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BEYOND THE BASICS ...

1. **CRUDE** – Crude oil by rail begins in a stripped and fouled landscape in America’s northland, and ends in our backyard. Bakken shale crude and diluted tar-sands bitumen is the last gasp of a dying fossil fuel industry.

2. **RAIL SAFETY** – In light of recent derailments, multiple serious questions remain: who will be in charge in the event of a catastrophic explosion; who will pay for cleanup; who will monitor and enforce railroad crossings? Who will insure against catastrophic loss of the Benicia Bridge, the Clocktower, the Camel Barn, the Arsenal District, AMPORTS and small businesses in the industrial park?

3. **EMISSIONS** – Valero wants to offload crude oil from one hundred huge (80-foot) railroad tank cars every day. Each car will require connect-disconnect operations that will increase toxic vapor emissions. Unconventional crude oil would also increase corrosion risks and overall pollution. The quality of our air would be severely impacted.

4. **ECONOMICS** – There will be a small number of jobs created. But there is no long term financial gain for Benicia. The proposed 50-car “bomb trains” twice a day could lower home values and property taxes, leading to a net loss of revenue to the City of Benicia.

5. **UPRAIL AND DOWNWIND** –Valero and the City of Benicia appear NOT to be considering the huge increase in crude by rail throughout the Bay Area, nor the health and safety of communities uprail of Benicia where some schools, downtowns, and commercial centers are well within a potential blast zone if one of Valero’s trains derails or spills.

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