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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 200
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

RE: 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 write on behalf of myself and the Moorpark City Council, to 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 Recirculated Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for this project.

The transport of crude oil by 1.4-mile long unit trains to the Santa Maria Refinery would occur on the Union Pacific railroad tracks, either from Roseville to the refinery, or from Colton to the refinery. The City of Moorpark is located in Ventura County along the route 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 mainline tracks that go through our community, including State Highway 23, which carries a significant amount of heavy truck traffic. An incident involving an oil unit train from this project 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. Although the EIR for this project identifies the risk of derailment resulting in a spill as small, the impacts could be devastating on 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; Murry Wilson, San Luis Obispo County Department of Planning and Building

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