



May 26, 2015

Commissioner Don Campbell and Members  
SLO County Planning and Building Department  
976 Osos Street, Room 200  
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

Dear Commissioner Campbell,

Our Neighborhood Association represents 1100 Downtown San Jose Homes of over 3000 Residents.

**We are strongly opposed to the Phillips 66 expansion of the Mesa oil refinery which would result in oil trains running right through the middle of Downtown and also other parts of San Jose.**

These pressurized 100-car trains would carry flammable tar-sands which would spew carcinogens all along the way. Furthermore, when a derailment or fire occurs, 39,000 Downtown residents who live within one mile would be seriously affected, along with 200,000 other San Jose residents. Additionally, here are just a few examples of who would suffer in the blast zone: San Jose Police Department Headquarters; seven churches; a dozen elementary, middle, and high schools; San Jose State University; Santa Clara University; Diridon Railway Station; hundreds of businesses, restaurants, theaters; a dozen hotels, motels; etc.

Finally, the San Jose Fire Department and Police Department are simply not equipped to fight an oil fire as has occurred nationally (31 in the last 24 months). Recent horrific events in North Dakota and West Virginia should be reason enough to vote NO. San Jose is the largest city along the route and would be most impacted by your decision.

***We urge you to vote NO on the refinery expansion to ensure the safety and health of our citizens.***

Sincerely,

John Turner  
President Campus Community Association