CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OXNARD

RESOLUTION NO. 16,018

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OXNARD PROTECTING OUR COAST AND PUBLIC LANDS FROM OIL AND GAS DRILLING AND EXPLORATION

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

WHEREAS, the City of Oxnard'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, and wild public lands and parks, which provide habitat to wildlife, including the California condor, deer, elk, bears, and more, that all depend on a health and clean environment; and

WHEREAS, offshore and onshore oil and gas drilling and exploration off the Pacific coast and in California public lands puts these coastal and natural resources, and the communities and industries that depend on them, at risk from oil spills and other damage; and

WHEREAS, expanding oil and gas drilling and exploration offshore and onshore threatens coastal and rural stakeholders, wildlife, human health and climate; and

WHEREAS, massive oil spills in 1969 and 2015 off the coast of Santa Barbara fouled coastal waters and caused catastrophic economic and environmental damage; and

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

WHEREAS, significant portions of public lands intersect with biologically diverse landscapes, vital water sources, cultural and recreational lands, and densely populated communities; 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, the state of California has prohibited new fracking activities, implemented a safety setback, and is committed to phasing out oil and gas drilling onshore in California no later than 2045 due to the unacceptably high risk of damage and disruption to the environment, climate, and public health; and

WHEREAS, opening new areas off the Pacific coast and in public lands to 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, the City Council of the City of Oxnard resolves that the City of Oxnard (1) opposes new leases for oil and gas activities in public lands and off the coast of California; and (2) that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM), Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Senators Padilla and Schiff, Representative Brownley, and any other relevant officials.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 20th day of January, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Perez, Rodriguez, Perello and Teran

NOES: None

ABSENT: Councilwoman Basua and Mayor Mc Arthur

ABSTAIN: Councilman Starr

Gabriel Teran, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

Lourdes A. López, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Stephen M. Fischer, City Attorney