



Final Arvin City Council Meeting on Oil & Gas Ordinance

The Arvin Mayor has stated his goal is to ban the oil and gas industry in Kern and throughout the state

The Arvin City Council voted to move forward with an update to their oil and gas ordinance. This update has been completed and will be up voted on for adoption at the Arvin City Council Meeting on **Tuesday, July 17th at 6 PM.**

We request that KCE supporters attend this meeting in a show of support for oil and gas production in Kern County. (Offering comments is optional)

Tuesday, July 17th

6:00PM

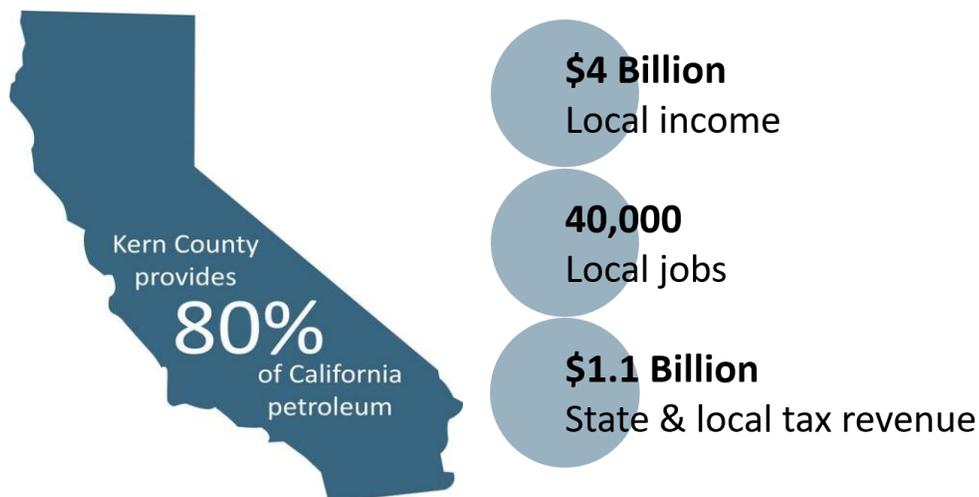
Arvin City Hall - 200 Campus Drive

- KERN COUNTY is the gold standard in innovative, environmentally sound, streamlined oil and gas ordinances and permitting processes - one that Arvin should emulate
 - Building from the Kern County ordinance saves Arvin steps in addressing local needs
- Arvin has failed to conduct rigorous **environmental review** - as Kern County did - to ensure any new ordinance protects the community of Arvin
 - Arvin needs to protect **jobs** AND protect the environment
- Kern Citizens for Energy does not support basing Kern County ordinances on LA-area regulations (City of Carson)
 - The proposed ordinance imposes new individual permits - each of which can be challenged in court - restricting local economic and job growth that benefits Arvin by imposing new **burdensome regulations**.

Importantly, legal challenges to the Kern County ordinance were just defeated in the Courts, upholding the environmental review elements with only minor changes. This new streamlined permitting process

allows local energy companies to continue their production in a more efficient manner while protecting our environment.

Kern County is the largest oil producing region in the state. The oil industry has operated in Kern for decades and is a valuable economic partner providing jobs, tax revenue to power local services and the raw material that every citizen in the county depends on every day for everything they do (things such as transportation fuel, medical supplies, food, building material, clean water and clothing).



*"Our local petroleum industry is a vital part of our community - lifting people out of poverty, offering good-paying jobs and fueling our valley and our state, ultimately reducing our dependence on foreign oil. It remains concerning to see any city in Kern County - particularly one so deep in debt as Arvin - damaging jobs and economic activity," said Tracy Leach, Executive Director of Kern Citizens for Energy. **"LA-style ordinances that do not reflect local values have no place in Kern County. We have the gold standard in permitting - and strict environmental review - right here in the second-largest oil producing region in the country."***

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About Kern Citizens for Energy:

Kern Citizens for Energy is a coalition of small business owners, nonprofits, chambers of commerce, taxpayer advocates, energy companies, local elected officials and residents who support a robust oil and gas industry in Kern County. Our coalition exists to champion this vital industry and the thousands of men and women who work in the oil and gas sector in Kern County. Local oil and gas production will continue to provide jobs, reduce our dependence on foreign oil, and increase revenues for Kern County schools, roads and public safety.

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