

RESOLUTION NO.18-R0081-1

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
OCEANSIDE IN OPPOSITION TO OFFSHORE OIL DRILLING

WHEREAS, the city of Oceanside 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 of Oceanside; 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 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

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

3 **WHEREAS**, the U.S. Department of Interior's 2017-2022 Five-Year Outer Continental
4 Shelf (OCS) Leasing Program adopted as of November 18, 2016 contained no proposed
5 offshore drilling along the Pacific Coast, and;

6 **WHEREAS**, the Interior Department's Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM)
7 is considering an expanded Five-Year OCS Leasing Program for the years 2019-2024
8 and is soliciting public comments on the anticipated Draft Proposed Program (DPP), in
9 response to which this resolution is hereby submitted, and;

10 **WHEREAS**, the city of Oceanside is opposed to inclusion of any offshore drilling
11 tracts in any OCS Planning Area on the Pacific Coast in the pending 2019-2024 DPP
12 and any other future National Programs, and;

13 **WHEREAS**, the state of California prohibited new oil and gas leasing in state waters
14 due to the unacceptably high risk of damage and disruption to the marine environment;
15 and,

16 **WHEREAS**, the Governor of California, the Attorney General, the State Senate, the
17 State Lands Commission, the Coastal Commission, the Fish and Game Commission,
18 along with a growing number of cities, have taken a stand against new federal offshore
19 oil and gas leases in the Pacific Ocean; and,

20 **WHEREAS**, opening new areas off California's coast to offshore drilling will deepen
21 the state's dependence on fossil fuels and undermine its efforts to address climate
22 change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions and moving toward renewable energy;
23 and,

24 **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the city of Oceanside opposes new
25 federal oil and gas leasing in all U.S. waters, including off the coast of California.

26 The City Clerk shall forward a copy of this Resolution to Secretary Zinke; Bureau of
27 Ocean Energy Management Acting Director Walter Cruickshank; Governor Jerry
28 Brown; U. S. Senators Feinstein and Harris; U.S. Representative Darrell Issa; State

1 Senator Pat Bates; and State Assembly member Rocky Chavez; and any other interested
2 parties.

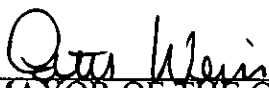
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5 PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Oceanside, California,
6 this 28th day of February, 2018, by the following vote:

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8 AYES: Weiss, Feller, Kern, Lowery, Sanchez

9 NAYS: None

10 ABSENT: None

11 ABSTAIN: None

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14 MAYOR OF THE CITY OF OCEANSIDE

15 ATTEST:

15 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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18 City Clerk.

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18 City Attorney