with a proper background in social science research and knowledge of survey research design was involved in construction of this questionnaire. The questionnaire would receive a failing grade in a lower division course on survey construction.

The basic problem is that it is unclear in any response whether the person agrees (or disagrees) with the general idea as opposed to the detail of the statement. As a result the compiled responses will be meaningless.

I suggest that the consultants assist in creating a more valuable tool to assess public support of these values. It would not be difficult to set up a different set of responses such that public sentiment would be accurately summarized and reported to the BOS. When we created surveys for assessing public interest in supporting bond measures, we were asked to consider what we wanted the outcome of the survey to be. If that is the case here, clearly there was little interest in gleaning an accurate picture of public opinion.

I hope you can pass on my concerns to the powers that be.

Additionally can I have a copy of the notes that were taken at the MAC meeting by Clay Downing (I think)?

Carol
Proposed Vision and Guiding Principles

First FP ends with "when public facilities, service, and infrastructure are available or can be provided. This text is unclear. It appears that your promoting out of District services. Text needs to be more clear as to what the intent is.

I would refer to the "Guideline for Orderly Development."
PLEASE SHARE YOUR COMMENTS!

MORE BIKE LANES PLEASE!

Prioritize commuter/school routes and those routes that facilitate community members to replace car trips with bike rides on a DAILY basis.

Safe Routes to School!

100 Million+ Diabetes in US! Bike lanes are about much more than air quality and environmental sustainability. Bike lanes today = public health cost saving tomorrow. Whatever we can do to get people moving under their own power is a HIGH PRIORITY.
Why wait for staff to rewrite visions & guiding principles in draft form & submit to planning commission? They will never read all comments & staff should revise.
PLEASE SHARE YOUR COMMENTS!

Nice! Job!!
Upgrade quality of restaurants -
Most restaurants are visible from the freeway
Outback, Red Lobster
- We need a Sonic. - C.A. type restaurants

Rent control of housing -
Certain areas $2500 for a house/$1500 for an apt.
Centerpoint or Ghetto point mall has 11 empty stores inside.

Streets need to be paved

Library could use faster Internet server

More I see more homeless in certain areas -
Main street / Avenue / empty store fronts /
Little Cesar's pizza / WinCo early morning
Dear Ms. Curtis,

As a mother and resident of Thousand Oaks, I am very concerned about the direction the Ventura County General Plan will take with regards to protection of our communities’ essential air and water resources. Unfortunately, I am unable to attend this morning’s meeting and so am submitting my comments herewith by email.

I believe that it is critically important that the land use constitution for the county make clean air and clean water THE top priority for all land use decisions over the next 20 years.

Generally speaking, I urge the planning committee to add an Environmental Justice principle to the list of Vision & Guiding principles which states that the County seeks to ensure the protection of ALL residents from deleterious impacts related to air & water pollution, noxious industries, and risks of environmental hazards, (Health and Safety).

Specifically, I have long followed and remain very concerned about impacts to our County air and water resources from local oil and gas extraction and disposal activities related to hydraulic fracturing.

Clean air & water is essential to both life and health. As such, I urge Ventura County leaders not to wait to ensure the protection of our groundwater until after it has already been compromised by toxic wastewater injection wells and sumps, especially those under investigation by the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board. Please protect our community’s families NOW ... BEFORE irreparable damage is done to our residents and our environment.

