RESOLUTION NO. 25-54

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOLETA, CALIFORNIA, OPPOSING NEW OFFSHORE OIL LEASES IN FEDERAL WATERS

WHEREAS, City of Goleta residents and visitors enjoy California's beaches and the Pacific Ocean for recreational, commercial, and educational 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, offshore oil and gas drilling and exploration off the Pacific coast puts 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 and exploration 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, new federal offshore oil and gas leases have not been granted off the coast of California since 1984; and

WHEREAS, 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

WHEREAS, opening new areas off the Pacific coast to offshore drilling 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, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOLETA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1.
The City Council of the City of Goleta joins with a broad coalition of local governments, state leaders, scientists, and residents in urging the Department of the Interior and the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) to exclude all areas offshore California from new oil lease sales and gas activity.

SECTION 2.
The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this resolution and enter it into the book of original resolutions.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 16th day of December 2025.

PAULA PEROTTE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

DEBORAH S. LOPEZ
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

ISAAC ROSEN
CITY ATTORNEY

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA) ss.
CITY OF GOLETA)

I, DEBORAH S. LOPEZ, City Clerk of the City of Goleta, California, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution No. 25-54 was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Goleta at a regular meeting held on the16th day of December 2025, by the following roll-call vote of the Council:

AYES:	MAYOR PEROTTE, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE KASDIN, COUNCILMEMBERS KYRIACO, REYES-MARTÍN, AND SMITH
NOES:	NONE
ABSENT:	NONE
ABSTENTIONS:	NONE

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DEBORAH S. LOPEZ
CITY CLERK