

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 311586

DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE MAR 09 2018

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
SAN DIEGO IN OPPOSITION TO FEDERAL OIL AND GAS
LEASES IN ALL UNITED STATES WATERS, AND
SPECIFICALLY OFF THE COAST OF CALIFORNIA.

WHEREAS, the City of San Diego (City) and its visitors enjoy local beaches and the Pacific Ocean for recreational, commercial, and educational activities, all of which support the City's economy;

WHEREAS, the City's residents value California state beaches and coastal waters, which provide habitat to a vast array of wildlife, including fish, whales, sea turtles, and birds that depend on a healthy and clean environment;

WHEREAS, both the City Charter and the 2018 State and Federal Legislative Platform support opposition to legislative and regulatory measures that would open federal waters along the California Coast to off-shore drilling which could put coastal resources at risk from oil spills and other damage;

WHEREAS, expanding offshore oil and gas drilling and exploration could threaten marine wildlife, human health and the climate;

WHEREAS, California has experienced multiple offshore incidents, including a massive oil spill in 1969 off the coast of Santa Barbara and an oil platform burst in 2015, which resulted in economic and environmental damage;

WHEREAS, the Trump administration has proposed new offshore drilling without excluding any areas of the Pacific Outer Continental Shelf, including San Diego's coastline, and without including a buffer zone between State and Federal waters;

WHEREAS, these healthy Pacific Ocean resources support robust tourism, fishing and recreation industries and, according to recent data from the National Ocean Economics Program, in San Diego County alone, these local industries generate over 89,000 jobs and contribute more than \$4.3 billion in GDP each year;

WHEREAS, Pacific waters have long-standing military activities and the Department of Defense (DOD) has expressed concerns with developing oil and gas in some areas due to ongoing defense operation; for example, DOD classified areas off the shores of Southern California as off limits to oil and gas activity in order to preserve combat readiness training, ensure a sterile environment for live fire, and to maintain margins for Naval and Marine Corps operations;

WHEREAS, according to the United States Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, new federal offshore oil and gas leases have not been granted off the coast of California since 1984;

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Interior's 2017 - 2022 five year Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Leasing Program adopted as of November 18, 2016 contained no proposed offshore drilling along the Pacific Coast;

WHEREAS, the Interior Department's Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) has proposed drilling in nearly all coastal waters for the first time in history, for the years 2019 - 2024 and is soliciting public comments on the Draft Proposed Program (DPP), in response to which this Resolution is being submitted;

WHEREAS, the City is opposed to inclusion of any offshore drilling tracts in any OCS Planning Area on the Pacific Coast in the pending 2019 - 2024 DPP and any other future National Programs;

WHEREAS, the State of California prohibited new oil and gas leasing in state waters due to the unacceptably high risk of damage and disruption to the marine environment; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of California, the Attorney General, the State Senate the State Lands Commission, along with over 150 coastal municipalities nationwide, have taken a stand against new federal offshore oil and gas leases in the Pacific Ocean;

WHEREAS, opening new areas off California's coast to offshore drilling could undermine California's efforts to address climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions and moving toward renewable energy;

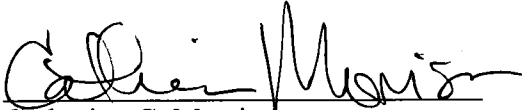
WHEREAS, this resolution is consistent with the City's goals and policies for the environment and the City's Climate Action Plan, including greenhouse gas reduction, and is consistent with the 2018 State and Federal Legislative Platform; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of San Diego, that the City opposes new federal oil and gas leasing in all U.S. waters, including waters off the coast of Southern California.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk shall send a copy of the approved resolution as a public comment from the City of San Diego on the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) 2019-2024 Draft Proposed Program (Docket ID - BOEM-2017-0074) (Federal Register Number - 2018-00083).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk shall send a copy of the approved resolution to the following persons: President Donald J. Trump, Office of the President; Secretary James N. Mattis, U.S. Secretary of Defense; Secretary Ryan Zinke, U.S. Department of the Interior; Governor Jerry Brown, Office of the Governor of the State of California.

APPROVED: MARA W. ELLIOTT, City Attorney

By 
Catherine C. Morrison
Deputy City Attorney

CCM: jvg
February 20, 2018
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I certify that the foregoing Resolution was passed by the Council of the City of San Diego, at this meeting of MAR 06 2018.

ELIZABETH S. MALAND
City Clerk

By 
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: 3/9/18
(date)


KEVIN L. FAULCONER, Mayor

Vetoed: _____
(date)

KEVIN L. FAULCONER, Mayor

Passed by the Council of The City of San Diego on MAR 06 2018, by the following vote:

Councilmembers	Yeas	Nays	Not Present	Recused
Barbara Bry	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lorie Zapf	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chris Ward	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Myrtle Cole	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mark Kersey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chris Cate	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Scott Sherman	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
David Alvarez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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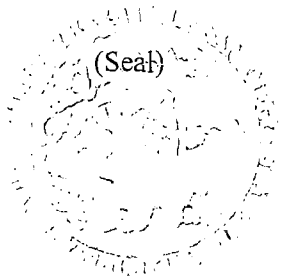
(Please note: When a resolution is approved by the Mayor, the date of final passage is the date the approved resolution was returned to the Office of the City Clerk.)

AUTHENTICATED BY:

KEVIN L. FAULCONER
Mayor of The City of San Diego, California.

ELIZABETH S. MALAND
City Clerk of The City of San Diego, California.

By Linda Irwin, Deputy



Office of the City Clerk, San Diego, California
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