

RESOLUTION

RULES, ELECTIONS, INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

~~HOMELESSNESS AND POVERTY~~

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 Act of 1976 (the Act) regulates development along the state's coast and requires that oil and gas development be permitted in certain circumstances. The Act requires that coastal-development industrial facilities be encouraged to locate or expand within existing sites, and, where new or expanded coastal-dependent industrial facilities cannot feasibly be accommodated, they may nevertheless be permitted if:

1. alternative locations are infeasible or more environmentally damaging,
2. to do otherwise would adversely affect the public welfare, and
3. adverse environmental effects are mitigated to the maximum extent feasible; and

WHEREAS, the Act requires that oil and gas development be permitted in accordance with its requirements for coastal-dependent facilities if the specified conditions relating to safety and environmental mitigation are met, as well as requiring the permitting of new or expanded refineries or petrochemical facilities not otherwise consistent with the Act if it is found that not permitting the development would adversely affect the public welfare; and

WHEREAS, currently pending before the State Senate is a bill, SB 1423 (Stern); and

WHEREAS, SB 1423 (Stern) would no longer permit oil and gas facilities, prohibit new or expanded oil and gas development from being considered a coastal-dependent industrial use, for the purposes of the Act, and prohibit new or expanded refineries or petrochemical facilities all from being considered coastal-dependent industrial use, unless they are consistent with all applicable provisions of the Act; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles should support SB 1423 (Stern) because the bill seeks to close a loophole in the California Coastal Act that has allowed oil and gas drilling and operations to evade the strong protections of the California Coastal Act in the coastal zone;

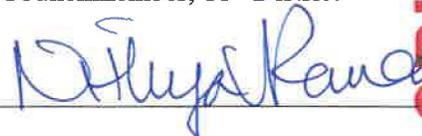
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2021-2022 State Legislative Program support of SB 1423 (Stern), which would prohibit new or expanded oil and gas development from being considered a coastal-dependent industrial use and would only permit those developments if they are found to be consistent with all applicable provisions of the California Coastal Act of 1976 in order to protect the health and well-being of the public and the environment.

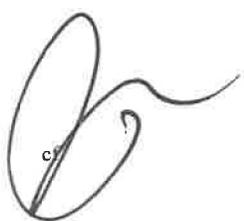
PRESENTED BY:


MIKE BONIN

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