

**RESOLUTION NO. 2018-163**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARLSBAD, CALIFORNIA, UPDATING THE CITY OF CARLSBAD LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM TO OPPOSE OFFSHORE OIL AND GAS LEASING, DRILLING AND EXPLORATION IN STATE AND FEDERAL WATERS IN THE PACIFIC OCEAN

WHEREAS, the City of Carlsbad and its visitors enjoy California's beaches and the Pacific Ocean for recreational, commercial, and educational activities, all of which support our local economy; and

WHEREAS, our 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, expanding offshore oil and gas drilling complicates existing efforts to maintain clean and healthy coastal ecosystems and the tourism and recreation jobs and revenue that depend on them; and

WHEREAS, significant efforts to maintain the quality of our coastal waters amidst multiplicative impacts from sewage, industrial uses, and climatic impacts are being enacted by city officials, local organizations, and citizens; and

WHEREAS, the oil industry's negligence of oil platform safety standards has resulted in a long legacy of catastrophic economic and environmental damage to coastal waters and communities, including a massive oil spill in 1969 off the coast of Santa Barbara; and

WHEREAS, in 2015 a pipeline servicing offshore oil platforms in Refugio State Park burst and fouled the same coastal areas, damaging wildlife populations and impacting recreational and commercial activities; and

WHEREAS, the federal administration has proposed an expansion of offshore oil and gas leasing to new areas which have largely been off-limits to new federal leasing, including the Pacific Coast; and

WHEREAS, new federal offshore oil and gas leases have not been granted off the coast of California since 1984; 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, the Interior Department’s Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) is considering an expanded Five-Year OCS Leasing Program for the years 2019-2024, in response to which this resolution is hereby submitted; and

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

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 and Assembly, the State Lands Commission, the Coastal Commission, the Fish and Game Commission, the Pacific Fishery Management Council, along with a growing number of cities, have taken a stand against new federal offshore oil and gas leases in the Pacific Ocean; and

WHEREAS, opening new areas off California’s 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Carlsbad, California, as follows:

1. That the above recitations are true and correct.
2. That the City of Carlsbad opposes new federal oil and gas leasing in all U.S. waters in the Pacific Ocean.
3. That the document date and Section 6(f) of the City of Carlsbad Legislative Platform regarding offshore oil leasing or drilling is hereby updated as follows (additions shown in underline, deletions shown in ~~striketrough~~):

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**CITY OF CARLSBAD**  
**2018~~4~~ LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM**


**6. Coastline:**

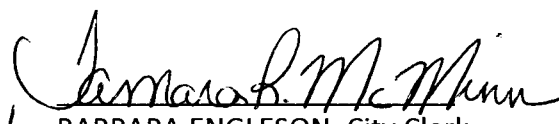
(f) Oppose any new offshore oil and gas leasing, drilling and exploration~~within 20 nautical miles of the San Diego coast~~ in all State of California and U.S. waters in the Pacific Ocean.

4. That the City Clerk shall forward a copy of this Resolution to Secretary Zinke; Bureau of Ocean Energy Management Acting Director Walter Cruickshank; Bureau of Ocean Energy Management National Program Manager Kelly Hammerle; Governor Jerry Brown; U. S. Senators Feinstein and Harris; U.S. Representative Darrell Issa; State Senator Patricia Bates; and State Assembly Member Rocky Chavez.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED at a Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Carlsbad on the 28th day of August, 2018, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: M. Hall, K. Blackburn, M. Schumacher, C. Schumacher, M. Packard.  
NOES: None.  
ABSENT: None.

  
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MATT HALL, Mayor

  
for BARBARA ENGLESON, City Clerk

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