

**Peralta Community College District
Board of Trustees
Resolution # 14/15-49
Regarding Santa Maria Phillips 66 Rail Refinery**

WHEREAS, the San Luis Obispo County Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors is currently considering the Santa Maria Phillips 66 Rail Refinery Project which would ship vast quantities of highly toxic tar sands petroleum on mile-long trains through rail lines in or near the cities of Albany, Berkeley, Emeryville, Oakland, Piedmont, and Alameda; and

WHEREAS, community college district governing boards have the obligation to provide a safe and healthful learning environment for all students; and

WHEREAS, the proposed train route lies within view of both Laney College and the Peralta District Offices; and

WHEREAS, as Trustees of facilities located along the proposed rail route, we would be directly impacted by these oil trains; and

WHEREAS, school employees are state-mandated disaster workers while on the job, and may not be equipped to deal with the dangers posed by this project or to adequately protect the lives and the well-being of our students and employees; and

WHEREAS, the project's draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) leaves unanswered many serious questions about this project and has raised serious concerns not just within the environmental community but also among knowledgeable people within the public health and public safety communities; and

WHEREAS, the toxic air emissions that will accompany this project pose serious adverse risks to public health through what Phillips itself acknowledges are "significant and unavoidable" levels of air pollution along the rail route, with sulfur dioxide and other toxic chemicals that increase risk of cancer, heart disease, respiratory disease and premature death; and

WHEREAS, there is already a high incidence of childhood asthma and allergies in Oakland and Alameda (asthma hospitalization rate in Alameda County has twice the state average and is the third-highest in California); and

WHEREAS, resolutions opposing the Phillips Rail Refinery project have been adopted by other local elected bodies including the City Councils of Oakland, Berkeley, Richmond, San Leandro and San Jose, the Alameda County Board of Supervisors, and the School Boards of Oakland, San Leandro, Hayward, Fremont and San Lorenzo;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Peralta Community College District Board of Trustees strongly opposes this project and urges the San Luis Obispo

County Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors to reject the Phillips 66 oil train project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chancellor of the Peralta Community College District send a copy of this resolution and an accompanying letter to San Luis Obispo County Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors communicating our respectful but firm resolve to oppose the Phillips 66 Oil Tar Sands Rail Refinery Project.

APPROVED, PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Peralta Community College District Board of Trustees, Oakland, California on June 9, 2015.

José M. Ortiz, Chancellor
Secretary, Board of Trustees
PERALTA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT