

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:



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