



Resolution #18-04

RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO OFFSHORE OIL DRILLING AND THE PROPOSED REPEAL OF ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATIONS AND SAFEGUARDS IMPOSED ON OFFSHORE OIL AND GAS DRILLING

WHEREAS, since 1982, California has banned the sale of new oil drilling leases to protect wildlife, fisheries, and the recreation and tourism industries from the vast devastation wrought by coastal oil drilling, such as the 1969 spill off Santa Barbara that dumped over 3 million gallons of oil, drenching 35 miles of coastline; and

WHEREAS, Governor Jerry Brown and the governors of Washington and Oregon, the State Land's Commission, the State Coastal Commission, the Surfrider Foundation, Heal the Bay, and the Sierra Club, along with the 73% of Californians against offshore oil drilling, have vowed to fight Trump Administration efforts to roll back coastal protections; and

WHEREAS, in addition to lifting restrictions on offshore drilling, the Trump Administration has issued a separate proposal to rewrite or resend Obama-era regulations on offshore oil and gas drilling, such as blowout preventers, and valve improvements to prevent spills on the ocean floor that were put in place after the largest offshore oil spill in U.S. history, the 2010 BP Deepwater Horizon explosion that devastated the Gulf Coast;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Democratic Party of Orange County joins with Governor Brown, the Governor Jay Inslee of Washington and Governor Kate Brown of Oregon, State environmental regulatory agencies, and State and local legislators, to take all available interventions to stop these intrusive Federal actions that would harm our pristine coastline; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Democratic Party of Orange County unequivocally rejects all attempts by the Trump Administration to weaken, rewrite, or kill legislative safeguards, that include more frequent inspections of complex oil and natural gas equipment and offshore drilling platforms, such as those off the coast of Long Beach, Seal Beach and Huntington Beach; and we encourage concerned citizens to make a public comment at regulations.gov or by mail to: Kelly Hammerle, National OCS Oil and Gas Leasing Program Manager, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, 45600 Woodland Road, Sterling, VA 20166-9216.



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Resolution to be submitted to the following officials: California Orange County Congressional Delegation and OC State Assembly and OC Senate Representatives, State Lands Commission and the Coastal Commission.

**Adopted by the Democratic Party of Orange County
At its January 22, 2018 Central Committee Meeting**