

Subject: Democratic Party of Contra Costa County - Resolution - REGARDING
THE PHILLIPS 66 OIL TRAIN OFFLOADING FACILITY EXPANSION IN SAN LUIS
OBISPO COUNTY

Approved Resolution 03172015.1

REGARDING THE PHILLIPS 66 OIL TRAIN OFFLOADING FACILITY
EXPANSION IN SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY

WHEREAS, the oil train offloading facility expansion,
being considered by San Luis Obispo County, would
increase rail traffic through densely populated areas
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of Contra Costa County, including high risk of oil
spills, fire, and explosion to residences, businesses,
and schools located in the "blast zone" along the
projected route; and

WHEREAS, our current rail system is NOT designed to
move increasingly larger quantities of hazardous
materials like crude oil through populated areas; and

WHEREAS, the diesel emissions from trains along the
route would generate increased toxic pollutants that
cause cancer, heart disease, and asthma, in an
area with high incidence of childhood asthma disorders;
and the crude being delivered to San Luis Obispo County
would be much more flammable than "traditional" crudes
and contain many times more toxic heavy metals, such as
vanadium and nickel than traditional crudes that would
be released into the air during a railroad derailment
fire;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of
Contra Costa County requests that the San Luis Obispo
County Board of Supervisors deny permits for the
Phillips 66 oil train offloading facility expansion;
and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this
resolution shall be sent to the San Luis Obispo County
Board of Supervisors, Contra Costa County Board of
Supervisors, and all Democratic members of the
California State Legislature and U.S. Congress who
represent Contra Costa County.