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Subject: [Coastal Cities] Legislation Introduced to Prevent Offshore Drilling – Input Requested

As you may be aware, last week the Trump administration proposed allowing new offshore drilling in California for the first time since 1984. Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke released a draft 5-year leasing plan that would allow six new leases in California. [Press Release](#) [National Program Website](#)

State legislators responded by introducing two bills: [AB 1775 \(Muratsuchi\)](#) and [SB 834 \(Jackson\)](#). These identical measures would prohibit the State Lands Commission and local trustees from entering into lease agreements for exploration or production of oil or natural gas in state regulated coastal waters—up to three miles from the coastline. Since the passage of the California Coastal Sanctuary Act in 1994, California has prohibited new oil and gas leases in the state's coastal waters, with some exceptions.

While League policy is somewhat outdated, it indicates support for prohibiting offshore development based, in part, on concern about the impacts to on-shore support facilities and services by offshore development activities. Because League policy is outdated, we expect to bring these bills to the Environmental Quality Policy Committee with a recommendation to support.

We expect coastal cities will be united in supporting AB 1775 and SB 834 and we would like to reflect this position to the EQ Policy Committee when it considers the bills. If your city has a different view, please contact me at eevansfudem@cacities.org by Thursday, January 11.

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