



Fw: Save P66 Santa Maria Refinery
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Dear Board of Supervisors:

My name is Susan McIntosh and on November 1 I will celebrate 28 years working for Phillips 66 Santa Maria Refinery. I'm so proud to work here and be part of a team that safely supplies energy needs for California. So much of my life has been spent here at this facility. My oldest child was 5 months old when I started here. On Sept 24 he will be celebrating his 29th birthday. Where does the time go? All my co-workers as well as the company were amazing to me as I went through my second pregnancy. Not one day went by during my pregnancy did I feel unsafe working here in this environment. The end result was a healthy 8lb 10oz baby boy who is now 21 and amazing!

My job has allowed me to do many things both in my career and for my family. I've worked in many different departments from HR, finance, laboratory assistant, and working for the site manager. Phillips 66 has also instilled pride in our community in which we work, live and play. We are encouraged to participate in non-profit organizations far and wide. They help us support these organizations financially as well as contributing our time. We are also encouraged to participate in Health & Wellness programs too.

In 2002 I became a single mom raising a teenage son and a pre-teen son. My job has been my lifeline and steady source of security during the years to follow. My job has allowed me to live on my own, feed my kids, obtain medical & dental care, pay for school activities, and college. I'm not going to lie, it's been a struggle but I am blessed every single day to work at such an amazing facility. My oldest son has gone on to gain not only his undergrad degree but his Masters as well. He's well accomplished today as a small business owner that is growing leaps and bounds every day. He is well respected in his field. His drive and tenacity make this mom extremely proud! My youngest son is in his second year of college and his accomplishments, even before entering college, could fill a book. His commitment to public service at his young age is much to be admired. Our generation is lucky to have this young man. His leadership skills and his drive to make the world a better place for us all is what we need.

Our refinery is celebrating 60 years here on the Central Coast. My story is just ONE out of 200+ head of household jobs. My message is that EVERYONE at Santa Maria Refinery has family that depends on them to come home safely. Safety of our people, environment and community is something we take first and foremost each time we walk through our gates. We have single moms, single dads, employees with large families, and small families. We are hardworking people that live and play in communities near the refinery.

Let's talk about the railroad....our railroad system has been in place longer than the refinery. Train horns blow every day, all day and will continue to blow whether the rail spur project is approved or not. Trains clank as they travel down the tracks, that isn't going to stop either. Oil trains travel through the County weekly and will continue to travel down these tracks whether our rail spur project is approved or not. We are just asking that they stop at our facility. I have more faith in a train traveling with our new safely engineered crude cars than 195 individual tanker trucks transporting crude down highways. Our project, whether approved or not, is not going to stop the crude trains traveling down our tracks. They've been doing it for many years.

This isn't about big oil trying to make a bigger profit. Please do not believe that hype. **This is about saving 200+ head of household jobs and the vitality of our refinery.** The economic impact to our area is frightful as well if we no longer exist.

Thank you for your time,
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