RESOLUTION

RULES, ELECTIONS, INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations, or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state, or federal government body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles relies on a healthy coastal and marine environment to sustain critical industries such as tourism, recreation, and commercial fishing, which are economic engines for the community; and

WHEREAS, clean water, thriving ecosystems, and intact coastal habitats are vital to the health and safety of residents, and overall quality of life in Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, offshore oil exploration and drilling carry the risk of oil spills, leaks and habitat destruction, in addition to increased carbon emissions and long-term pollution that threaten both human and environmental health, as well our climate, with disproportionate impacts on frontline communities; and

WHEREAS, the environmental risk from drilling can reduce tourism, damage business investment, and compromise local economies along the California coastline; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of the Interior (DOI) is considering new lease sales as part of the federal five-year National Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program; and

WHEREAS, the protection of California's coastal ecosystems and economies, and the long-term public interest of Los Angeles residents, must be prioritized over short-term private industry gains from expanded offshore drilling;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2025-2026 Federal Legislative Program opposition to any action by the United States Department of the Interior to open or expand oil and gas exploration, leasing, or drilling in federal waters off the California coastline, and the Atlantic coastline.

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