



Date: February 20, 2020
To: Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Thomas B. Modica, Acting City Manager 
Subject: **Sustainable City Commission Request to Consider Oil Drilling Resolution**

At its January 23, 2020 meeting, the Sustainable City Commission heard a presentation from Oceana, a non-profit organization, on their campaign to oppose new oil drilling in federal waters off the California coast. The Commission requests the City Council to consider adopting a resolution, joining over 90 other jurisdictions, to oppose new offshore oil drilling in federal waters off the West Coast.

The current federal administration is working to open federal waters to additional drilling leases, including waters along the West Coast. There have been no new drilling leases in federal waters off California since 1984.

The federal waters under consideration here do not include state waters where current oil operations occur in the Tidelands areas. A resolution from the City of Long Beach could make this distinction explicit to ensure there is no confusion about current oil operations.

Attached is the presentation from Oceana with more information on the campaign, as well as three example resolutions. The full map of jurisdictions that have passed resolutions can be found here: <https://usa.oceana.org/pacific-drilling>.

For any questions on this item please contact Sustainability Coordinator Larry Rich at (562) 570-5839 or Larry.Rich@longbeach.gov.

ATTACHMENTS

CC: CHARLES PARKIN, CITY ATTORNEY
LAURA L. DOUD, CITY AUDITOR
REBECCA GARNER, ACTING ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER
KEVIN JACKSON, DEPUTY CITY MANAGER
TERESA CHANDLER, INTERIM DEPUTY CITY MANAGER
AJAY KOLLURI, ACTING ADMINISTRATIVE DEPUTY TO THE CITY MANAGER
MONIQUE DE LA GARZA, CITY CLERK

PROTECTING OUR COAST FROM NEW OFFSHORE OIL DRILLING

Nancy Downes
Campaign Organizer, Southern CA
Jan 23, 2020



Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

NEW OFFSHORE OIL DRILLING

5 YR OIL AND GAS LEASING PLAN – ESTABLISHES A SCHEDULE OF LEASE SALES – SPECIFIES SIZE, TIMING, AND LOCATION.

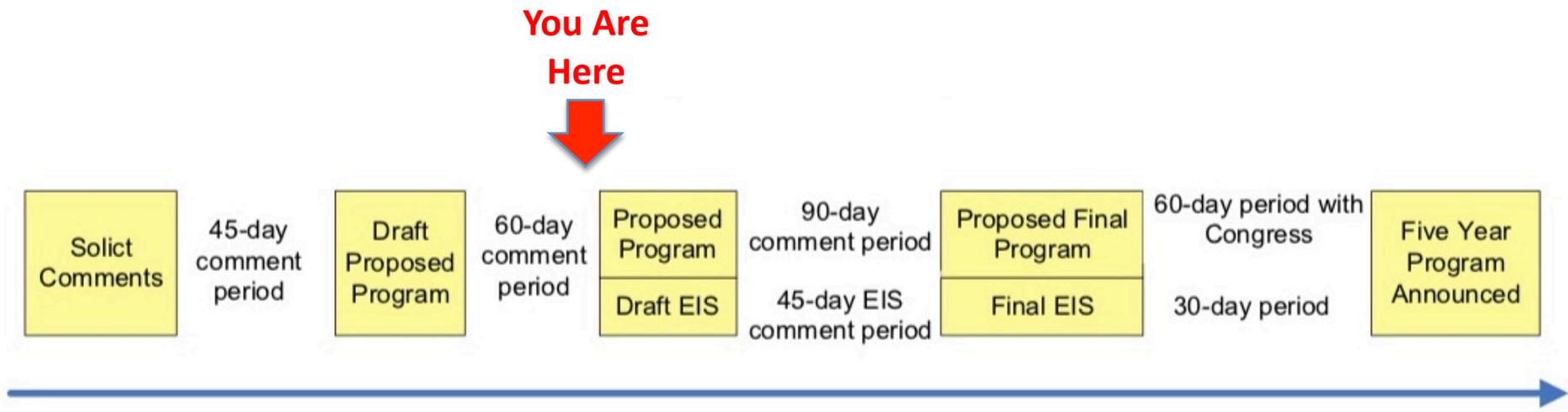
CURRENTLY – 2017-2022 PLAN

APRIL 2017 – PRESIDENTIAL EXECUTIVE ORDER 13795 –
“IMPLEMENTING AMERICA-FIRST OFFSHORE ENERGY STRATEGY”
BOEM WAS DIRECTED TO DEVELOP A NEW PROGRAM 2019-2024.



