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Subject: Opposition to the P66 Pail Terminal Project

Dear Mr. Murry Wilson, SLO County Planning Department,

I am writing to respectfully request that you vote against the proposed P66 Rail Terminal Project. The REIR is many pages long with many reasons presented to oppose this project, but let me just pick a few.

1.) IT IS ALL ABOUT THE MONEY

The refinery is working at capacity now and the addition of this 6 track rail spur and unloading dock, will not change that. By their own admission, this is just a way to bring in CHEAPER crude, so that their profit margin will increase. Currently, the oil is brought in by pipeline, which has been working just fine for many years. If they have the money to spend on all of this construction PLUS all of the new "safer" rail cars, perhaps they can build another pipeline from Utah and Canada, where they wish to buy the cheaper crude. I also understand that this project will only increase the workforce by 12 people.

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2.) IF IT AIN'T BROKE, DON'T FIX IT

I understand that there is new management in place and I am sure that they have been given the task of increasing the bottom line, but at what cost? Our view is of the refinery and we knew that coming in. We think of it as our "year round Holiday lights display", which is fine. But now they want to bring in over 500 trains a year, with 80 cars per train, which can only be unloaded 10 cars on each side at a time, for a total of 10-13 hours at a time, 24/7. Now we are talking about "Football Stadium" type lights adding light pollution and obstructing our scenic views and night sky views; coupling and uncoupling and moving of trains, 24/7, creating noise pollution, all of which will be magnified by the winds coming off of the ocean, not to mention the air pollution from the diesel trains, in an area where the air quality is already a problem.

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3.) SHOULDN'T THIS BE ABOUT THE GREATER GOOD FOR THE ENVIRONMENT OF THE AREA AND THE SAFETY OF ITS HUMAN RESIDENTS

I am very concerned about 500 trains a years, traveling through the East Bay area of San Francisco, where my son lives, past UC Berkeley and Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, where parents have sent their children and are assuming that they are safe from trains full of crude oil derailing, past French Hospital, then onto the Cuesta Grade with its 7% slope and then onto a bridge built in 1898, before coming to the Nipomo Mesa, where many residents live. The issues of hazardous spills, explosions and fires, need to be addressed and planned for. Currently, the closest Hazmat Team is 2 hours away in

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Santa Barbara and the local Emergency Response Team is "under funded, under trained, under equipped and not prepared."

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All in all, this whole project seems to contradict all that SLO County and you as its Planning Department, stands for. I understand that over the last two decades, that SLO County planners have encouraged residential growth and master planned communities as "desirable land use" in the Nipomo Mesa area, which certainly bring in high property tax revenues. This trend will hopefully continue in the future, but I feel that this project and all of the negative environmental impacts of it, may certainly be a "deal breaker" for future and current residents. We recently moved here for the "3rd Chapter" of our lives, from the Harbor City-Wilmington area of Los Angeles County, where we were surrounded by refineries and the Port. I told my children that I did not want to move again, but if the "Goliath" of Phillips 66 wins this one, I may seriously have to reconsider that plan.

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I am hoping that you will remember how the David and Goliath story ended and vote for the Little Guys against another big and powerful Oil company, who is looking to make more money, no matter who it hurts. As a political person, I hope that you will use all of these letters and emails to back up your vote, by saying that you were serving the will of the people!

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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