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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state or federal government body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, a proposed Phillips 66 Company Santa Maria Refinery Rail Spur Extension Project is pending before the San Luis Obispo Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, the project would enable 5 unit trains (400 tank cars) per week, each unit train stretching 1.4-miles in length and carrying 2 million tons of oil, 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; and

WHEREAS, 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; and

WHEREAS, this project has significant impacts on air quality, biological resources, hazardous materials, public services, and water resources; and

WHEREAS, 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; and

WHEREAS, in the event of an incident involving an oil unit train from this project, it could be necessary to close multiple rail crossings and potentially require evacuation of homes, businesses and offices and/or result in serious injuries, deaths, and environmental devastation, overwhelming police and fire emergency response capabilities; and

WHEREAS, numerous disasters involving transportation of crude oil by rail have occurred, with derailments resulting in oil spills, fires, and explosions near populated areas in the US and Canada; and

WHEREAS, there is ample reason to believe that an increase in oil train traffic from this project poses an unacceptable risk to our City of four million people;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by adoption of this resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2015-16 legislative advocacy program SUPPORT for administrative action URGING the San Luis Obispo Planning Commission to **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.

PRESENTED BY:

MIKE BONIN
Councilmember, 11th District

SECONDED BY:

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