Ventura County has some of the oldest wells in California. The advanced age of the cement in these wells makes them particularly vulnerable to cracking. Cornell University Professor of Engineering Anthony Ingraffea, a concrete expert and
fracking is simply a myth, and advises, "Where shale gas development has not yet occurred, ban it. Period. Where it is unchecked – directly into or adjacent to underground drinking water supplies ... without either the obligation nor the impediments, to increase oil flow. Acidizing is accomplished by injecting high volumes of hydrofluoric acid (HF) into the wells. HF is a powerful solvent that dissolves glass, steel, and rock. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control considers it one of the most hazardous industrial chemicals in use; but drillers are routinely issued permits without having to tell DOGGR whether they are fracking, using acid, or employing any other toxic/dangerous substances. Contamination from leaking wells is especially concerning given that the so-called 2005 Halliburton Loophole exempts oil and gas field toxic waste from federal laws ... including the Clean Water Act, the Clean Air Act, and the Safe Drinking Water Act. One, single hydrofracking well can produce over a million gallons of wastewater laced with highly corrosive salts, cancer-causing chemicals, and radioactive elements. As published in the International Journal of Human and Ecological Risk Assessment, in a manuscript entitled "Natural Gas Operations from a Public Health Perspective", The Endocrine Disruption Exchange (TEDX) maintains a database of 980 products, including 649 chemicals, used during natural gas operations and investigated for their health effects. 90% of these had at least one potential harmful health effect. 47% of the products contain one or more chemicals that interfere with the endocrine system (a finely balanced system of glands and hormones that regulate vital body functions like growth, stress response, sexual development and behavior, insulin production and use, metabolic rates, intelligence, behavior, and reproductive ability). Because it operates at extremely low hormone concentrations, the endocrine system is susceptible to damage from very low levels of chemical exposure, which can negatively impact both organisms and their offspring, including humans. Of 362 chemicals positively identified, 78% can affect the skin, eye or sensory organs, respiratory and gastrointestinal systems, or liver; and 55% can harm the brain and nervous system. The associated health effects likely to appear immediately or soon after exposure include symptoms such as burning eyes, rashes, coughs, sore throats, asthma-like effects, nausea, vomiting, headaches, dizziness, tremors, and convulsions. Between 22% and 47% of the chemicals are also associated with possible longer-term health effects that can appear months or years later, including cancer, organ damage, and harm to the endocrine system. 48% of the chemicals can have other health effects including changes in weight, teeth or bones and, most often, death. TEDX noted that many of the chemicals have multiple health effects. When categorized by the pathway that led to exposure, TEDX found that 210 of the chemicals (58%) are water soluble while 131 chemicals (36%) are volatile (ie: can become airborne). Of the volatile chemicals, over 93% can harm the eyes, skin, sensory organs, respiratory tract, gastrointestinal tract or liver; (86%) can harm the brain and nervous system; 72% can harm the cardiovascular system and blood; and 66% can harm the kidneys. Moreover, because they can be inhaled, swallowed, and absorbed through the skin, the potential for exposure to volatile chemicals is greater than that for exposure to soluble chemicals. In addition to the above-noted chemicals added to fracking fluids, numerous volatile, naturally occurring, toxic chemicals found underground may also be released into wastewater during the fracking process.

The oil and gas industry is the only industry in America that is allowed by EPA to inject known hazardous materials – unchecked – directly into or adjacent to underground drinking water supplies ... without either the obligation nor the methodology to safely dispose of the wastewater which they produce. Not surprisingly, Professor Ingraffea believes safe fracking is simply a myth, and advises, “Where shale gas development has not yet occurred, ban it. Period. Where it is occurring, enact ironclad regulations, inspect for compliance with them with dogged diligence, and enforce them relentlessly with fines that really mean something.”

If we as a community want to protect our neighborhoods, families and children, we must take preventative precautions, including serious consideration of county-wide bans on fracking, acidization, and wastewater injection wells NOW, BEFORE our public water supplies become laced with hazardous chemicals ... because the health and environmental damage resulting from these activities is life-threatening and often irreversible.

Thank you for your consideration,

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Ventura County 2040 General Plan Team,

Thank you for the opportunity to review and provide feedback on the draft Ventura County 2040 (VC2040) General Plan Vision and Guiding Principles. Please consider the following additions to the Vision and Guiding Principles, which are intended to recognize the economic and strategic importance of Naval Base Ventura County (NBVC) and the Point Mugu Sea Range to both Ventura County and the national defense.

Such recognition is consistent with several strategies of the NBVC Joint Land Use Study (September 2015) and also with State law, including SB 1468, which established Gov. Code section 65302, as follows:

"(a)(2) Consider the impact of new growth on military readiness activities carried out on military bases, installations, and operating and training areas, when proposing zoning ordinances or designating land uses covered by the general plan for land, or other territory adjacent to military facilities, or underlying designated military aviation routes and airspace."

As such, please consider the following:

VISION - Add phrase to the list of County resources in which quality of life and economic vitality are rooted: "our unique national security strategic assets" - the result would be:

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GUIDING PRINCIPLES -
Below are two ways to acknowledge military and community compatibility, one through an added phrase to an existing principle (#1), and another as a stand-alone new principle, identified below as #12. Our suggestion would be to use a stand-alone principle, akin to the principle that recognizes the importance of agriculture to the County (#3).

(REVISED #1)
1. Direct urban growth away from agricultural, rural and open space lands, in favor of locating it in cities and unincorporated communities where public facilities, services, and infrastructure are available or can be provided, while promoting compatibility with military training, testing, and operational missions. (Land Use and Community Character)

(NEW PRINCIPLE)
12. Ensure compatibility with military training, testing, and operational missions, and protect access to airspace, sea space, mobility corridors, and other critical strategic assets in Ventura County. (Economic Vitality, Land Use, and Circulation/Transportation/Mobility)
Again, thank you for the opportunity to review and provide feedback on the draft Vision and Guiding Principles. Please let me know if you have any questions, or if I can provide additional information or resources to be of assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

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