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We oppose the expansion of offshore oil drilling in California waters. Our coastal tourism economy depends on clean oceans, healthy beaches, and unspoiled marine ecosystems—assets that offshore drilling directly threatens through the risk of spills, industrialization of the seascape, and long-term environmental damage. As a coastal resort, our business is intrinsically tied to the natural beauty and environmental health of the shoreline; any degradation of ocean or coastal resources would be profoundly detrimental to our guests' experience, our employees' livelihoods, and the broader local economy. Beyond the economic risk, opening California waters to offshore drilling runs counter to responsible environmental stewardship and undermines decades of progress protecting one of the state's most valuable natural resources.

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