DRILLING

TIMELINE



7 lease sales proposed in the pacific



DRILLING = SPILLING

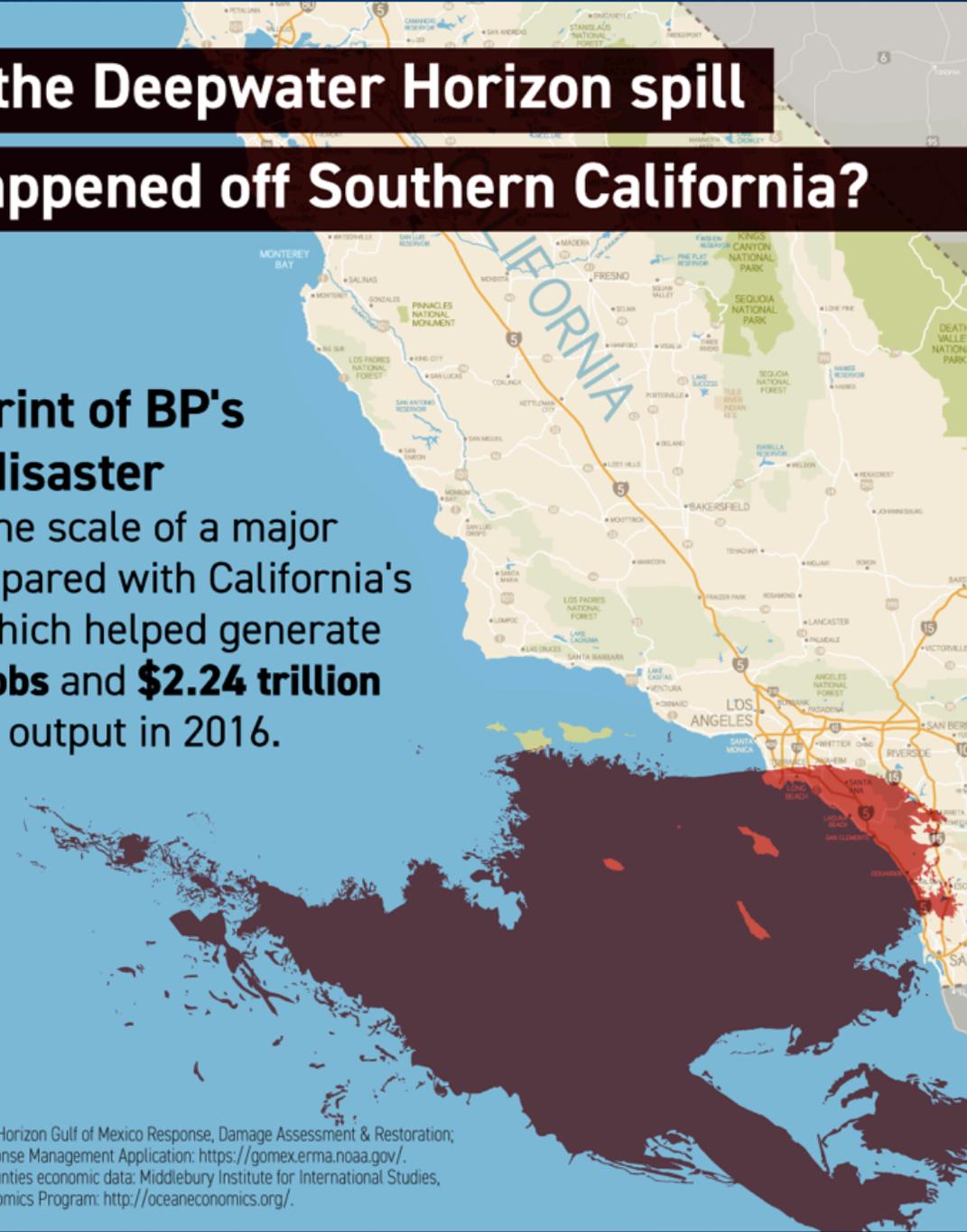
California Spills:

- Santa Barbara 1969
- American Trader 1990
- Cosco Busan 2007
- Refugio 2015



What if the Deepwater Horizon spill happened off Southern California?

