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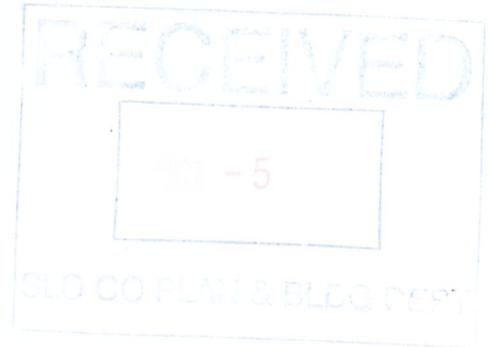
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Dear Planning Commissioners:

The Sacramento Unified School District School Board would like to state our concerns regarding the Phillips 66 oil train offloading facility expansion in San Luis Obispo County. Our District is located in Sacramento County with two different railroad transport routes which are in proximity to 13,000 Sacramento Unified School District students, their parents and our staff. The Board is particularly concerned with the increase in oil-train traffic generated by this project through our district.

We believe there is risk to the schools along the rail route. Seventeen of our schools are in the "blast-zone" - the area designated as a potential impact and evacuation zone by the Department of Transportation.

The Board has been informed the most significant impact identified in the Revised Draft Environmental Impact Report (RDEIR) is accidents on the main rail line that could result in oil spills, fires, and explosions near populated areas. Should the Phillips 66 permit be granted then Sacramento Unified would be forced to expend valuable time and scarce resources preparing the potential impact of a derailment, fire and possible explosion. Additionally, no matter how well prepared we are, an accident or spill near SCUSD campuses would be devastating to the students and staff.

Our current rail system, through a high population density urban school district, is not designed to move large quantities of hazardous materials like crude oil. The Board is also informed that additionally the RDEIR did not evaluate the air quality or greenhouse gas emissions for the entire project area which include oil transport through our district. The diesel emissions from operational activities of trains along the route would generate toxic pollutant emissions that exceed thresholds, increasing the risk of cancer, heart disease, and respiratory disease, especially in the very young. There is already a high incidence of childhood asthma and allergies in our area, and the additional pollutants from this project would directly compromise the health and safety of our school communities along the rail route.

On September 17, 2015, the Sacramento Unified School District Board of Education voted to respectfully request that the San Luis Obispo Planning Commission vote to deny the project.

Sincerely,

Darrel Woo
President
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Sacramento City Unified School District



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