

RESOLUTION NO. 19-44

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
SAN CLEMENTE, CALIFORNIA, TO PROTECT THE COAST
OF CALIFORNIA FROM OFFSHORE OIL AND GAS
DRILLING, FRACKING AND RELATED TECHNIQUES

WHEREAS, the City of San Clemente 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, the City of San Clemente's 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 seismic exploration off the Pacific coast put these coastal resources, and the communities and industries that depend on them, at risk from oil spills, intense ocean noise, and other damage; and

WHEREAS, expanding offshore oil and gas drilling, seismic exploration, fracking and other well stimulation techniques threatens coastal stakeholders, marine wildlife, human health and climate; and

WHEREAS, a massive oil spill in 1969 off the coast of Santa Barbara fouled coastal waters and caused catastrophic economic and environmental damage; and

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

WHEREAS, beginning in 1921, the California State Legislature enacted laws that withdrew certain offshore areas from oil and gas leasing, and by 1989 the State's offshore oil and gas leasing moratorium was in place; 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, on April 28, 2017, the President of the United States issued Executive Order 13795, titled "Implementing an America-First Offshore Energy Strategy," which establishes a policy to encourage energy exploration and production on the OCS and restarts the 2017-2022 five-year lease sales program, potentially opening up millions of coastal acres off U.S. shores to oil and gas drilling; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Executive Order, the Interior Department's Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) is proposing an expanded Five-Year OCS Leasing Program for the years 2019-2024, which would replace the 2017-2022 program;

WHEREAS, the draft proposed program for 2019-2024 includes 47 new potential leases, including six (6) in California; and

WHEREAS, hydraulic fracturing and other 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, the State of California prohibits new oil and gas leasing in State waters due to the unacceptably high risk of damage and disruption to the marine environment; and

WHEREAS, on September 8, 2018, the Governor of California signed into law Assembly Bill 1775 and Senate Bill 834, which prohibit the State Lands Commission or local trustees from granting leases for new pipelines and infrastructure and from entering into new lease agreements, or renewing, expanding, or modifying existing agreements that would result in increased oil or natural gas production from federal waters; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of California, the Attorney General, the State Legislature, the State Lands Commission, the California Coastal Commission, and the California Fish and Game Commission, along with over 50 cities and counties, have taken a stand against new federal offshore oil and gas leases in the Pacific Ocean; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Clemente Centennial General Plan dated February 2014 includes Policy No. NR-4.02 declaring the City's policy to oppose offshore oil drilling and Liquefied Natural Gas facilities, and prohibit on-shore support facilities for such extraction uses.

NOW, THEREFORE, The City Council of the City of San Clemente does hereby resolve as follows:

Section 1. The City of San Clemente supports a ban on new offshore oil and gas drilling, fracking, and related techniques in federal and state waters off the coast of California.

Section 2. The City of San Clemente opposes any new federal oil and gas leasing in all U.S. waters, including the coast of California.

Section 3. The City of San Clemente opposes new leases for oil and gas facilities off the coast of California.

Section 4. The City Clerk is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Secretary of the Interior David Bernhardt, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management Acting Director Walter Cruickshank, Governor Gavin Newsom, U.S. Senators Dianne Feinstein and Kamala Harris; U.S. Representative Mike Levin, State Senator Pat Bates, State Assemblymember Bill Brough and any other interested parties

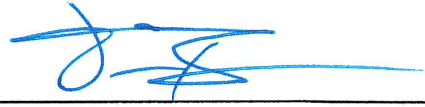
Section 5. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this resolution and enter it into the book of original resolutions.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 19th day of November, 2019.

ATTEST:



City Clerk of the City of
San Clemente, California



Mayor Pro Tem of the City of
Clemente, California

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF ORANGE) §
CITY OF SAN CLEMENTE)

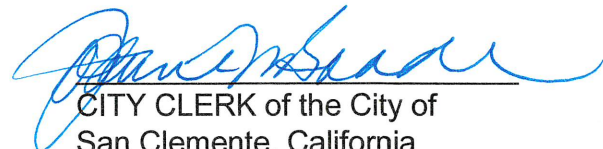
I, JOANNE BAADE, City Clerk of the City of San Clemente, California, do hereby certify that Resolution No. 19-44 was adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of San Clemente held on the 19th day of ~~November~~ 2019, by the following vote:

AYES: FERGUSON, HAMM, WARD, MAYOR PRO TEM BANE

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City of San Clemente, California, this 20TH day of NOV., 2019.



CITY CLERK of the City of
San Clemente, California

Approved as to form:

161 SCOTT SMITH

City Attorney