

RESOLUTION NO. 10836 (2017 SERIES)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO, CALIFORNIA, OPPOSING NEW OR EXPANSION OF EXISTING OFFSHORE OIL AND GAS LEASES OFF THE COAST OF SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY AND SUPPORTING MEASURES TO PROHIBIT DISCHARGE OF POLLUTANTS INTO THE OCEAN

WHEREAS, the City of San Luis Obispo values our state's ocean waters and coasts, which provide habitat to a vast array of wildlife that depend on a healthy and clean environment; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Luis Obispo's residents and visitors enjoy our ocean, beaches, mountains and abundance of diverse resources for recreation, exploration, and relaxation; and tourism and recreation comprise a large part of the City's economy; and

WHEREAS, oil drilling presents a clear and ever-present danger to the health and safety of residents, businesses and economies, with the threat of an oil spill potentially wreaking havoc on ecosystems, on human health, and economic activities; 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, in 1969, a well failure off the coast of Santa Barbara fouled coastal waters and caused catastrophic environmental damage, helping launch the modern environmental movement, and in 2015 a pipeline servicing offshore oil platforms burst and fouled the coast, damaging wildlife and coastal recreation; and

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

WHEREAS, in December of 2016, President Obama signed an executive order that banned any new oil and gas drilling of the coast of California under Section 12(a) of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act; and

WHEREAS, on April 28, 2017, President Trump issued the "America First Offshore Energy Executive Order" which could open the Pacific, Atlantic and Arctic oceans to oil and gas drilling, fracking, and other well stimulation, putting California's coastal resources at risk of more oil spills, increased greenhouse gas emissions, dependence on fossil fuels, and a delay in the movement toward greater reliance on renewable energy; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of California, the State Senate, the State Lands Commission and Cities, including Los Angeles and San Francisco, have called for no new federal offshore leases in the Pacific Ocean, and several municipalities have called for limits to fracking including Marin County, Alameda County, Santa Cruz County, San Benito County, and Butte County.

WHEREAS, the City of San Luis Obispo recently made Climate Action a top city priority with an overall goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions by limiting our dependence on fossil fuels; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Luis Obispo's Legislative Action Platform for 2017 includes natural resource priorities including #66 "opposing any development under existing or new offshore oil and gas leases off the Coast of San Luis Obispo County" and #67 "supporting measures to prohibit discharge of pollutants into the ocean (e.g. selenium contaminated waters from the San Joaquin Valley)."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of San Luis Obispo as follows:

SECTION 1. That the City of San Luis Obispo hereby supports in state and federal waters in the Pacific Ocean along the United States, 1) a ban on new drilling, fracking, and related techniques, 2) no new or expansion of existing oil and gas leases and a phase-out of all oil and gas extraction, and 3) a framework for responsible renewable energy development.

Upon motion of Vice Mayor Rivoire, seconded by Council Member Gomez, and on the following roll call vote:

AYES:	Council Members Christianson, Gomez and Pease, Vice Mayor Rivoire and Mayor Harmon
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	None

The foregoing resolution was adopted this 3rd day of October, 2017.



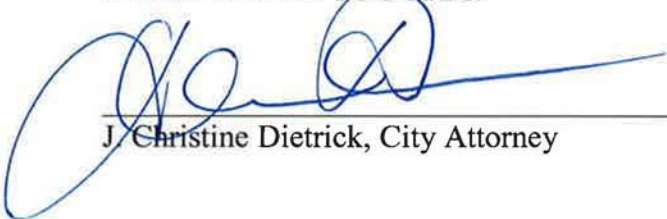
 Heidi Harmon, Mayor

ATTEST:



 Carrie Gallagher, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



 J. Christine Dietrick, City Attorney

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City of San Luis Obispo, California, this 17th day of October, 2017.



 Carrie Gallagher, City Clerk