

RESOLUTION NO. 18-09

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA,  
CALIFORNIA, REGARDING OFFSHORE DRILLING

WHEREAS the residents of the City of Santa Clarita, California, 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 put 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 threaten 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, the Trump administration is considering expanding offshore oil and gas leasing to new areas including the Pacific Coast; and

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

WHEREAS, the offshore oil industry is permitted to dump more than 9 billion gallons of wastewater into the Pacific Ocean every year including wastewater from fracking that may be laced with toxic chemicals that can harm human health and wildlife; 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, the Governor of California, the Attorney General, the State Legislature, the State Lands Commission, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, along with several cities, have taken a stand against new federal offshore oil and gas leases in the Pacific Ocean; and

WHEREAS, expanding offshore drilling and other well stimulation off the California coast will deepen the state's dependence on fossil fuels and undermine its efforts to address climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions and moving toward renewable energy.

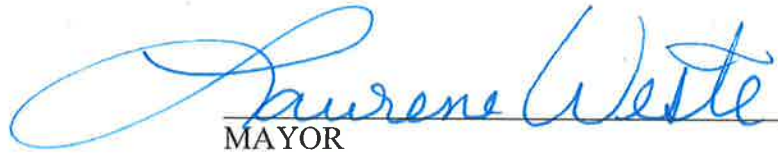
NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Santa Clarita does hereby resolve as follows:

SECTION 1. We support a ban on new offshore oil and gas drilling in federal and state waters off the California coast.

SECTION 2. We support no new federal oil and gas leasing in all U.S. waters, including off the coast of California.

SECTION 3. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Resolution.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 10<sup>th</sup> day of April 2018.

  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
CITY CLERK

DATE: 5/2/18

STATE OF CALIFORNIA            )  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES    ) ss.  
CITY OF SANTA CLARITA        )

I, Mary Cusick, City Clerk of the City of Santa Clarita, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 18-09 was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Santa Clarita at a regular meeting thereof, held on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of April 2018, by the following vote:

AYES:            COUNCILMEMBERS: Smyth, Miranda, Kellar, McLean, Weste

NOES:           COUNCILMEMBERS: None

ABSENT:        COUNCILMEMBERS: None

  
CITY CLERK