

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-17

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORONADO, CALIFORNIA, OPPOSING OFFSHORE OIL AND GAS LEASING OFF THE CALIFORNIA COAST AND THE INCLUSION OF CALIFORNIA OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF PLANNING AREAS IN THE 11TH NATIONAL OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF OIL AND GAS LEASING PROGRAM

WHEREAS, The City of Coronado is a coastal community whose public health, environmental quality, economic vitality, and quality of life depend upon clean beaches, healthy marine ecosystems, tourism, and fishing; and

WHEREAS, The City of Coronado is a vital component of the Nation's military infrastructure and supports major United States Navy and Marine Corps installations and operations essential to national defense; and

WHEREAS, Military operations in and around Coronado rely on safe, secure, and unobstructed coastal and offshore waters for navigation, training, aviation, and special operations missions. Coronado military bases include three aircraft carriers and other ships, fixed and rotary-winged aircraft squadrons, Naval Special Warfare Command, Naval Special Warfare Center, EOD, Marine Corp Amphibious School, SEAL Teams and major commands; and

WHEREAS, Offshore oil and gas exploration and development pose risks to coastal resources, public health, economic stability, and military readiness; and

WHEREAS, The City's coastal waters have already been adversely affected by cross-border sewage pollution, increasing vulnerability to additional offshore industrial impacts; and

WHEREAS, On January 6, 2025, the President of the United States withdrew all unleased federal waters offshore California from oil and gas leasing pursuant to Section 12(a) of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (43 U.S.C. § 1341(a)); and

WHEREAS, The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management's Draft Proposed Program for the 11th National Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program includes Pacific Coast planning areas subject to this withdrawal; and

WHEREAS, The Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act requires equitable consideration among regions, yet significant portions of other coastal areas have been removed from leasing while California remains exposed to disproportionate risk; and

WHEREAS, California maintains a federally approved Coastal Zone Management Program, and federal actions affecting coastal uses must comply with the Coastal Zone Management Act; and

WHEREAS, California law prohibits new offshore oil and gas leasing in state waters and restricts expansion of petroleum infrastructure, and many coastal jurisdictions, including Coronado, have adopted land-use regulations that preclude onshore support facilities; and

WHEREAS, A substantial backlog of undeveloped offshore oil and gas leases exists elsewhere, reducing any need to expose the California Coast to new leasing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Coronado as follows:

1. Oppose any offshore oil and gas leasing, exploration, or development activities offshore the California Coast; and
2. Urge the United States Department of the Interior and the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management to remove all California Outer Continental Shelf Planning Areas from the Draft Proposed Program for the 11th National Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program; and
3. Submit a negative nomination for all offshore oil and gas lease tracts located off the California Coast; and
4. Direct the City Clerk to transmit this Resolution to the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, the Secretary of the Interior, the Governor of California, the Department of Defense, the California Coastal Commission, and the City's state and federal legislative representatives.

PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Coronado, California, at a regular meeting thereof this twenty-first day of April, 2026, by the following vote to wit:

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

APPROVED:

JOHN D. DUNCAN, Mayor of the
City of Coronado, California

ATTEST:

KELSEA HOLIAN, City Clerk of the
City of Coronado, California