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Subject: Fw: SLO Planning Commission Comments on Phillip 66 Rail Spur

Letter for the record and our website when you get a chance.

Thank You,

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From Dr. C. Hite, resident pf downtown SLO, where the senior/disabled of my building have less opportunity to survive the smoke and potential fire from a rail accident. It doesn't matter if it is 3 trains or 5 trains; this only changes the odds on the gamble.

Who will come for the wheelchair bound and fragile, non driving residents of Manse on the Marsh? Carmel Apartments? Brizzolara Apartments? Del Rio Terrace Apartments? and the Anderson Hotel residents where retired seniors are attempting to live independently within their own community as Federal and State Law supports?

The County must consider that the disabled persons will not have an equal opprtunity to survive and be evacuated during an oil train related accident. Persons with respiratory disease have less opportunity to survive. Unconscious persons at Sierra Vista Hospital and Galileo Surgery Center are less than a block from the rail road tracks and have NO opportunity to flee an accident and survive, as well as French Hospital near the tracks on Johnson Avenue.

Needing surgery or having a baby becomes an unacceptable risk in SLO County. Any church service, graduation ceremony or social gathering will carry a risk.

One of the things that scars a community for all time is when elderly persons in convalescent hospitals are abandon to die during a natural disaster, like Hurricane Katrina.

There is ample evidence that too many communities have suffered the physical and emotional scars of a preventable, un-natural disaster from oil trains.

It is factual that currently a multi-state pipeline near Native American resources is being promoted as "safer" than truck or train transportation of oil. Why would SLO County choose a least safe method?

The oil trains pose an unacceptable risk to the residents and economy of SLO County, which are; Agriculture, Tourism and Institutions of Confinement.

Approving the Phillip 66 Rail Spur is not a reasonable nor practical choice for SLO County.

Ignoring the local and California stakeholders who have overwhelmingly turned out to oppose this application is not a reasonable nor responsible choice.

Because the Planning Commissions decision will be appealed, I request that the Commission place the maximum restrictions on the project before voting on rejection or denial.