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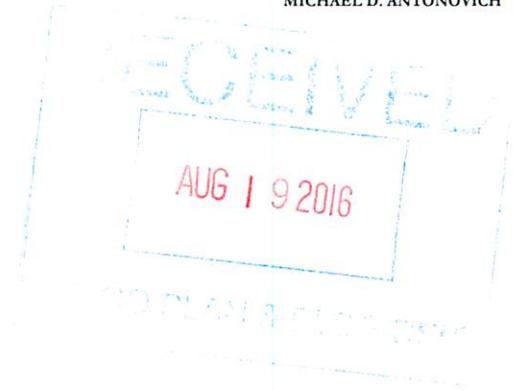
San Luis Obispo County
Planning Commission
976 Osos Street, Room 200
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

Dear Commissioners:

We are writing this letter to express our opposition to the proposed Phillips 66 Santa Maria Rail Spur Expansion project. The Phillips 66 Santa Maria Refinery proposes to extend an existing rail spur at their refinery in San Luis Obispo County in order to transport crude oil sands to the facility from sources outside of California. Trains delivering crude oil to the refinery through Los Angeles County would utilize the Union Pacific rail line from Colton via the San Gabriel Valley, travel adjacent to the Los Angeles River through downtown, and then make their way through the San Fernando Valley, before heading north to San Luis Obispo County. The 80-tanker trains carrying crude oil would stretch up to 1.4 miles in length.

The proposed Phillips 66 Rail Spur Extension Environmental Impact Report details a number of extensive, unavoidable impacts to health, environmental resources and public safety. Trains delivering crude oil through Los Angeles County will follow routes adjacent to densely populated low income communities, posing a serious threat of increased exposure to diesel emissions and particulate matter in areas already plagued by high rates of asthma.

The rate and severity of crude oil rail accidents has steadily grown in recent years, increasing from a yearly average of 25 between 1975 and 2012 to a high of 141 in 2014. The National Transportation Safety Board and the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration have recognized the enormous risk of transporting crude oil by rail.



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In 2013, a crude oil train derailment in Lac Megantic, Canada resulted in an explosion that destroyed dozens of buildings, killed 47 people and caused over \$1 billion in damages. The Phillips 66 Santa Maria Refinery Rail Spur Extension project's environmental document notes that emergency responders may not possess sufficient training, equipment and supplies to adequately respond to a crude oil rail car explosion. A derailment in Los Angeles County would be catastrophic, potentially resulting in serious injury, death and environmental devastation.

We therefore oppose the proposed Phillips 66 Santa Maria Rail Spur Expansion project.

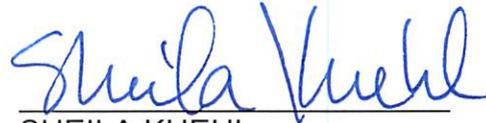
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