



County of Los Angeles
Beach Commission

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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

Thank you for having the courage to stand against the Trump administration's proposal to expand offshore oil/gas leasing to new areas that have largely been off-limits to federal leasing, including waters off the Pacific Coast, with the resolution you passed on February 13, 2018.

The Beach Commission is proud to stand with you in opposition to any plan that expands offshore oil and gas leasing to new areas, especially because no new federal leases have been granted off the coast of California since 1984. We support your call for bans on the installation of any new offshore oil production platforms or islands in state and federal waters off the coast of California and new federal oil and gas leasing in all U.S. waters.

Offshore oil and gas drilling and exploration are a direct threat to the wellbeing and health of the Pacific Ocean and its ecosystems, as well as to the County's iconic beaches. Like you, we know firsthand what can happen after an oil spill. In 2015, tar balls originating from the Refugio Oil Spill in Santa Barbara County washed up on Los Angeles County beaches, triggering environmental concerns and much alarm for several days.

We applaud and wholeheartedly support your commitment to protecting our local environment.

Very truly yours,

Jeff Duclos
Chair, Los Angeles County Beach Commission

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