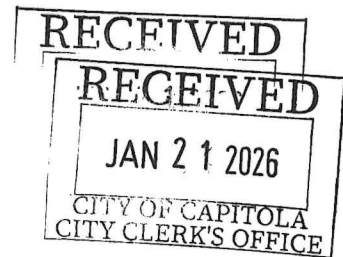


City Council Meeting 1/22/26

Public Comment - Item 8A Offshore Oil Drilling



Dear Council Members,

Thank you for taking action by submitting a letter to the BOEM's regarding their proposed 11th National Outer Continental Shelf Oil & Gas Leasing Program and opposing offshore drilling. This program is one more of the federal government's effort to dismantle all environmental protections including for safe drinking water, clean air, and any environmental protection, promoting corporate greed and profit, not people. Do not allow oil drilling or seabed mining in the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary (MBNMS) that many people fought a hard battle to create in the 1980's. We need to continue to focus on alternative energy development, not more fossil fuel development, which is the biggest contributor to increasing carbon emissions and greenhouse gases accelerating world-wide climate devastation. Oceans are already collapsing all over the world with ocean warming and treating the ocean as a garbage dump, not as a valuable resource to protect.

Please take actions to strengthen the city ordinance and do our part in maintain California's "Blue Wall". Oil companies do not want to take responsibility for their impact on the environment and only do so if forced by law and public pressure. For the last year, the Federal government is in the process of "giving away" our natural resources for corporate exploitation while weakening all laws requiring environmental responsibility and disregarding science.

Capitola is only a small corner of the central coast but is part of a region of exceptional ecological, cultural, and economic value. Its offshore waters support diverse marine life and working coastal economies, and its beaches and coastal access define the character and quality of life for residents and visitors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Paula Bradley'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name 'Paula' being more prominent than the last name 'Bradley'.

Paula Bradley