



The City of San Diego
OFFICE OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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The Honorable James Mattis
Secretary of Defense
1000 Defense Pentagon
Washington, DC 20301-1000

Dear Mr. Secretary:

San Diego embraces our strong and viable military community that is home to 59 U.S. Navy ships and generates an estimated \$25 billion in direct defense spending in our region. With this in mind, we fully support the training mission of the United States Navy and United States Marine Corps off San Diego's coastline.

As President Trump moves forward in permitting more oil and gas drilling, we ask for your input as to whether or not these types of drilling platforms will make the training mission of the military more difficult.

We are extremely interested in your opinion and in full disclosure we will be asking Secretary of the Interior to review our request to eliminate San Diego's coastline from any future plans for drilling in federal waters.

In previous discussions with several high ranking military commanders, the consensus that allowing any offshore oil and gas drilling of San Diego's coastline could negatively affect the training mission for the Navy and Marines.

For many years, San Diego's waters were protected from offshore drilling through legislation by then U.S. Senator Pete Wilson and Representative Bill Lowery. Although, the legislation has sunset, it is our intention to move forward with a plan that supports our military, our tourism industry and most importantly protects San Diego's coastline

Sincerely,

David Alvarez
Councilmember
Chair, Committee on the Environment

Lorie Zapf
Councilmember
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