The footprint of BP's
2010 oil disaster
illustrates the scale of a major
oil spill compared with California's
coastline, which helped generate
13 million jobs and **\$2.24 trillion**
in economic output in 2016.



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Sources: Deepwater Horizon Gulf of Mexico Response, Damage Assessment & Restoration; Environmental Response Management Application: <https://gomex.erma.noaa.gov/>. California coastal counties economic data: Middlebury Institute for International Studies, National Ocean Economics Program: <http://oceanomics.org/>.



DRILLING IN CA

1969 – NO NEW LEASES = STATE WATERS

1984 – NO NEW LEASES = FEDERAL WATERS OFF CA

EXISTING – 23 platforms, 43 active leases (Platform Holly)

2018 – SB 834 & AB 1775 - block new infrastructure thru state waters

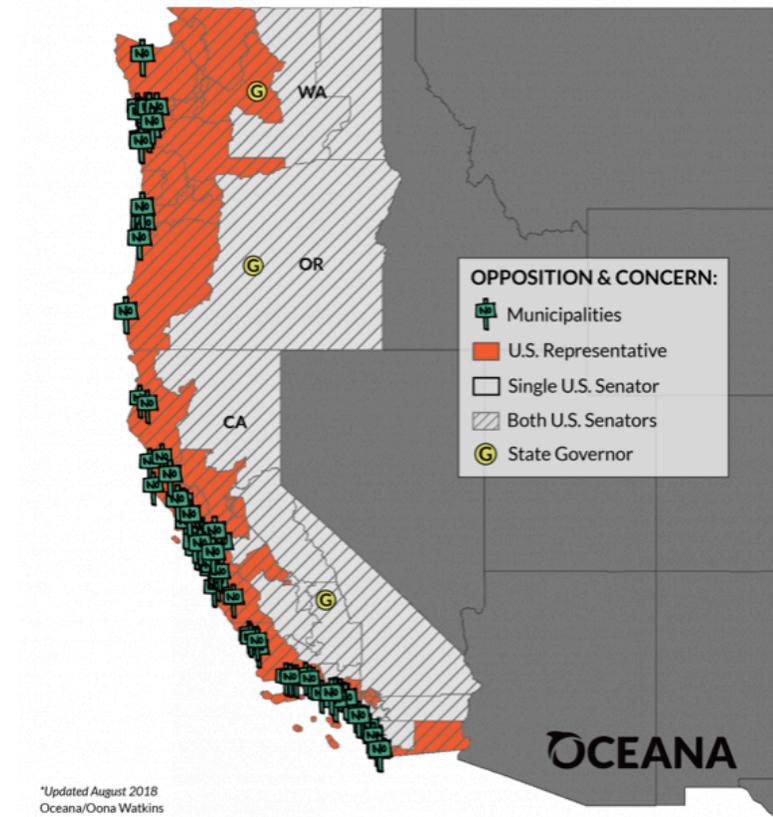
Sept 2109 – H.R. 1941 - block drilling along the East and West coasts (238 votes)

H.R. 205 - block drilling along Florida's coast in the Gulf of Mexico (248 votes)

OPPOSITION

EVERY WEST COAST GOVERNOR
 OVER 90 RESOLUTIONS
 BUSINESS ALLIANCE – OVER 7,500
 WILDLIFE AGENCIES – F&G, CSLC, CC

COASTAL COMMUNITIES OPPOSE OFFSHORE DRILLING ACTIVITIES



<https://usa.oceana.org/pacific-drilling>



DefendThePacific.org

PUBLIC LAUNCH FEB 2018 and GROWN TO OVER 7,500
CA COASTAL ECONOMY SUPPORTS 600K JOBS, \$42.3 GDP
4 CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE, TOURISM BOARDS, REALTORS ASSOC.
SUBMITTED 2 LETTERS TO HON. NANCY PELOSI in 2019
BAPPC PANEL DURING RISING TIDE SUMMIT IN SAN PEDRO
FOUNDING MEMBER VIPE DESAI SPOKE BEFORE CONGRESS
IN-DISTRICT AND D.C. MEETINGS WITH CONGRESSIONAL REPS
NOV 2019 - LOBBY DAY AND PRESENTATION TO BOEM / DOI



Courtesy of Oceana



THANK YOU!

