

Welcoming Address- Town Hall Meeting

1. Thank you - Introduction

- Thank you for being here with us tonight.
- My name is John Zaragoza, and I am proud to represent you on the Ventura County Board of Supervisors.
- It is an honor and a privilege to serve you.

2. AB 939 -

- To get started, I would like to tell you a little bit about my environmental and business experience.
- 1990- Head of Major City Department.
- State law- AB 939 passed-
- Implemented great programs. Oxnard has over 60% waste reduction/
- I was leader for Del Norte Recycling Facility.

3. Ormond Beach / City Council

- 1996- Oxnard City Council .
- A leader - We bought over 300 acres of wetlands to preserve Ormond Beach.
- Strong support for SOAR,
- Leader- opposed LNG facility,
- Continuing- with City of Oxnard- oppose Peaker plant.
- As County Supervisor, will continue to support SOAR, open space and other environmental programs and projects.

4. Business Experience

- I also support our local businesses.
- Home Center Real Estate- JZ Tax Service – for 18 years.
- Tonight - you will hear from government and environmental leaders,
- ALSO, you will also hear from two business leaders

- they will tell you good environmental practices make sense for today's businesses.
- In fact, one of the speakers tonight, Bill Camarillo, will discuss a Ventura County Economic Development Association (VCEDA) Program called the Green Cost Innovation Zone.
- We will also hear from another local business leader, Shawn Jacobsen,
- He will tell you that, in spite of our tough economic times,
- one of the most promising areas for job creation and economic development is coming from green businesses.

5. One True Story

- Before I continue- a true story.
- Many years ago- City of Oxnard,
- Neighborhood meeting to discuss new automated system.

- Raining like crazy, very cold, wind blowing
 - An older couple came to the meeting.
 - Great meeting- slide show, etc.
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- Also, Stan H and I had a similar experience-
- Cold , rainy, wind howling night-
- A recycling presentation for four people.

6. Participation in Government -

- The point of the story -
- As your Supervisor, I remain committed to public participation.
- Meet with you, hear concerns, answer questions and discuss issues.
- June 2010, my office held Senior Summit. .
- Followed up in September with Senior Series,

- 3 meetings- 3 locations- discuss - diabetes.
- I also meet regularly with the El RIO MAC
- And numerous other groups.

- Also, Nyeland center- help youth, families

7.Thank you- Sponsors and speakers

- Great lineup of speakers tonight.
- Thank Senator Fran Pavley for taking time out of her busy schedule to be here tonight.
- Senator Pavley is truly an expert on climate change legislation.
- I am really looking forward to Senator Pavley's presentation.
- I would also like to thank Ms. Lupe Anguinao from the Stewards of the Earth, and Mike Villegas of APCD, who are co-sponsors of this event.
- thank Barbara Murray and Oxnard Library ,

- Finally, thank you to speakers- Senator Pavley, Don Price, Bill Camarillo, Shawn Jacobsen and Rose Braz.
- I know also that you are very busy and important people.
- Thank you for making the time to participate with us tonight.

8. Here to Serve You

- Make one final point.
- I am your elected representative, and I am here to serve you.
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10. Again- Thank you

- Again, thank you for being here tonight.
- It is an honor and a privilege to serve you.
- Now, back to Mike Villegas, our moderator....