



Fw: Please deny Oil Trains project
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Dear Supervisor Lynn Compton,

I am a new resident at the Tierra Nueva cohousing community in Oceano. I moved here in April and quickly learned of the local activity in opposition to the Phillips 66 rail spur project. It took me only a few brief descriptions of this proposal to set myself in opposition. I ask that you represent my opinion and vote against / deny the approval of the rail spur project.

My house is within the blast zone; as are many others and the Oceano Elementary School. I believe that the railroad company will be, in the long term, neglectful of the safety measures necessary to protect against a catastrophic accident. Look at the long string of cars, once used I believe for coiled steel, sitting at the Grover Beach sidings. The railroad is misusing and neglecting its own assets.

The argument about "Protect Jobs" is specious. Building the spur will take a few dozen jobs for some short time. I'm sure Mr. Varni and others know the details of this. Then the additional refinery operations will be staffed by a few operators; possibly people already employed by Phillips 66. The net gain to the community is written large in red ink. Not a benefit at all.

Mr. Varni says that people in opposition to the Oil Trains project are not sufficiently vocal. Speaking for myself, my acquiescence to the "system" is in large part due to the issue's positioning to avoid the electoral process. I don't get to vote on it explicitly.

So I count on you to represent my opposition.

Thank you for acting to safeguard our community.

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