QUESTIONS?

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**PACIFIC OPPOSITION – USA.OCEANA.ORG/PACIFIC-DRILLING
BUSINESS ALLIANCE - DEFENDTHEPACIFIC.ORG**

SPECIAL

RESOLUTION

“Protect Our Coasts from Oil and Gas Drilling”

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state or federal governmental body or agency must first have been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, oil drilling off the western coast of the United States presents a clear and ever-present danger to the health and safety of millions of residents, businesses and economies, with the threat of an oil spill potentially wreaking untold and irreparable havoc on ecosystems, on human health, and economic activities of communities that rely on the coast; and

WHEREAS, a well failure in 1969 off the coast of Santa Barbara fouled coastal waters and caused catastrophic environmental damage, helping launch the modern environmental movement; and

WHEREAS, while offshore platforms are visible from the state’s southern shoreline and are still extracting oil from more than 40 longstanding leases, the last drilling lease sale was in 1984; and

WHEREAS, the under the leadership of former Councilmembers Marvin Braude and Zev Yaroslavsky, the Los Angeles City Council sponsored voter-approved Proposition O, which effectively ended new oil drilling off the Los Angeles coast in 1988; and

WHEREAS, in December 2016, President Barack Obama signed an executive order that banned any new oil and gas drilling off the coast of California under Section 12(a) of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (OCSLA); and

WHEREAS, this morning, President Donald J. Trump signed the America First Offshore Energy Executive Order, which opens the Pacific, Atlantic and Arctic Oceans up to oil and gas drilling; and

WHEREAS, President Trump’s Executive Order threatens our local beaches, harbors and waterways, and it is critical that the City of Los Angeles immediately make known its opposition to the President’s Executive Order in an effort to protect the health and welfare of its residents;

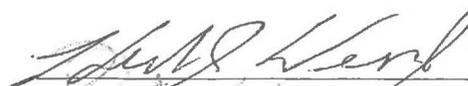
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council determine, as provided by Section 54954.2 (b) (2) of the Government Code, and pursuant to **Rule 23** of the Rules of the City Council, that there is an immediate need to act on this matter and that the need for action came to the attention of the City Council subsequent to the posting of the agenda for today’s meeting; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2017-2018 Federal and State Legislative Programs OPPOSITION to President Donald J. Trump’s Executive Order that allows any additional oil and gas drilling in the Pacific Ocean or near the Western coast of the United States.

PRESENTED BY:


MIKE BONIN
Councilmember, 11th District

SECONDED BY:




ORIGINAL

April 28, 2017

RESOLUTION NO. 5141

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF EL SEGUNDO, CALIFORNIA, TO PROTECT OUR COAST FROM OFFSHORE OIL AND GAS DRILLING AND EXPLORATION, IN OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED 2019-2024 NATIONAL OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF PROGRAM

THE EL SEGUNDO CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AND FINDS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: *Recitals:*

- A. The City of El Segundo and its visitors enjoy California's beaches and the Pacific Ocean for recreational, commercial, and educational activities, all of which support our local economy;
- B. The City of El Segundo's residents value our state's ocean 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;
- C. New federal offshore oil and gas leases have not been granted off the coast of California since 1964;
- D. 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 restrictions on offshore drilling along the Pacific Coast;
- E. Offshore oil and gas drilling and exploration off the Pacific coast puts coastal resources, and the communities and industries that depend on them, at risk from oil spills and other damage;
- F. Pipeline and offshore drilling have caused catastrophic economic and environmental damage in the past;
- G. Opening new areas off the Pacific coast to offshore drilling will perpetuate the dependence on fossil fuels;
- H. California recognizes that instead of prioritizing new oil and gas development, the nation can thrive by championing renewable energy, which creates jobs, bolsters the economy, and protects the coastline, resources, and marine wildlife from a catastrophic oil spill;
- I. California continues to pioneer clean, renewable energy, in accordance with regulatory measures that include SB100;

