



# CITY OF MOORPARK

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## OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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Honorable Planning Commissioners  
San Luis Obispo County  
c/o James A. Bergman, Director of Planning and Building  
976 Los Osos Street, Room 300  
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

**RE: County Project Number 2012-00095  
Request that the San Luis Obispo County Planning Commission deny the  
proposed Phillips 66 Company Santa Maria Refinery Rail Spur Extension Project**

Dear Honorable Chair and Commissioners:

As Mayor of the City of Moorpark ("Moorpark"), I am writing to follow up on a letter I sent in January of last year, reiterating that on behalf of myself and the Moorpark City Council, I respectfully request that the San Luis Obispo County Planning Commission ("Commission") deny the proposed Phillips 66 Company Santa Maria Refinery Rail Spur Extension Project, due to unmitigated significant hazard impacts associated with the transport of crude oil by rail that would result as part of this project, as identified in the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

The transport of crude oil by 5,190-foot long unit trains to the Santa Maria Refinery would occur on the Union Pacific Railroad, either from Roseville or from Colton. The City of Moorpark is located in Ventura County along the Union Pacific Railroad between Colton and the Santa Maria Refinery. Moorpark has 5 at-grade signalized public crossings and 3 at-grade un-signalized private crossings of the Union Pacific Railroad in our community, including one at-grade crossing of State Highway 23. Each day, State Highway 23 carries over 1,000 trucks (mostly double-trailer sand and gravel trucks) across its at-grade rail crossing in our downtown. Due to the length of the proposed oil trains, an incident in Moorpark could result in the closure of multiple crossings at the same time, affecting both emergency response and traffic. Homes, schools, parks, and businesses are located adjacent to the Union Pacific tracks as they traverse Moorpark, and the impacts of a derailment could be devastating on these adjacent land uses.

For these reasons, we respectfully request the Commission to deny the proposed Phillips 66 Company Santa Maria Refinery Rail Spur Extension Project.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments on this project.

Sincerely,

Janice S. Parvin  
Mayor

cc: Honorable City Council; Honorable Planning Commission; Honorable Ventura County Board of Supervisors; Steven Kueny, City Manager; Deborah S. Traffenstedt, Assistant City Manager; David A. Bobardt, Community Development Director; Kevin G. Ennis, City Attorney; Ryan Hostetter, San Luis Obispo County Department of Planning and Building

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