# Clearview Town Forum

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# Academic Senate Committee on Clearview

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- E. Keller (EIR), T. Theofanous (Plant Safety),
  *Faculty, Technical Advisory Group*
- Faculty, Students, *Residents*
- Report to the Academic Senate
- Provide input for Environmental Impact Report (EIR)

http://charm.physics.ucsb.edu/people/hnn/clearview.html

# Concerns

- $\boxed{\textbf{Human Safety}}$ - ***Site close to dwellings, schools***
  - Hydrogen Sulfide ($H_2S$) Gas *present in South Ellwood Oil*
    - **Lethal**

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  - Blowout, Well Fire
    - January 28, 1969 Blowout - Platform A-21 *Santa Barbara Oil Spill*
    - September 24, 1944 Well Fire - Dos Pueblos (1 week)

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  - Earthquake, Fire
    - Major Earthquakes - 1812; June 29, 1925; November 11, 1927; June 30, 1941
    - Many Fires

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  - 'Operator Error'

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  - **Mobil is making credible plans to reduce the risks**

# Concerns

- **Environmental Degradation**
  - Site close to:
    - *Coal Oil Point Natural Reserve*
    - Recreational Area - Sands Beach
    - Dwellings, Childcare, Schools

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  - Bad Smells, Noise - *not an industrial area*

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  - ***Operations day and night for 30 years***

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  - Mobil has presented credible plans
  - Record:
    - Mobil's *Torrance Refinery*
    - ARCO's *Ellwood Processing Facility*

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  - **Concern about long-term environmental degradation near Clearview is reasonable.** ***Third-party oversight, for 30 year duration***

# Recruitment, Retention

- **UCSB on the Upswing**

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- **A Mistake Now Consequential**
  - Planning of Isla Vista not Optimal

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- Recruitment and Retention
  - **Faculty - North Campus Housing**
  - Entire Community - Staff, Students
  - Degraded Environment Influences

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- Economics
  - Jobs
    - Clearview - 245
    - **UCSB - 8,000**
  - State Revenue
    - Clearview - $27 million per year
    - **Extramural Grants Brought to UCSB by Faculty, Staff: $80 million per year (1993)**

# We will Carefully Weigh

- Safety
- Environmental Consequences
- Recruitment and Retention

# Prior to Making our Report