- J. Increasing the State's renewable energy portfolio is a key strategy to fight climate change and reduce greenhouse gas emissions;
- K. California is a founding member of the International Ocean Acidification Alliance to Combat Ocean Acidification, which identifies, coordinates, and expands meaningful and timely actions to combat ocean acidification and highlights the urgency of reducing greenhouse gas emissions;
- L. California has made significant social and financial investments to create the nation's first science-based network of Marine Protected Areas (MPA) to protect marine life and habitats which safeguards ecosystems and economic activities that rely on a healthy ocean—including tourism and commercial fishing—and supports the state's thriving \$44 billion ocean economy;
- M. Activities occurring beyond California's three-mile boundary in federal waters can influence and impact protected marine mammal species that use State waters to feed, breed, and migrate;
- N. 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,
- O. The Governor of California, the Attorney General, the State Senate, the State Lands Commission, the California Coastal Commission, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, along with over 60 California municipalities, have taken a stand against new federal offshore oil and gas leases in the Pacific Ocean.

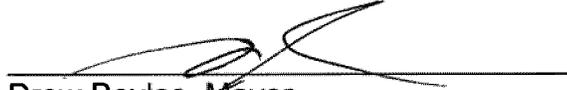
SECTION 2: The City Council hereby resolves that the City of El Segundo (1) opposes new leases for oil and gas activities off the coast of California, (2) opposes policy to encourage energy exploration and production on the Outer Continental Shelf, (3) opposes new federal oil and gas leasing off the Pacific coast, (4) supports a ban on new offshore oil and gas drilling, fracking, and related techniques in federal and state waters off the California coast.

SECTION 3: The City Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this Resolution to Governor Newsom, U. S. Senators Feinstein and Harris; U.S. Representative Lieu; State Senator Allen; State Representative Burke; and any other interested parties.

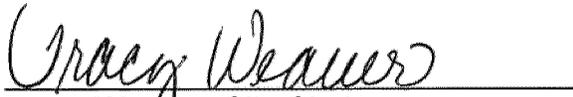
SECTION 4: This Resolution will become effective immediately upon adoption and will remain effective unless repealed or superseded.

SECTION 5: The City Clerk will certify to the passage and adoption of this Resolution; will enter the same in the book of original Resolutions of said City; and will make a minute of the passage and adoption thereof in the record of proceedings of the City Council of said City, in the minutes of the meeting at which the same is passed and adopted.

PASSED AND ADOPTED RESOLUTION No. 5141 this 19th day of March, 2019.


Drew Boyles, Mayor

ATTEST:


Tracy Weaver, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

 For
Mark D. Hensley, City Attorney

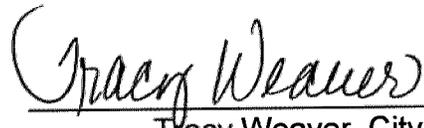
CERTIFICATION

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) SS
CITY OF EL SEGUNDO)

I, Tracy Weaver, City Clerk of the City of El Segundo, California, hereby certify that the whole number of members of the City Council of the City is five; that the foregoing Resolution No. 5141 was duly passed and adopted by said City Council, approved and signed by the Mayor of said City, and attested to by the City Clerk of said City, all at a regular meeting of said Council held on the 19th day of March 2019, and the same was so passed and adopted by the following roll call vote:

- AYES: Mayor Boyles, Mayor Pro Tem Pirsztuk, Council Member Brann, Council Member Pimentel, and Council Member Nicol
- NOES: None
- ABSENT: None
- ABSTAIN: None

WITNESS MY HAND THE OFFICIAL SEAL OF SAID CITY this 29th day of April, 2019.



