

# CITY OF RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA

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**Tom Butt**

Mayor

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February 9, 2016

Hon. Board Chair Lynn Compton  
1055 Monterey Street  
Suite D430  
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

**RE: City Council Resolution opposing Phillips 66 facility expansion**

Dear Chair Compton and Board Members:

The City Council of the City of Richmond adopted the enclosed resolution calling on the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors to deny permits from Phillips 66 to build an oil train off-loading facility at their Santa Maria refinery in San Luis Obispo County.

The Richmond City Council unanimously agreed that the approval of this facility would pose a substantial health risk to residents by increasing the dangerous air pollutants from diesel fumes, and also increase the risk of catastrophic spills, fires, or explosions that would adversely impact residents, business and schools located near the rail lines.

We strongly urge the Board of Supervisors to consider opposing this expansion and take into account the impacts such a project will have on Richmond's community and environment.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tom Butt", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Tom Butt  
Mayor, City of Richmond

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**CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 6-16**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND,  
CALIFORNIA IN OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED OIL TRAIN OFF-LOADING  
FACILITY AT THE PHILLIPS 66 REFINERY IN SANTA MARIA**

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**WHEREAS**, Phillips 66 has applied for a permit to develop an oil train off-loading facility at their Santa Maria refinery in San Luis Obispo County; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed facility would enable the transportation of dangerous crude oil by rail by up to 10 million gallons per week and increase train traffic by 5 mile-long trains per week; and

**WHEREAS**, the Phillips 66 facility expansion would utilize rail lines passing through Richmond, including along waterways and densely populated neighborhoods, for the transportation of crude oil, increasing the risk of potentially catastrophic spills, fires and explosions; and

**WHEREAS**, the increase in train traffic would significantly increase dangerous air pollutants from diesel fumes, causing adverse health impacts to those who live, work and go to school near the train tracks; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Richmond passed Resolution No. 26-14 opposing the transportation of crude oil by rail absent adequate protections for the health, welfare and safety of people and the environment; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City Council of the City of Richmond hereby requests that the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors deny permits for the Phillips 66 oil train off-loading facility and any construction related to the project.

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I certify that the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting thereof held January 19, 2016, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Bates, Beckles, Martinez, McLaughlin, Pimplé,  
Vice Mayor Myrick, and Mayor Butt.  
NOES: None.  
ABSTENTIONS: None.  
ABSENT: None.

PAMELA CHRISTIAN  
CLERK OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND  
(SEAL)

Approved:

TOM BUTT

Mayor

Approved as to form:

BRUCE GOODMILLER

City Attorney

State of California            }  
County of Contra Costa        } : ss.  
City of Richmond               }

I certify that the foregoing is a true copy of **Resolution No. 6-16**, finally passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting held on January 19, 2016.

*Pamela Christian*

Pamela Christian, Clerk of the City of Richmond