

Resolution No. C-2018-11

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HALF MOON BAY
OPPOSING NEW OFFSHORE OIL AND GAS DRILLING**

WHEREAS, the City of Half Moon Bay values our ocean waters and coastline, which provide habitat to a vast array of wildlife including marine mammals, birds and fish that depend on a healthy and clean ocean environment; and

WHEREAS, the City depends on the thousands of visitors who enjoy recreational activities on our beaches for tourism and local economic support; and

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

WHEREAS, the current exclusion of the Pacific Outer Continental Shelf from new oil and gas development is consistent with the long-standing interests of Pacific Coast States as framed in the 2006 Agreement on Ocean Health adopted by the Governors of California, Oregon and Washington; and

WHEREAS, the State of California prohibits new leasing in state waters because of the unacceptably high risk of damage and disruption to the marine environment and economy of the state; and

WHEREAS, the America First Offshore Energy Executive Order could open the Pacific, Atlantic and Arctic Oceans to new drilling, fracking and other well stimulation, putting California's coastal resources at risk of more oil spills, increased greenhouse gases, continued dependence on fossil fuels and impacts of climate change and when could delay the movement toward greater reliance on renewable energy; and

WHEREAS, the City of Half Moon Bay strives to be a leader in environmental sustainability; and

WHEREAS, the City of Half Moon Bay opposes an expansion of offshore oil and gas drilling because of the threat to our coast, wildlife, climate and coastal economy; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City Council of the City of Half Moon Bay hereby adopts a resolution opposing any new offshore oil and gas drilling off the California Coast and supports any legislation that opposes the America First Offshore Energy Executive Order.

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly passed and adopted on the 6th day of February, 2018 by the City Council of Half Moon Bay by the following vote:


AYES, Councilmembers: Eisen, Kowalczyk, Ruddock, Rarback, Penrose

NOES, Councilmembers:

ABSENT, Councilmembers:

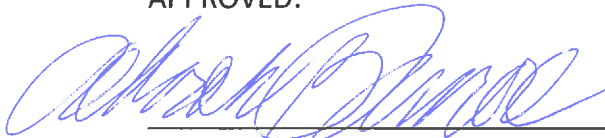
ABSTAIN, Councilmembers:

ATTEST:



Jessica Blair, City Clerk

APPROVED:



Deborah Penrose, Mayor