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Planning Commissioners
San Luis Obispo County
% James Bergman, Director of Planning and Building
976 Los Osos Street, Room 200
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

Re: Opposition to Phillips 66 Rail Spur Project

Dear Planning Commissioners,

Last month, the Los Angeles City Council, acting on behalf of nearly four million residents, voted unanimously to ask that you deny the Phillips 66 Company Santa Maria Refinery Rail Spur Extension Project. I have enclosed our resolution, which was approved by the City Council and signed by Mayor Eric Garcetti.

As you know, this project would enable five unit trains per week to transport crude oil through Santa Maria, Ventura and Los Angeles Counties, traversing the San Fernando Valley and traveling along the LA River and through areas of South Los Angeles toward Colton, CA, or the Port of Los Angeles. The environmental documents for the project indicate that there would be unmitigated significant hazard impacts associated with the transport of crude oil by rail, including from a possible derailment of trains carrying crude oil.

Homes, schools, parks and businesses are located in the corridor through which trains would travel, and a billion-dollar federal investment in the LA River area to return it to a more natural state and provide much-needed green space is in progress. All of this would be put in jeopardy if the Phillips 66 project is allowed to proceed.

I again ask, on behalf of the City of Los Angeles, that you deny approval of the Phillips 66 facility expansion project, inasmuch as it is far too dangerous to public safety and presents far too many environmental risks.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

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