

RESOLUTION RULES, ELECTIONS, INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

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 first have been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, California's coastal economy is vital, not only to the State, but to the entire country; and

WHEREAS, leading sectors of California's ocean economy include tourism and recreation, which account for 39% of the ocean economy's GDP (\$17.6 billion); and

WHEREAS, keeping global warming below a dangerous 1.5°C requires a drastic and immediate reduction in the State's dependence on fossil fuels in order to reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, the Trump Administration is recklessly proposing a major expansion of offshore oil and gas leasing nationwide, including, beginning in 2020, off the California coast; and

WHEREAS, it would be the first West Coast oil lease sale since the 1980s; and

WHEREAS, past offshore oil spills have devastated wildlife, fishing, recreation and the tourism industry in California and numerous other coastal states; and

WHEREAS, the State has already banned oil and gas drilling within three miles of the coastline and has further jurisdiction over oil and gas that is brought onshore to refine and sell; and

WHEREAS, the State Lands Commission, which has jurisdiction over state waters, has already adopted a resolution that directs staff "to take appropriate actions to ensure that any oil and gas product from new drilling never makes landfall in California;" and

WHEREAS, Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson has introduced State Bill 834 and Assemblymember Al Muratsuchi has introduced a companion bill, AB 1775, both of which will ban new pipelines, piers, wharves, or other oil and gas infrastructure that would go through state waters; and

WHEREAS, SB 834 and AB 1775 will ensure that California's coastline and therefore its economy is protected; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles relies heavily upon the tourism and recreation provided by the coast.

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 2017-2018 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for SB 834 (Jackson) and AB 1775 (Muratsuchi), which will ban any new oil and gas infrastructure within the State's jurisdiction and thereby protect California's coastal waters from further pollution caused by offshore oil and gas exploration.

PRESENTED BY:



PAUL KORETZ
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SECONDED BY:



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