

1 [Supporting California State Assembly Bill No. 1448 (Hart) - California Coastal Sanctuary]

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3 **Resolution supporting California State Assembly Bill No. 1448, authored by Assembly**
4 **Member Gregg Hart, Coastal Resources: California Coastal Sanctuary: Tidelands and**
5 **Submerged Lands: Oil and Gas Development, to preserve the state's coastline,**
6 **safeguard the economy, protect marine environments and public health, and advance**
7 **California's climate resilience goals.**

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9 WHEREAS, California's iconic coastline is a vital environmental, ecological, and
10 economic asset that contributes over \$44 billion annually to the state's economy and supports
11 more than 500,000 jobs in tourism, recreation, and commercial fishing; and

12 WHEREAS, California has historically suffered severe environmental and economic
13 devastation from catastrophic offshore oil spills, including the landmark 1969 Santa Barbara
14 spill, the 2015 Plains All American pipeline leak, and the 2021 Amplify energy spill, which
15 collectively devastated marine habitats, killed thousands of seabirds and marine mammals, and
16 shuttered local coastal economies and

17 WHEREAS, The federal administration has proposed expanding offshore oil and gas
18 drilling leases within federal waters off the Pacific Coast, threatening to reverse decades of
19 bipartisan coastal protection and drastically increasing risk of future marine disasters; and

20 WHEREAS, While current California law prohibits the State Lands Commission from
21 issuing new leases for oil and gas infrastructure to support new federal offshore leases,
22 companies are taking advantage of a loophole to expand drilling by utilizing existing and aging
23 infrastructure within state waters; and

24 WHEREAS, California Assembly Bill No. 1448 (AB 1448), authored by Assembly
25 Member Gregg Hart, explicitly closes the legislative loophole by prohibiting the State Lands

Commission from approving infrastructure expansion that would facilitate new offshore drilling, while tightening rules on renewals, modifications, amendments, and transfer of existing leases; and

WHEREAS, AB 1448 will strengthen pipelines safety by mandating the use of the best available technology, including automatic shutoff valves and advanced leak detection systems, and requiring a rigorous new coastal development permit process to reactivate any oil facility that has been idled or inactive for three years or more; and

WHEREAS, The California Coastal Protection Act is essential to preserving the state's coastline, safeguarding its economy, protecting marine environments and public health, and advancing California's climate resilience goals; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby supports Assembly Bill No. 1448 in order to protect the marine ecosystems, beaches, and local economies from the risk of expanded offshore oil drilling; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a copy of this Resolution upon passage to the Governor of California, the President pro Tempore of the California State Senate, the Speaker of the California State Assembly, Assembly Member Gregg Hart, and the San Francisco's State legislative delegation.