Tracy Weaver, City Clerk
of the City of El Segundo,
California

RESOLUTION NO. 18-73

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COSTA MESA, CALIFORNIA, OPPOSING PRESIDENTIAL EXECUTIVE ORDER 13795, ENTITLED IMPLEMENTING AN AMERICA-FIRST OFFSHORE ENERGY STRATEGY, WHICH ESTABLISHES A POLICY TO ENCOURAGE ENERGY EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION ON THE OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COSTA MESA, CALIFORNIA DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, the City of Costa Mesa and its residents and visitors enjoy California's beaches and the Pacific Ocean for recreational, commercial, and educational activities, all of which support our local economy including an estimated amount of nine million dollars in tourism sales tax funding; and

WHEREAS, the City of Costa Mesa's residents value our State's ocean 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; and

WHEREAS, offshore oil and gas drilling and exploration off the Pacific Coast puts these coastal resources, and the communities and industries that depend on them, at risk from oil spills and other damage; and

WHEREAS, a massive oil spill in 1969 off the coast of Santa Barbara fouled coastal waters and caused catastrophic economic and environmental damage; and

WHEREAS, in May 2015, a pipeline ruptured near Refugio State Beach in Santa Barbara County and spilled oil into the Pacific Ocean with oil reaching as far south as Orange County, damaging wildlife, closing beaches, and impacting recreational and commercial activities; and

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; and

WHEREAS, on April 28, 2017, the President of the United States issued Executive Order 13795, entitled Implementing an America-First Offshore Energy Strategy, which establishes a policy to encourage energy exploration and production on the OCS and restarts the 2017-2022 five-year lease sales program, potentially opening up Arctic waters and millions of coastal acres off U.S. shores to oil and gas drilling; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Executive Order is to facilitate offshore oil and gas development in federal waters and its basis is that oil and gas development ushers in economic growth and job creation and bolsters national security; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Order restarts the five-year oil and gas leasing program for OCS areas, and, while it is focused on the Arctic, the five-year program covers the entire OCS planning area, including the Pacific OCS; and

WHEREAS, the existing five-year oil and gas leasing program for 2017 through 2022 excludes lease sales in the Pacific or Atlantic OCS areas, and the Executive Order short circuits that program; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Executive Order, the Interior Department's Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) is proposing an expanded Five-Year OCS Leasing Program for the years 2019-2024, which would replace the 2017-2022 program; and

WHEREAS, the draft proposed program for 2019-2024 includes 47 new potential leases, including six (6) in California; and

WHEREAS, the City of Costa Mesa is opposed to inclusion of any offshore drilling tracts in any OCS planning area on the Pacific Coast in the pending 2019-2024 draft proposed program and any other future National programs; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Interior has failed to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA), the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (OCSLAA), and relevant local land use provisions in considering said Draft Proposed Program (DPP), and further, has failed to conduct and heed the duly-required consultations with affected governors, local governments, tribes, and other stakeholders as required under existing law; and

WHEREAS, contrary to the Executive Order, the State of California and State Commissions continue to pioneer clean, renewable energy, recognizing that instead of prioritizing new oil and gas development, the Nation can thrive by championing renewable energy, which creates, jobs, bolsters the economy, and protects the coastline, resources, and marine wildlife from a catastrophic oil spill; and

WHEREAS, California has spent decades laying a foundation for the green economy and renewable energy, including establishing targets to increase retail sales of renewable electricity to 50 percent by 2030, and doubling the energy efficiency savings in electricity and natural gas end uses by 2030; and

WHEREAS, California leads the nation in reducing carbon pollution and recently enacted legislation requiring statewide greenhouse gas emissions to be 40 percent below the 1990 level by 2030; and

WHEREAS, opening new areas off the Pacific Coast to offshore drilling will deepen the State's dependence on fossil fuels and undermine its efforts to address climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions and moving toward renewable energy; and

WHEREAS, Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr.'s Executive Order B-30-15 acknowledges the threat of climate change to the health and well-being of humans and natural resources, highlights California's efforts to achieve significant emission reductions by 2050, and directs State government to implement Safeguarding California, California's climate adaptation plan; and

WHEREAS, shifting away from fossil fuel dependency and increasing the State's renewable energy portfolio is a key strategy to fight climate change and reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, action to combat climate change works in concert with economic growth, and, as California has shown, renewable energy creates more jobs per megawatt of power installed, per unit of energy produced, and per dollar of investment compared to energy production from fossil fuels; and

