

1 **RESOLUTION NO. 17.071**

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3 **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA BEACH**  
4 **CALLING ON THE FEDERAL ADMINISTRATION TO PROTECT OUR COAST BY**  
5 **BANNING NEW OFFSHORE OIL AND GAS DRILLING, FRACKING AND OTHER**  
6 **WELL STIMULATION IN FEDERAL AND STATE WATERS OFF THE CALIFORNIA**  
7 **COAST**

8 WHEREAS, the City of Laguna Beach values ocean waters and coastline, which provide  
9 habitat to an array of wildlife including marine mammals, birds and fish; and

10 WHEREAS, the City of Laguna Beach coastline is part of the nations' first scientifically  
11 based network of marine protected areas along the California coastline, which was created to help  
12 ensure that the natural resources, marine ecosystem functions, and marine natural heritage of the  
13 State are protected for current and future generations; and

14 WHEREAS, California residents and visitors enjoy the State's ocean and coast for  
15 recreation, exploration, relaxation, tourism; and

16 WHEREAS, Laguna Beach residents and approximately six million annual visitors enjoy  
17 our ocean, beaches, and resources, for recreation, exploration, and relaxation; and

18 WHEREAS, coastal dependent tourism is a part of the local economy in the communities  
19 of the Southern California coast, as well as other coastal areas in California and could be impacted  
20 by lifting of the drilling moratorium; and

21 WHEREAS, oil and gas drilling off the Pacific Coast could put these coastal resources at  
22 risk of oil spills and other damage; and

23 WHEREAS, prior oil spills have caused environmental and economic damage at various  
24 locations along the west coast; and

25 WHEREAS, as recently as May 2015, California experienced an oil spill during which a  
26 pipeline ruptured near Refugio State Beach in Santa Barbara County. The spill released crude oil  
27 into the Pacific Ocean; and

28 WHEREAS, there has been no new offshore oil and gas leases in California since the 1969  
blowout of a well in Federal waters, offshore Santa Barbara County, that spilled large amounts of  
crude oil into the ocean and onto the beaches; and

1           WHEREAS, beginning in 1921, the California State Legislature enacted laws that  
2 withdrew certain offshore areas from oil and gas leasing, and by 1989 the State's offshore oil and  
3 gas leasing moratorium was in place; and

4           WHEREAS, Section 18 of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (43 U.S. Code [U.S.C.]  
5 1331 et seq.) requires that preparation of a nationwide offshore oil and gas leasing program that  
6 sets a five-year schedule of lease sales implemented by the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management  
7 within the U.S. Department of the Interior; and

8           WHEREAS, consistent with the principles of Section 18 and the resulting, regionally-  
9 tailored leasing strategy, the current exclusion of the Pacific Outer Continental Shelf from new oil  
10 and gas development is consistent with the long-standing interest of Pacific Coast States, as  
11 framed in the 2006 Agreement on Ocean Health adopted by the governors of California,  
12 Washington, and Oregon; and

13           WHEREAS, Federal legislation has been introduced (H.R. 2242 *Keep it in the ground act*  
14 *2017*), which provides long-term protection from future offshore oil drilling in specified California  
15 waters; and

16           WHEREAS, the new federal administration is proposing offshore drilling to the fossil fuel  
17 industry, opening the door to more offshore leasing, drilling and fracking that could increase the  
18 probability of oil spills. This action also promotes a stronger dependence on fossil fuels, which  
19 goes against actions taken by the City and the State of California to promote a greener, more  
20 sustainable lifestyle through the utilization of alternative energy sources that promote cleaner air  
21 and protect natural resources; and

22           WHEREAS, the City Council's 2017 State and Federal Legislative Platform, concerning  
23 land use, indicates an opposition to legislation that imposes regional, State, or Federal growth,  
24 development, or land use planning standards within the City.


25           WHEREAS, the City Council joins Santa Barbara, Berkeley, and other California Cities in  
26 call on the federal administration to protect our coast by banning new offshore oil and gas drilling,  
27 fracking and other well stimulation in Federal and State waters off the California Coast.

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1 NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL HEREBY RESOLVES, that the City of  
2 Laguna Beach supports in State and Federal waters, in the Pacific Ocean, along the United States,  
3 a ban on new drilling, fracking, and related techniques.

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5 ADOPTED this 7<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2017.

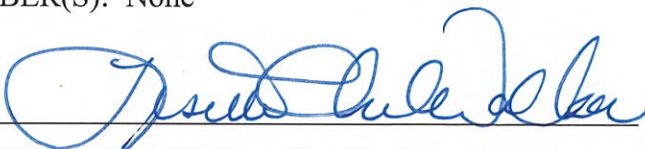
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Toni Iseman, Mayor

8 ATTEST:  
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Lisette Chel-Walker, City Clerk

11 STATE OF CALIFORNIA )  
12 ) ss.  
13 COUNTY OF ORANGE )

14 I, LISETTE CHEL-WALKER, City Clerk of the City of Laguna Beach, California, do  
15 hereby certify that the foregoing **Resolution No. 17.071** was duly adopted at a Regular Meeting  
16 of the City Council of said City held on November 7, 2017, by the following vote:

17 AYES: COUNCILMEMBER(S): Dicterow, Whalen, Zur Schmiede, Boyd, Iseman  
18 NOES: COUNCILMEMBER(S): None  
19 ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBER(S): None

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Lisette Chel-Walker, City Clerk