

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2018-R____

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3 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
4 OF CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA, PROTECTING OUR
5 OCEAN AND COAST FROM OFFSHORE DRILLING,
6 EXPLORATION AND FRACKING.

7 WHEREAS, the City of Culver City, California and its visitors enjoy our
8 beaches and the Pacific Ocean for recreational, commercial, and educational activities, all
9 of which support our local economy; and

10 WHEREAS, Culver City's residents value our state's ocean, coastal waters,
11 and Ballona Creek, which provide habitat to a vast array of wildlife, including fish, whales,
12 sea turtles, and birds that depend on a healthy and clean environment; and

13 WHEREAS, offshore oil and gas drilling and seismic exploration off the
14 Pacific coast put Ballona Creek, coastal resources, and the communities and industries
15 that depend on them, at risk from oil spills, intense ocean noise, and other damage; and

16 WHEREAS, expanding offshore oil and gas drilling, seismic exploration,
17 fracking and other well stimulation techniques threatens coastal stakeholders, marine
18 wildlife, human health and climate; and

19 WHEREAS, a massive oil spill in 1969 off the coast of Santa Barbara fouled
20 coastal waters and caused catastrophic economic and environmental damage; and

21 WHEREAS, in 2015 a pipeline servicing offshore oil platforms burst and
22 fouled the same coastal areas, damaging wildlife and impacting recreational and
23 commercial activities; and
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1 WHEREAS, the U.S. Presidential administration has proposed to dramatically
2 expand offshore oil and gas leasing in all U.S. oceans, including to new areas which have
3 largely been off-limits to new federal leasing, including the Pacific Coast; and

4 WHEREAS, new federal offshore oil and gas leases have not been granted in
5 the Pacific planning area since 1984; and

6 WHEREAS, the seismic testing that supports offshore oil and gas leasing is a
7 highly disruptive activity that has been shown to harm marine wildlife, from great whales to
8 fish to zooplankton, over large areas of ocean; and

9 WHEREAS, hydraulic fracturing and other unconventional oil extraction
10 techniques such as acid fracturing, matrix acidizing, gravel packing and cyclic steam
11 injection collectively referred to here as "fracking and other well stimulation," provide
12 another means to expand offshore oil and gas extraction; and

13 WHEREAS, fracking and other well stimulation increase pollution and the risk
14 of oil spills and earthquakes; and

15 WHEREAS, the offshore oil industry is permitted to release more than nine
16 billion gallons of wastewater into the Pacific every year including wastewater from fracking
17 that may be laced with toxic chemicals that can harm human health and wildlife; and

18 WHEREAS, the Governors of California, Oregon, and Washington, along with
19 several cities, have taken a stand against new federal offshore oil and gas leases in the
20 Pacific Ocean, and several municipalities have called for a ban on offshore fracking; and

21 WHEREAS, expanding offshore drilling, fracking and other well stimulation off
22 the Pacific coast will deepen the state's dependence on fossil fuels and undermine its
23 efforts to address climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions and moving
24 toward renewable energy; and

1 WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Interior develops and implements a
2 nationwide offshore oil and gas leasing program that determines the size, timing and
3 location of lease sales for the Outer Continental Shelf; and

4 WHEREAS, on July 2, 2012, the City Council adopted a Resolution urging
5 Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr. and the California State Department of Conservation,
6 Division of Oil, Gas & Geothermal Resources (DOGGR), to immediately place a ban on
7 hydraulic fracturing and on the disposal of fracking wastewater by injection wells until
8 DOGGR takes all necessary and appropriate actions to adopt, implement and enforce
9 comprehensive regulations concerning the practice of fracking that will ensure that public
10 health and safety and the environment will be adequately protected.

12 NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Culver City, California,
13 DOES RESOLVE as follows:

14 1. The City of Culver City, California supports (1) a ban on new offshore oil
15 and gas drilling, seismic oil and gas exploration, fracking, and other well stimulation in
16 federal and state waters off the Pacific coast; and (2) no new federal oil and gas leasing in
17 all U.S. waters, including off the Pacific Coast.

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2 2. The City Clerk is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to
3 Secretary Zinke; Bureau of Ocean Energy Management Acting Director Walter
4 Cruickshank; Governor Edmund Brown, Jr.; U. S. Senator Dianne Feinstein; U.S. Senator
5 Kamala Harris; U.S. Representative Karen Bass; State Senator Holly J. Mitchell; State
6 Assembly Member Sydney Kamlager-Dove; and any other interested parties.
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9 APPROVED and ADOPTED this _____ day of _____ 2018.
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13 THOMAS AUJERO SMALL, MAYOR
City of Culver City, California

14 ATTEST:

15 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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17 JEREMY GREEN, City Clerk

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20 CAROL A. SCHWAB, City Attorney
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