WHEREAS, California is a founding member of the International Ocean Acidification Alliance to Combat Ocean Acidification, which brings governmental and affiliate members together to identify, coordinate, and expand meaningful and timely actions to combat ocean acidification and limit other climate change-driven changes to the world's oceans, and the Alliance highlights the urgency of reducing greenhouse emissions and other causes of ocean acidification as well as implementing actions to adapt to and raise awareness of climate change-driven changes to the ocean; and

WHEREAS, California has made significant social and financial investments to create the Nation's first science-based network of marine protected areas to protect marine life and habitats for current and future generations, and covering 16 percent of State waters, California's network safeguards ecosystems and economic activities that rely on a healthy ocean—including tourism and commercial fishing—and supports the State's thriving \$44 billion ocean economy; and

WHEREAS, the Implementing an America-First Offshore Energy Strategy Executive Order requires the Secretary of Commerce to review a 2016 National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration guidance document that assesses the effects of anthropogenic sound on marine mammal hearing for consistency with the Order's policy of encouraging oil and gas development, and rescind or revise this guidance if appropriate; and

WHEREAS, sound, and marine mammals, know no political boundaries—activities occurring beyond California's three-mile boundary in federal waters can influence and impact protected marine mammal species that use State waters to feed, breed, and migrate, and this Order may undermine federal and state protections and expose marine mammals to injurious noise levels that could have population-level impacts; and

WHEREAS, the City of Costa Mesa rejects the President's premise that encouraging energy exploration and production on the OCS is necessary to maintain the Nation's position as a global energy leader and foster energy security and resilience for the benefit of the American people; and

WHEREAS, new federal offshore oil and gas leases have not been granted off the coast of California since 1984; and

WHEREAS, hydraulic fracturing and other unconventional oil extraction techniques such as acid fracturing, matrix acidizing, gravel packing and cyclic steam injection, collectively referred to here as "fracking and other well stimulation," provide another means to expand offshore oil and gas extraction off California's coast; and

WHEREAS, fracking and other well stimulation increase pollution and the risk of oil spills and earthquakes; and

WHEREAS, the offshore oil industry is permitted to dump more than 9 billion gallons of wastewater into the Pacific every year including wastewater from fracking that may be laced with toxic chemicals that can harm human health and wildlife; and

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

WHEREAS, on September 8, 2018, the Governor of California signed into law Assembly Bill 1775 and Senate Bill 834, which prohibit the State Lands Commission or local trustees from granting leases for new pipelines and infrastructure and from entering into new lease agreements, or renewing, expanding, or modifying existing agreements that would result in increased oil or natural gas production from federal waters; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of California, the Attorney General, the State Legislature, the State Lands Commission, the California Coastal Commission, and the California Fish and Game Commission, along with over 50 cities and counties, have taken a stand against new federal offshore oil and gas leases in the Pacific Ocean.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Costa Mesa that the City of Costa Mesa:

1. Opposes new leases for oil and gas activities off the coast of California.
2. Opposes Executive Order 13795 – Implementing an America-First Offshore Energy Strategy, which establishes a policy to encourage energy exploration and production on the Outer Continental Shelf.
3. Opposes new federal oil and gas leasing in U.S. waters, including the coast of California.
4. Supports prohibiting new federal oil and gas leasing off the Pacific Coast.
5. Supports a ban on new offshore oil and gas drilling, fracking, and related techniques in federal and state waters off of the coast of California.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 16th day of October, 2018.



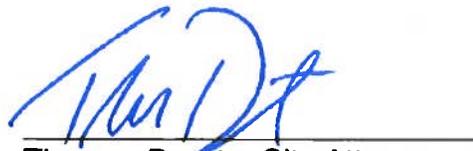
Sandra L. Genis, Mayor

ATTEST:



Brenda Green, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Thomas Duarte, City Attorney

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF ORANGE) ss
CITY OF COSTA MESA)

I, BRENDA GREEN, City Clerk of the City of Costa Mesa, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the above and foregoing is the original of Resolution No. 18-73 and was duly passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Costa Mesa at a regular meeting held on the 16th day of October, 2018, by the following roll call vote, to wit:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Foley, Stephens, Genis

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Righeimer

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Mansoor

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereby set my hand and affixed the seal of the City of Costa Mesa this 17th day of October, 2018.



Brenda Green, City Clerk