

RESOLUTION 17-39

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOLETA, CALIFORNIA, HONORING AND PROTECTING OUR COASTAL RESOURCES

WHEREAS, the City of Goleta's coastal waters and treasured shoreline, represent the spirit of our city and contribute to its social vibrancy, environmental resources and economic success; and

WHEREAS, thousands of residents and visitors enjoy our ocean, beaches, mountains and abundance of diverse resources, for recreation, exploration, and relaxation; and tourism and recreation comprise an important part of the City's economy; and

WHEREAS, in 2015 a pipeline burst several miles up coast from the City of Goleta which fouled beaches and coastal waters, causing significant damage to the environment and wildlife; and

WHEREAS, in 1969 a well failure off our coast fouled the ocean and beaches, causing catastrophic damage to the region and sparking the beginning of the modern environmental movement; and,

WHEREAS, oil spills have caused extensive environmental and economic damage at dozens of locations on the West Coast, and around the world; and

WHEREAS, there has been a decline in ocean health; protection must be increased against rising ocean acidity and plastics and chemical pollution; and

WHEREAS, recently the America First Offshore Energy Executive Order opens up the Pacific, Atlantic and Arctic Oceans to oil and gas drilling, which could lead to more spills, increased greenhouse gases and dependence on fossil fuels and delay the movement toward greater reliance on renewable energy; and

WHEREAS, that Executive Order threatens our local beaches and waterways, and it is critical that the City of Goleta immediately make known its opposition to the Executive Order in an effort to protect the health and welfare of its residents;

WHEREAS, the City of Goleta has several items about cleanup efforts related to on and offshore oil and gas facilities as well as oil-spill prevention in its legislative program; and

WHEREAS, there have been no offshore oil and gas leases in California since the 1969 well failure; and

WHEREAS, the California Legislature enacted laws withdrawing certain offshore areas from oil and gas leasing and now has an offshore oil and gas leasing moratorium in place; and

WHEREAS, the current exclusion of the Pacific Outer Continental Shelf from new oil and gas development is consistent with the long-standing interests of Pacific Coast States, as framed in the 2006 Agreement on Ocean Health adopted by the Governors of California, Washington, and Oregon; and,

WHEREAS, the California State Lands Commission has not issued a new offshore oil and gas lease since the 1969 spill; and

WHEREAS, the marine environment is capable of generating electricity from tidal, wave, and wind energy systems, which reduce carbon and impacts to marine life compared to oil and gas development and which are in use globally; and

WHEREAS, fracking and related techniques, where water and chemicals are injected under high pressure to crack rock formations and free up petroleum products, are linked to water and air pollution, health concerns, and harm to marine wildlife; and

WHEREAS, several jurisdictions have called for or imposed greater regulation, bans, or moratoria on onshore fracking including Marin County, Alameda County, Santa Cruz County, San Benito County, Butte County, City of Los Angeles, City of Santa Barbara, and San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, offshore fracking and related techniques threaten our coast, wildlife, public health; protecting the environment and the health and safety of the public is of paramount concern;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Goleta supports:

SECTION 1.

In state and federal waters in the Pacific Ocean along the United States. (1) a ban on new drilling, fracking, and related techniques, (2) a phase-out of all oil and gas extraction and (3) a framework for responsible renewable energy development.

SECTION 2.

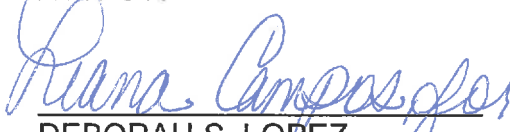
The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this resolution and enter it into the book of original resolutions.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 3rd day of October, 2017.




PAULA PEROTTE, MAYOR

ATTEST:



DEBORAH S. LOPEZ
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



MICHAEL JENKINS
INTERIM CITY ATTORNEY

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

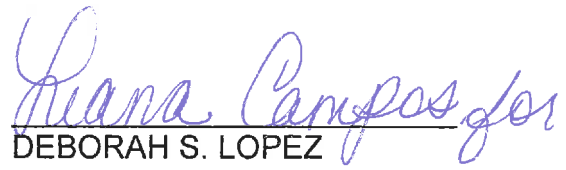
I, DEBORAH S. LOPEZ, City Clerk of the City of Goleta, California, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution No. 17-39 was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Goleta at a regular meeting held on the 3rd day of October, 2017 by the following vote of the Council:

AYES: MAYOR PEROTTE, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE KASDIN,
COUNCILMEMBERS ACEVES, BENNETT AND RICHARDS

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

(SEAL)


DEBORAH S. LOPEZ
CITY CLERK

