



CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL
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RESOLUTION

PROTECTING OUR OCEAN AND COAST FROM OFFSHORE DRILLING AND FRACKING

WHEREAS, the Town of Cayucos values our state's ocean waters and coasts that provide habitat to a vast array of wildlife, including whales, sea turtles, birds, and fish that depend on a healthy and clean environment;

WHEREAS, our town's residents and visitors enjoy California's ocean and beaches for recreational activities, and depend on them for tourism and to support coastal economies;

WHEREAS, offshore oil and gas drilling off the Pacific coast puts these coastal resources at risk of oil spills and other damage;

WHEREAS, the Town of Cayucos opposes an expansion of offshore oil and gas drilling, fracking in existing offshore wells and other well stimulation because of the threat to our coast, wildlife, and climate; and

WHEREAS, the federal government has taken recent steps to vastly expand offshore oil and gas leasing in the Pacific, Atlantic, Arctic oceans and the eastern Gulf of Mexico that previously were largely off-limits to new federal leasing; and



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WHEREAS, hydraulic fracturing and 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 the offshore oil industry is permitted to dump more than nine billion gallons of wastewater in 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 Governor of California, the State Senate, the State Lands Commission and cities, including Los Angeles have called for no new federal offshore leases in the Pacific Ocean, and several municipalities have called for limits to onshore fracking including Marin County, Alameda County, Santa Cruz County, San Benito County, Butte County, and the City of San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, offshore drilling, fracking and other well stimulation deepen our dependence on fossil fuels and undermine efforts to address climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions and moving toward renewable energy,



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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cayucos Citizens Advisory Council supports (1) a ban on new drilling, fracking, and other well stimulation in federal and state waters off the California Coast and (2) no use of existing wells for fracking.

SO RESOLVED, this Second Day of August 2017 at Cayucos, California.

CAYUCOS CITIZENS' ADVISORY COUNCIL

By: 

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President

