

**Resolution to oppose the Phillips 66 Rail Spur Project  
and request for denial by the  
San Luis Obispo County Planning Commission**

**Nov. 11, SLO County Democratic Central Committee**

**Whereas**, the proposed Phillips 66 Rail Spur Environmental Impact Report (EIR) includes more than 10 “Class 1” negative health and safety impacts that cannot be mitigated to “insignificant” levels;

**And whereas**, dozens of public and private pre-schools, K-12 schools, a college and a large university in San Luis Obispo County are either in or sited within a mile of the "blast zone," and would suffer disastrous consequences in the event of a rail disaster caused by oil trains serving the Santa Maria Refinery on the Nipomo Mesa;

**And whereas**, teachers – while on the job – are state-mandated disaster workers and have not been trained or equipped to deal with the consequences of a potential disaster;

**And whereas**, Phillips 66 has not provided funding for – nor pledged future funding for – training and new equipment for emergency responders in San Luis Obispo County in the event of a disaster caused by oil trains serving the Santa Maria Refinery on the Nipomo Mesa;

**And whereas**, according to the draft EIR, depending on the location of an oil spill, there may be no oil spill containment or cleanup equipment immediately available;

**And whereas**, due to the nature of the toxic and volatile tar sands crude carried on mile-long, 80-tanker trains, a derailment and spill would pose irreversible negative impacts to sensitive plant species, sensitive animal species, streams and rivers, wetlands and sensitive environmental habitats along the route;

**And whereas**, the severity and expansive radius of such a spill impact would be impossible to completely clean up and would have a vast and

significant impact on the ecosystem for years, with cleanup costs in the untold millions of dollars;

**And whereas**, this project would pose unacceptable risks to the health and safety of school and hospital communities, towns and villages along the proposed rail route along the coastal and capital corridors and throughout the State of California;

**And whereas**, this project brings negligible public benefit compared to incalculable long-term risks to the health and safety of San Luis Obispo County residents and their habitable environment;

**And whereas**, this project is proposed for the sole benefit and profit of one multinational oil company, Phillips 66;

**And whereas**, the Santa Maria Refinery on the Nipomo Mesa will not be shut down if this project is denied, inasmuch as this possibility has never been publicly stated or acknowledged by any Phillips 66 executive management team member;

**Now, therefore, be it resolved:** The San Luis Obispo County Democratic Central Committee OPPOSES the Phillips 66 rail spur project and requests that the San Luis Obispo County Planning Commission DENY the project application.

**Be it further resolved:** Phillips 66 should withdraw the proposal for this unnecessary and dangerous rail project and work with the community toward alternative clean energy solutions that will protect the health, safety and welfare of San Luis Obispo County residents.

**Be it further resolved:** Phillips 66 should develop and promote clean energy solutions to enhance the economic viability of San Luis Obispo County, leverage the resources of its diverse population and educational institutions, and serve as a focal point for local companies to lead the nation in clean energy with a mosaic of support industries.

Approved, November 11, 2015—San Luis Obispo Democratic Party