



Adopted June 18, 2019 by unanimous vote

RE: Resolution Opposing Zenith Energy Expansion & Tar Sands in Portland

WHEREAS transporting tar sands crude oil by rail poses immense risks to the community and the environment from accidents, potential spills, and explosions;

WHEREAS increasing the volume of trains increases the overall amount of diesel pollution adversely impacting the health of people who live and work near the rail line;

WHEREAS the terminal facility site is prone to soil liquefaction that could cause tank failure during a Cascadia Subduction Zone earthquake or other seismic event;

WHEREAS loading tar sands crude onto marine tankers poses unique risks to the Willamette River from spill or leak;

WHEREAS marine crude oil tankers traveling on the Willamette and Columbia Rivers pose risks to the health of the rivers, salmon, and other marine life;

WHEREAS some tar sands trains have added hydrogen sulfide or other hazardous diluents that require special safety equipment in case of a spill, leak, or other disaster, including the use of a Self Contained Breathing Apparatus, that first responders are ill-prepared for;

WHEREAS the City of Portland's Climate Action Plan acknowledges the need to dramatically reduce greenhouse gas emissions to mitigate the effects of climate change and tar sands are the most polluting form of fossil fuel;

Be it Resolved, that the Hosford-Abernethy Neighborhood District (HAND)

Strongly opposes the Zenith Energy expansion and all projects for new or expanded facilities that will result in an increase in tar sands transport or storage in Portland;

Urges the Portland City Council, Multnomah County Commission, agencies, and officials to deny all support and permits for Zenith Energy;

Urges the Portland City Council, Multnomah County Commission, agencies, and officials to pass a moratorium on fossil fuels and deny all future permits for new or expanded fossil fuel facilities.

Urges the Portland City Council and Multnomah County Commission to pursue policies that hold fossil fuel companies financially accountable for their pollution and other damage to Portland and surrounding waterways.

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Chair, Hosford-Abernethy Neighborhood District

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