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Dear Planning Commission,

I am against the The Phillips 66 Spur Project. This is one of the most dangerous and polluting oil projects in our entire region. If approved, this project would send thousands of potentially explosive oil trains right through our communities across the south central coast, threatening our safety, health, and environment.

It is hard to believe that you would consider the Phillips 66 which has proposed to add a rail spur at its oil refinery in San Luis Obispo County that would transport up to five 80-car trains carrying crude oil through Ventura, Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo Counties each week. These trains threaten our coastal environment and millions of Californians who live in the blast zone - the one-mile evacuation area in the event of an oil train derailment and fire. I live in that zone, as do so many in Santa Barbara. More than 10 million gallons of crude per week could be hauled along our coastline, threatening our communities.

When these trains have accidents, they are not insignificant, but are catastrophic. Since the beginning of the year we have had far too many deaths of trains hitting people on the tracks. This can only add to this carnage.

Lets look to the future, with sun and wind and waves and micro grids. Lets not look to the past century with pollution, global degradation inducing climate change, substantial costs of ill health effects of pollution. Forward without oil trains.

Sincerely,


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