



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS

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Lili Bosse, Mayor

March 12, 2018

The Honorable Al Muratsuchi
Chair, Assembly Natural Resources Committee
1020 N Street, Room 164
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 1775 (Muratsuchi) State lands: leasing: oil and gas.
City of Beverly Hills – SUPPORT**

Dear Chair Muratsuchi,

On behalf of the City of Beverly Hills, I am pleased to write to you in SUPPORT of your AB 1775 (Muratsuchi). This bill will help protect and preserve California's coastline.

Specifically, this bill will prohibit the State Lands Commission or local trustees from entering into leases that would enable new or additional exploration, development, or production of oil or natural gas on California State lands, or that would result in an increase in oil and natural gas production from Federal waters.

California's coastline is a precious economic resource that generates billions of dollars annually. It also houses an environmentally fragile ecosystem filled with unique animal and plant species found nowhere else in the world including the California Grunion, California Scorpionfish, California Gulls, and Pacific Eelgrass. The California Coast is also home to many migrating marine mammals including Northern Elephant Seals, Blue Whales, and Humpback Whales. Protecting these species from the hazards associated with off shore oil drilling is paramount to a having a healthy ecosystem.

Additionally, millions of visitors travel to the California Coast each year to take in its breath taking views, pristine coastline, and participate in many ocean activities including surfing, wake boarding, jet skiing, and scuba diving.

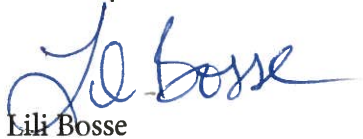
An offshore oil spill would have severely impact jurisdictions who are reliant on those visitors. An offshore oil spill would also directly impact communities close to Beverly Hills, including Santa Monica and Malibu.

Based on these reasons and more, there has historically been broad bipartisan support for efforts to eliminate activities that threaten our coastline. The offshore drilling activities recently proposed by the Federal government threaten California's coastal economy and its ecology.

The City of Beverly Hills fully supports efforts to maintain the integrity of California's coast and the wealth of economy activity that it enables. AB 1775 (Muratsuchi) is a crucial part of that effort.

For these reasons, the City of Beverly Hills is pleased to SUPPORT your AB 1775 (Muratsuchi). Thank you for authoring this important legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lili Bosse". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lili Bosse

Mayor, City of Beverly Hills

cc: Members and Consultants, Assembly Natural Resources Committee
The Honorable Richard Bloom, 50th Assembly District
The Honorable Ben Allen, 26th Senate District
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