

1 [Urging Protection for Ocean and Coastal Regions from Offshore Drilling and Fracking]

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3 **Resolution urging a ban on new offshore drilling and fracking in federal and state**
4 **waters in the Pacific Ocean and a ban on new federal oil and gas leases in the Pacific,**
5 **Atlantic, and Arctic Oceans and the Gulf of Mexico.**
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7 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco values the State of California's
8 ocean waters and coasts, which provide habitat to a vast array of wildlife, that depend on a
9 healthy and clean environment; and

10 WHEREAS, The City's residents and visitors also enjoy California's ocean and coastal
11 regions for their beauty and for recreational activities, and depend on them for tourism and to
12 support coastal economies; and

13 WHEREAS, The federal government has taken recent steps to vastly expand offshore
14 oil and gas leasing in the Pacific, Atlantic, and Arctic Oceans and in the eastern Gulf of
15 Mexico, areas which have been largely off-limits to new federal leasing; and

16 WHEREAS, Recognizing the unacceptably high risk of damage to the marine
17 environment of its adjacent ocean and coastal areas, the State of California currently prohibits
18 new leasing in state waters; and

19 WHEREAS, New technologies, collectively referred to here as "fracking and other well
20 stimulation," present new threats to California's offshore and marine environments and
21 expansion of offshore oil and gas extraction off of California's coast; and

22 WHEREAS, Fracking and other well stimulation increase pollution and the risk of oil
23 spills and earthquakes, including the permitted dumping of over nine billion gallons of toxic
24 wastewater into the Pacific Ocean, causing irreversible harm to human health and wildlife;
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1 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco also remembers the massive
2 ecological damage caused by the risky extraction of oil from its adjacent waters, not limited to
3 the 1969 or 2015 Santa Barbara oil spill, which caused extensive damage to wildlife and
4 coastal recreation; and

5 WHEREAS, In recognition of the severe environmental risk posed by fracking,
6 California’s Governor, Senate, and its State Lands Commission have called for a ban on new
7 federal offshore leases, and have been joined by innumerable coastal municipalities; and

8 WHEREAS, President Donald J. Trump’s America First Offshore Energy Executive
9 Order would open the Pacific, Atlantic and Arctic Oceans and the Eastern Gulf of Mexico to
10 disastrous well stimulation; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors joins the chorus of
12 California municipalities and Charter Cities calling for a ban on dangerous fracking, and well
13 stimulation in federal and state waters off the California coast; and, be it

14 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors also opposes
15 any new federal oil and gas leases in the Pacific, Atlantic and Arctic Oceans and the eastern
16 Gulf of Mexico; and, be it

17 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors pledges to resist
18 with fervor the near-constant stream of environmental and ecological dangers and threats to
19 public lands emanating from this harmful federal Presidential administration.

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