



RESOLUTION NO. 2018-02

RESOLUTION OF THE POINT ARENA CITY COUNCIL CALLING FOR PROTECTION OF OUR OCEAN AND COAST FROM OFFSHORE OIL DRILLING, EXPLORATION AND FRACKING

WHEREAS, residents of the City of Point Arena and its visitors value our ocean and coastal waters, which provide habitat to a vast array of wildlife that depends on a healthy and clean environment and which is the backbone of our local economy; and

WHEREAS, oil and gas drilling and exploration off the Pacific coast put these coastal resources, and the communities and industries that depend on them, at risk from oil spills and other damage; and

WHEREAS, new federal offshore oil and gas leases have not been granted off the coast of California since 1984, yet the current federal administration is considering expanding; and

WHEREAS, the state of California prohibits new oil and gas leasing in state waters due to the unacceptably high risk of damage and disruption to the marine environment; and

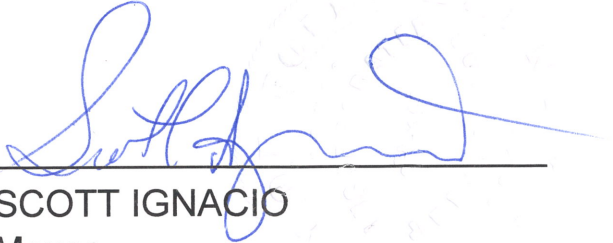
WHEREAS, the Governor of California, the Attorney General, the State Senate, the State Lands Commission, along with several cities, have taken a stand against new federal offshore oil and gas leases in the Pacific Ocean, and several municipalities have called for a ban on offshore fracking; and

WHEREAS, expanding offshore drilling, fracking and other well stimulation off the California coast 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, BE IT RESOLVED AND PROCLAIMED that the City Council of Point Arena does hereby supports a ban on new offshore oil and gas drilling, fracking, and other well stimulation in federal and State waters off the coast of California.

The above and foregoing Resolution was introduced by Vice Mayor Burkey, seconded by Councilmember Dobbins, and passed and adopted at the Regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Point Arena held on the 13th day of February 2017, by the following vote:

AYES: Ignacio, Burkey, Wasserman, Dobbins, Torrez



SCOTT IGNACIO
Mayor

ATTEST:



Richard Shoemaker, City Clerk