

RESOLUTION NO. 214561

OCT 30 1975

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF SAN DIEGO OPPOSING THE PROCEDURES  
OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE  
INTERIOR LEADING TO THE LEASING OF  
TRACTS FOR OIL AND GAS DEVELOPMENT OFF  
THE COAST OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

WHEREAS, the United States Department of the Interior has announced a proposal to lease areas on the Outer Continental Shelf off the coast of San Diego adjacent to state tidelands for oil and gas development on December 1, 1975; and

WHEREAS, The City of San Diego recognizes the urgent need for exploration for petroleum in all areas contiguous to and within the continental United States; and

WHEREAS, The City of San Diego recognizes the heavy dependence of the United States on foreign imports of petroleum which has caused severe financial hardship for all Americans; and

WHEREAS, the State of California has carefully and strictly limited oil drilling in most of the offshore and beach areas adjacent to lands now being considered by the Department of the Interior for development in the federal waters beyond the state's three-mile tidelands boundary; and

WHEREAS, offshore oil production has serious potential onshore impact and the 1972 California Coastal Zone Conservation Act provides for the preparation of long-range plans

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for the orderly conservation and development of the California coastline, and any move by the Department of the Interior to increase oil development along the coast before the state long-range plans are adopted could seriously compromise state, regional and local planning efforts; and

WHEREAS, the federal administration's stated position that the states and local communities should be primarily responsible for land use planning is inconsistent with the Department of the Interior's proposal to proceed with the lease proposal without consultation with The City of San Diego; and

WHEREAS, the oil development off the coast of Southern California necessarily involves some risk of oil spills which could have a devastating effect on the coastal environment, especially the beaches and harbors, as the Santa Barbara oil blowout demonstrated five years ago; and

WHEREAS, the December 1, 1975 date announced by the Secretary of the Interior for awarding leases is inadequate to permit the necessary and heretofore lacking federal-local cooperation to resolve problems relating to the onshore impacts of offshore drilling; and

WHEREAS, additional serious questions remain unanswered and must be addressed before drilling rights are awarded;

NOW, THEREFORE,

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BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of The City of San Diego that even granting the need for Outer Continental Shelf exploration, the plans announced by the Secretary of the Interior to lease on December 1, 1975, Outer Continental Shelf lands for oil production off the coast of Southern California be strongly opposed and such awards not be made until:

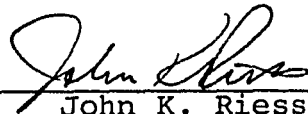
1. A comprehensive national, as well as regional, energy policy or other immediate and overriding national need justifies production in Southern California Outer Continental Shelf tracts.

2. Appropriate state, regional and local agencies have reviewed plans for any new offshore production for their onshore impact.

3. Congress has enacted pending legislation strengthening existing laws relating to drilling and development on the Outer Continental Shelf in order to insure maximum protection of the public interest in the use of this public resource.

APPROVED: JOHN W. WITT, City Attorney

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John K. Riess, Deputy

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by the following vote:

Councilmen	Yeas	Nays	Excused	Absent
Gil Johnson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Floyd L. Morrow	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Bob Martinet	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jim Ellis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Mayor Pete Wilson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

AUTHENTICATED BY:

PETE WILSON  
Mayor of The City of San Diego, California.

EDWARD NIELSEN  
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By Kathleen Martinez, Deputy.

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