

RESOLUTION NUMBER R-\_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
SAN DIEGO IN SUPPORT OF ENDING FRACKING AND OIL  
DRILLING IN CALIFORNIA.

WHEREAS, the City of San Diego appreciates the concerns expressed by the young citizens group *Youth v. Oil* regarding the impacts that climate change is having on youth and future generations, especially as the changing environmental conditions are affected by extraction and use of oil and gas from wells in California; and

WHEREAS, through its Climate Action Plan the City recognizes the urgency of the climate crisis and its impending impacts on youth and future generations; and

WHEREAS, *Youth v. Oil* has cited circumstances set forth herein which indicate a need for a policy for the control and timely elimination of oil drilling in California; and

WHEREAS, millions of Californians live within one mile of an active oil or gas extraction site; and

WHEREAS, on April 23, 2021, Governor Newsom directed the Department of Conservation's Geologic Energy Management (CalGEM) Division to initiate regulatory action to end the issuance of new permits for hydraulic fracturing ("fracking") by January 2024, and further requested that the California Air Resources Board (CARB) analyze pathways to phase out oil extraction across the State by no later than 2045; and

WHEREAS, the San Diego City Council shares the view of *Youth v. Oil* that the Governor's plans for the phasing out of oil drilling in California should be cemented through the enactment of legislation; and

WHEREAS, *Youth v. Oil* indicates that if current fossil fuel production rates stay constant, some scientists predict that irreversible effects of climate change will be visible before 2050 and as early as the next decade, years before Governor Newsom’s current plan to end oil drilling would be completed; and

WHEREAS, *Youth v. Oil* further observes that if state regulators do not rein in fossil fuel emissions, California will not meet its Senate Bill 32 legislative mandate of lowering greenhouse gas emissions to 40 percent below 1999 levels by 2030; and

WHEREAS, on October 21, 2021, due to concerns for human and environmental health and safety, Governor Newsom acted on recommendations of the California Council on Science and Technology and directed CalGEM to initiate proposed rule changes to require 3,200 foot buffer zones around oil extraction wells using well stimulation or “fracking” technology; and

WHEREAS, studies have determined that oil drilling releases air pollution that has been connected to the cause of headaches, childhood leukemia, asthma symptoms, birth defects, and cardiac problems; and

WHEREAS, various methods of oil extraction can leak methane which is more damaging to the environment than carbon dioxide as a greenhouse pollutant; and

WHEREAS, as the number of oil extraction sites increase, the number of air pollutants and amount of greenhouse gasses will increase to levels that threaten the health and future of San Diego residents; and

WHEREAS, climate change, caused mainly by burning fossil fuels, has coincided with natural disasters, devastating storms, historic droughts, wildfires, and extreme heat which affect San Diego residents’ physical and mental health; and

WHEREAS, since 2010 the City of San Diego has decreased City-wide emissions by 25% as of 2019, and plans to achieve net-zero carbon emissions by 2040; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Diego has established a climate equity index to track the environmental impacts of communities of concern and has begun implementing policy initiatives to engage communities of concern; and

WHEREAS, in March of 2020, the City of San Diego passed Resolution R-312891 declaring a climate emergency and discussing the need for accelerated climate action; and

WHEREAS, in March of 2018, the City of San Diego passed Resolution R-311586 opposing federal offshore oil and gas drilling leases off all United States waters, including the coast of California; and

WHEREAS, in December of 2021, the City of San Diego announced it will divest from fossil fuel companies; and

WHEREAS, the Council concurs with *Youth v. Oil* that prompt control and timely ending of oil and gas drilling in California will be of benefit to San Diego and its communities and will advance the climate action objectives of both California and San Diego; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of San Diego will continue to recognize climate change and climate justice as issues of critical importance to San Diego residents and businesses.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of San Diego will continue to work in solidarity with San Diego frontline communities towards climate equity.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of San Diego will continue to transition away from fossil fuels to renewable energy sources to meet the city's Climate Action Plan goals, including reaching 100% renewable energy by no later than 2035.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of San Diego recognizes the urgency of the climate crisis, its impending impacts on youth and future generations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of San Diego urges Governor Newsom to continue to use all lawful executive authority to control issuance of new oil and gas drilling permits for sites employing well stimulation or “fracking” technology.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of San Diego calls on Governor Newsom and the State Legislature to implement buffer zones of at least 3,200 feet between oil and gas extraction sites and communities, neighborhoods, schools, hospitals, care facilities, public buildings and other sensitive sites.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of San Diego urges Governor Newsom and the State Legislature to immediately begin the process of justly phasing out oil and gas extraction in California through lawful executive action and the enactment of legislation as necessary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk shall send a copy of the approved resolution to Governor Gavin Newsom, Office of the Governor of the State of California and to leadership of the California Senate and Assembly.

APPROVED: MARA W. ELLIOTT, City Attorney

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy City Attorney

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I certify that the foregoing Resolution was passed by the Council of the City of San Diego, at this meeting of \_\_\_\_\_.

ELIZABETH S. MALAND  
City Clerk

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
(date)

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TODD GLORIA, Mayor

Vetoed: \_\_\_\_\_  
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