

Senator Alquist, Senator Rains, Thank you for this opportunity to speak to you about our concerns. I am not representing the city council. We have not taken a position on any of the LNG bills in the legislature.

Your committee has advised us of the areas of special concern to your committee.

The area of special concern to me is SAFETY.

All independent authorities recommend that LNG facilities be located in areas remote from population. Oxnard has approximately the same population within 6 miles of the site as does Los Angeles.

The greatest danger posed by an LNG facility is the possibility of a tanker accident. There are not effective actions that can be taken by the city or the state to protect against a tanker accident. 85% of the tankers accidents of the world are due to human error. The Coast Guard is promising to do plan around a siting decision. Their record of enforcing tanker safety is not reassuring. These matters can get tangled up in national and international politics.

There is no experience in the world with an open sea LNG receiving terminal. The ~~pre~~stle is proposed to be more than a mile out to sea at the point where the Channel Islands comes closest to the coast. It can be treacherous there.

The possibility of tanker accident spilling 32million gallons of Lng that could kill 35000 people in our community was described in the EIR that was recently certified by the Oxnard City Council. Proposing to locate such a dangerous facility in our community is terrorizing the people of Oxnard and Port Hueneme.

Under present laws the state does not have the power to override the wishes of a local community and place such a facility within that city or county.

If the State believes that it must take on this awesome power, then it must, to keep the faith of the people, condition that power, by excluding populated areas from consideration.

30261

I urge you to keep the original wording of Section 30261 of the Public

Resource Code that was adopted in response to the vote of the people of this state begining on page 2 of SB 1081 line 21 ---

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