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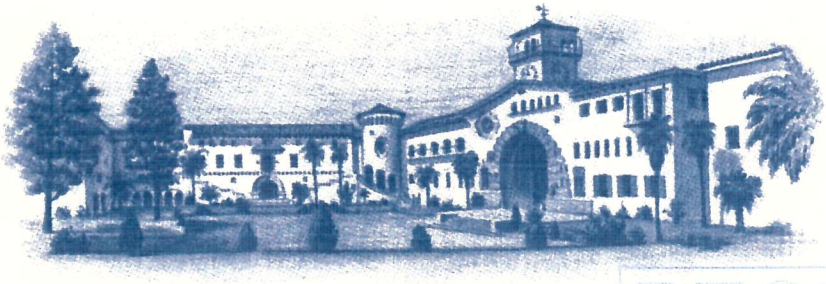

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San Luis Obispo Planning Commission
c/o Clerk of the Board
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Dear San Luis Obispo County Planning Commissioners,

We understand that a letter was recently sent to you stating that the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors voted to oppose the extension of the Conoco-Phillips 66 rail spur at the Santa Maria Refinery in Nipomo. The vote was actually split 3-2 with the undersigned being the two in support of the project. We know that you have been inundated with letters from surrounding municipalities and organizations and regret that our county majority felt it necessary to insert themselves in your jurisdiction. The reality is most of the employees affected by this project live in our two supervisorial districts.

Without a completed EIR to evaluate and no professional staff input, our Board based its decision simply on sensational headlines and unsubstantiated claims from a fearful public. Personally, we both feel that we live in a petroleum based society that is demanding more and more of the product. Conoco- Phillips is simply providing the resource that drives our economy. It has become taboo to move oil by pipeline, by truck, by barge and now by rail. We are simply asking you to set aside the rhetoric, analyze the data and vote your conscience.
Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Peter Adam
4th District Supervisor

Steve Lavagnino
5th District Supervisor

Cc: Mona Miyasato, Santa Barbara County CEO
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