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Department of Planning and Building San Luis Obispo County 976 Osos Street, Room 300 San Luis Obispo, CA 93408



Dear Planning Commission:

The San Luis Coastal Teachers Association urges the SLO Planning Commission to reject the proposed Phillips 66 train expansion project.

The SLCTA sees the increase of oil train activity as a dangerous development that would create a safety risk for the students and employees working and learning in San Luis Obispo. The Department of Transportation predicts the possibility of as many of 10 oil train accidents per year in the United States. In the city of San Luis Obispo alone there are eight schools located within the 1 mile blast radius should a train derailment occur. Aside from the danger of derailment, there are other health risks inherent to close proximity to running oil trains. Both the U.S. National Institute of Health and the Environmental Protection Agency warn against the potential increase of respiratory illness due to exposure to diesel fuel exhaust. The SLCTA hopes the *Planning* Commission takes the safety of the students, teachers, and staff of our schools seriously and rejects the implementation of the Phillips 66 train expansion project.

Sincerely,

Craig Stewart

President, San Luis Coastal Teachers Association

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