

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-61
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH PROTECTING OUR OCEAN
AND COAST FROM OFFSHORE OIL AND GAS DRILLING
AND EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES

WHEREAS, the City of Huntington Beach and its visitors enjoy California's beaches and the Pacific Ocean for recreational and commercial activities, all of which support our local economy; and

WHEREAS, our City'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, in California, hundreds of thousands of jobs and billions of dollars of the state's gross domestic product depend on clean water, oil-free beaches, and abundant fish and wildlife; and

WHEREAS, offshore oil and gas drilling places coastal communities at economic and ecological risk from oil spills and the pollution brought by routine drilling operations, threatening the lives and livelihoods of small business owners, particularly commercial and recreational fisherman; 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 May 2015, a pipeline ruptured near Refugio State Beach in Santa Barbara County and spilled oil into the Pacific Ocean, with oil reaching as far south as Orange County, damaging wildlife, closing beaches, and impacting recreational and commercial activities; and

WHEREAS, a major spill off Huntington Beach in October 2021 dumped a significant amount of oil into our coastal waters, resulting in beach closures, impacts to recreational and commercial activities, and significant environmental and economic damage; 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 State Senate, the State Lands Commission, and several cities, have taken a stand against new federal offshore oil and gas leases in the Pacific Ocean, and several municipalities have called for a ban on offshore drilling; and

WHEREAS, expanding offshore drilling 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 Huntington Beach does hereby resolve as follows:


- a) The City of Huntington Beach supports (1) a permanent ban on new offshore oil and gas drilling, fracking, and other well stimulation in federal and state waters off the California coast, and (2) no new federal oil and gas leasing in all U.S. waters, including off the coast of California.
- b) The Clerk shall forward a copy of this Resolution to U.S. Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland, California Governor Gavin Newsom, U.S. Senators Dianne Feinstein and Alex Padilla, as well as U.S. Congressional and state representatives for Huntington Beach and any other interested parties.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach at a regular meeting thereof held on the 19th day of October, 2021.



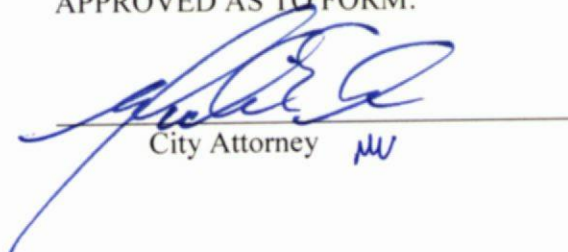
Mayor

REVIEWED AND APPROVED:



City Manager

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



City Attorney *MW*

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF ORANGE) ss:
CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH)

I, ROBIN ESTANISLAU, the duly elected, qualified City Clerk of the City of Huntington Beach, and ex-officio Clerk of the City Council of said City, do hereby certify that the whole number of members of the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach is seven; that the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the affirmative vote of at least a majority of all the members of said City Council at a **Regular** meeting thereof held on **October 19, 2021** by the following vote:

AYES: Bolton, Delgleize, Carr, Moser, Kalmick
NOES: Posey
ABSENT: Peterson
RECUSE: None



City Clerk and ex-officio Clerk of the
City Council of the City of
Huntington Beach, California