

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state, or federal governmental body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, the *California Coastal Sanctuary Act of 1994* prohibits any extraction of oil or gas in certain state waters under a new lease, but it also provides an exception that authorizes the State Lands Commission to enter into a lease for the extraction of oil or gas from state owned tide and submerged lands if the Commission determines that the oil or gas deposits are being drained by means of producing wells upon adjacent federal lands and the lease is in the best interest of the state; and

WHEREAS, on February 27, 2015, State Senators McGuire and Jackson, introduced and later amended SB 788, which would enact the *California Coastal Protection Act of 2015* which would remove the offshore oil drilling exception provided in the *California Coastal Sanctuary Act of 1994*; and

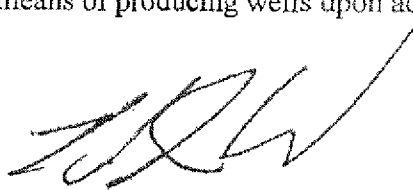
WHEREAS, SB 788 indicates that the California coastline provides habitat for many threatened or endangered species, and also supports rare, deep-water coral habitats that provide habitat for abundant marine life; and

WHEREAS, SB 788 also notes that the State of California has not issued new offshore oil leases for over 50 years and intentionally has forgone any revenue from any new leases and the associated offshore oil development in state waters and federal waters; and

WHEREAS, SB 788 denotes that the Legislature, Governor, and State Lands Commission have repeatedly called upon the federal government to prohibit any new offshore oil development leases in federal waters off the California coast; and

WHEREAS, SB 788 indicates that because of the exception currently allowed by the *California Coastal Sanctuary Act of 1994*, the Act falls short of providing a complete ban on new leases for offshore oil drilling in state waters; and therefore, the exception threatens the network of marine protected areas; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2015-16 State Legislative Program SUPPORT to SB 788 (McGuire and Jackson), which would enact the *California Coastal Protection Act of 2015*, to remove the exception provided in the *California Coastal Sanctuary Act of 1994* to the State Lands Commission to enter into a lease for the extraction of oil or gas from state owned tide and submerged lands if the Commission determines that the oil or gas deposits are being drained by means of producing wells upon adjacent federal lands and the lease is in the best interest of the state.



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SECONDED BY: 