



# City of Del Mar



October 16, 2017

The California Congressional Delegation  
Washington, DC, 20515

Dear California Congressional Delegation,

We are writing to urge you to join us in opposing any increase in oil or gas drilling off the coast of California.

President Trump's Executive Order signed on April 28, 2017 may have created an opening for more oil and gas drilling off the coast of California. Join us in opposing increased oil and gas drilling off the coast of California.

California's iconic coastal and marine waters are one of our state's most precious resources. Hundreds of millions of California residents and visitors enjoy the state's ocean and coast for recreation, exploration, and relaxation. Tourism and recreation comprise the largest sector of the state's \$44.8 billion ocean economy.

A recent poll by the Public Policy Institute of California found:

*"Only 25% of Californians favor allowing more oil drilling off the California coast—the lowest level of support since PPIC first began asking this question in 2003. An overwhelming majority of Democrats (81%) and a strong majority of independents (68%) oppose more drilling, while half of Republicans (50%) are in favor. However, when asked about allowing wind power and wave energy projects off the coast, more than seven in ten Californians—across political parties—support this proposal."*

California is moving toward renewable energy and clean transportation. In 2017, the California state senate supported SB 100 (DeLeón) a bill to move California to 100% clean, zero-carbon, renewable energy by 2045. In addition, California is leading the country with clean electric cars. California has a goal of having 1.5 million clean electric cars on the road by 2023. In addition, this past month the LA Metro board voted to ensure that 100% of its bus fleet would be electric buses by 2030.

For the following reasons, we strongly encourage you to join us in opposing increased oil and gas drilling off the coast of California.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Terry Sinnott".

Terry Sinnott  
Mayor

Supported 5 to 0 by the Del Mar City Council October 16, 2017
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