

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 315454

DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE APR 22 2024

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
SAN DIEGO IN SUPPORT OF UPHOLDING THE
PROHIBITIONS ON NEW OIL AND GAS WELLS AND
OPPOSING THE REFERENDUM ON THE NOVEMBER 2024
BALLOT WHICH WOULD OVERTURN SB 1137 AND URGES
A VOTE TO “KEEP THE LAW.”

WHEREAS, the City of San Diego (City) appreciates the concerns expressed by the young citizens group *Youth v. Oil* regarding the impacts that climate change is having on youth and future generations, especially as environmental conditions are impacted by extraction and use of oil and gas from wells in California; and

WHEREAS, through its Climate Action Plan, the City recognizes the urgency of the climate crisis and its impacts on youth and future generations; and

WHEREAS, millions of Californians live within one mile of an active oil or gas extraction site; and

WHEREAS, *Youth v. Oil* indicates that if current fossil fuel production rates stay constant, some scientists predict that irreversible effects of climate change will be visible before 2050 and as early as the next decade; and

WHEREAS, some studies have determined that oil and gas drilling releases air pollution that has been connected to the cause of headaches, childhood leukemia, asthma symptoms, birth defects, and cardiac problems and various methods of oil and gas extraction can leak methane which is more damaging to the environment than carbon dioxide as a greenhouse pollutant; and

WHEREAS, as the number of oil and gas extraction sites increase, the number of air pollutants and amount of greenhouse gasses will increase to levels that threaten the health and future of San Diego residents; and

WHEREAS, climate change, caused partly by burning fossil fuels, has coincided with natural disasters, devastating storms, historic droughts, wildfires, and extreme heat which impact San Diego residents' physical and mental health; and

WHEREAS, San Diego Resolution R-311586 (Mar. 9, 2018) opposed federal offshore oil and gas drilling leases off all United States waters, including the coast of California; and

WHEREAS, San Diego Resolution R-312891 (Mar. 25, 2020) declared a climate emergency and discussing the need for accelerated climate action; and

WHEREAS, in December 2021, the City announced it will divest from fossil fuel companies; and

WHEREAS, San Diego Resolution R-314089 (May 9, 2022) supported *Youth v. Oil's* efforts to create buffer zones, phase out oil and gas extraction in California, and exercise greater control on the permit issuance of new oil and gas drilling for sites engaged in fossil fuel extraction; and

WHEREAS, in part to *Youth v. Oil's* efforts, the California State Legislature passed, and Governor Newsom signed Senate Bill (SB) 1137 which prohibits the issuance of new well permits and construction and operation of new oil and gas production facilities within 3,200 feet of a sensitive area and directs existing production facilities in these areas to comply with a higher standard of safety regulation; and

WHEREAS, opponents of SB 1137 have collected enough signatures to qualify a referendum that would overturn SB 1137 (Referendum) delaying implementation pending the results of the Referendum at the November 2024 general election; and

WHEREAS, *Youth v. Oil* is organizing efforts to oppose the Referendum and uphold SB 1137 to allow the protections set forth in the legislation to be implemented; and

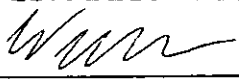
WHEREAS, a vote to “Keep the Law” on the Referendum would uphold SB 1137’s prohibitions on new oil and gas wells; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of San Diego concurs with *Youth v. Oil* that prompt control and timely ending of oil and gas drilling in California will be of benefit to San Diego and its communities and will advance the climate action objectives of both California and San Diego; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the City Attorney has drafted this resolution based on the information provided by City staff, including information provided by affected third parties and verified by City staff with the understanding that this information is complete, true, and accurate; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of San Diego supports upholding the prohibitions on new oil and gas wells and opposes the referendum on the November 2024 ballot which would overturn SB 1137 and urges a vote to “Keep the Law.”

APPROVED: MARA W. ELLIOTT, City Attorney

By 

William Tyler Smith
Deputy City Attorney

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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 APR 09 2024.

DIANA J.S. FUENTES
City Clerk

By Kristel Medina
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: 4/22/24
(date)

Todd Gloria
TODD GLORIA, Mayor

Vetoed: _____
(date)

TODD GLORIA, Mayor

Passed by the Council of The City of San Diego on APR 09 2024, by the following vote:

Councilmembers	Yeas	Nays	Not Present	Recused
Joe LaCava	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jennifer Campbell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stephen Whitburn	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Henry L. Foster III	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Marni von Wilpert	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kent Lee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Raul A. Campillo	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vivian Moreno	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sean Elo-Rivera	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Date of final passage APR 22 2024.

(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:

TODD GLORIA
Mayor of The City of San Diego, California.

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DIANA J.S. FUENTES
City Clerk of The City of San Diego, California.

By *Kristen Medina*, Deputy

Office of the City Clerk, San Diego, California

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