

## RESOLUTION NO. 5141

### A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF EL SEGUNDO, CALIFORNIA, TO PROTECT OUR COAST FROM OFFSHORE OIL AND GAS DRILLING AND EXPLORATION, IN OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED 2019-2024 NATIONAL OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF PROGRAM

THE EL SEGUNDO CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AND FINDS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: *Recitals:*

- A. The City of El Segundo and its visitors enjoy California's beaches and the Pacific Ocean for recreational, commercial, and educational activities, all of which support our local economy;
- B. The City of El Segundo'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;
- C. New federal offshore oil and gas leases have not been granted off the coast of California since 1964;
- D. 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 restrictions on offshore drilling along the Pacific Coast;
- E. Offshore oil and gas drilling and exploration off the Pacific coast puts coastal resources, and the communities and industries that depend on them, at risk from oil spills and other damage;
- F. Pipeline and offshore drilling have caused catastrophic economic and environmental damage in the past;
- G. Opening new areas off the Pacific coast to offshore drilling will perpetuate the dependence on fossil fuels;
- H. California recognizes that instead of prioritizing new oil and gas development, the nation can thrive by championing renewable energy, which creates jobs, bolsters the economy, and protects the coastline, resources, and marine wildlife from a catastrophic oil spill;
- I. California continues to pioneer clean, renewable energy, in accordance with regulatory measures that include SB100;

- J. Increasing the State's renewable energy portfolio is a key strategy to fight climate change and reduce greenhouse gas emissions;
- K. California is a founding member of the International Ocean Acidification Alliance to Combat Ocean Acidification, which identifies, coordinates, and expands meaningful and timely actions to combat ocean acidification and highlights the urgency of reducing greenhouse gas emissions;
- L. California has made significant social and financial investments to create the nation's first science-based network of Marine Protected Areas (MPA) to protect marine life and habitats which safeguards ecosystems and economic activities that rely on a healthy ocean—including tourism and commercial fishing—and supports the state's thriving \$44 billion ocean economy;
- M. Activities occurring beyond California's three-mile boundary in federal waters can influence and impact protected marine mammal species that use State waters to feed, breed, and migrate;
- N. 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,
- O. The Governor of California, the Attorney General, the State Senate, the State Lands Commission, the California Coastal Commission, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, along with over 60 California municipalities, have taken a stand against new federal offshore oil and gas leases in the Pacific Ocean.

SECTION 2: The City Council hereby resolves that the City of El Segundo (1) opposes new leases for oil and gas activities off the coast of California, (2) opposes policy to encourage energy exploration and production on the Outer Continental Shelf, (3) opposes new federal oil and gas leasing off the Pacific coast, (4) supports a ban on new offshore oil and gas drilling, fracking, and related techniques in federal and state waters off the California coast.

SECTION 3: The City Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this Resolution to Governor Newsom, U. S. Senators Feinstein and Harris; U.S. Representative Lieu; State Senator Allen; State Representative Burke; and any other interested parties.

SECTION 4: This Resolution will become effective immediately upon adoption and will remain effective unless repealed or superseded.

SECTION 5: The City Clerk will certify to the passage and adoption of this Resolution; will enter the same in the book of original Resolutions of said City; and will make a minute of the passage and adoption thereof in the record of proceedings of the City Council of said City, in the minutes of the meeting at which the same is passed and adopted.

PASSED AND ADOPTED RESOLUTION No. 5141 this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019.

  
Drew Boyles, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Tracy Weaver, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
Mark D. Hensley, City Attorney *For*


CERTIFICATION

STATE OF CALIFORNIA        )  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES    )       SS  
CITY OF EL SEGUNDO         )

I, Tracy Weaver, City Clerk of the City of El Segundo, California, hereby certify that the whole number of members of the City Council of the City is five; that the foregoing Resolution No. 5141 was duly passed and adopted by said City Council, approved and signed by the Mayor of said City, and attested to by the City Clerk of said City, all at a regular meeting of said Council held on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of March 2019, and the same was so passed and adopted by the following roll call vote:

AYES:           Mayor Boyles, Mayor Pro Tem Pirsztuk, Council Member Brann, Council  
                  Member Pimentel, and Council Member Nicol  
NOES:           None  
ABSENT:        None  
ABSTAIN:       None

WITNESS MY HAND THE OFFICIAL SEAL OF SAID CITY this 29<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2019.

  
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Tracy Weaver, City Clerk  
of the City of El Segundo,  
California