

10. **OLD BUSINESS**

- c. Responses from elected/appointed officials regarding Resolution 10-001 opposing off-shore drilling



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**Representative Mark S. Pafford**  
*Minority Deputy Whip*  
 District 88

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February 18, 2010

The Honorable Mick Denham  
 Mayor of Sanibel  
 800 Dunlop Road  
 Sanibel, FL 33957-4096

Dear Mayor Denham:

Thank you for your recent letter concerning the issue of off-shore oil and gas drilling. I appreciate you taking the time to express your opinions.

I am opposed to drilling off Florida's coasts and will do all that I can during the upcoming legislative session to ensure the defeat of any measures regarding this issue. As a native Floridian, I have a deep respect and love for our state's natural wonders. I believe that proponents of off-shore oil drilling are being short-sighted in hopes of generating revenue while placing our precious coastal ecosystems in jeopardy.

I thank you for your advocacy and encourage you to continue educating legislators as that will be essential to defeating any proposals that would allow off-shore drilling. Thank you again for writing. If I or my staff may be of any additional assistance, please feel free to contact my office.

With warm regards, I am,

Sincerely,

**MARK S. PAFFORD**  
 State Representative  
 District 88

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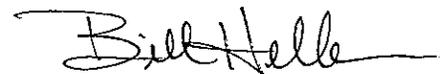
Melissa P. Williams  
 District Aide

Dear Mayor Denham,

Thank you for sending a copy of the City of Sanibel Resolution No. 10-010 opposing offshore oil and natural gas drilling in the eastern Gulf of Mexico and specifically opposing any future legislation which would allow near-shore drilling from three to nine miles off of the Florida Coast, et. al.

I appreciate being kept informed.

Best wishes,



Bill Heller  
State Representative  
District 52

2/12/2010



# TOWN OF LONGBOAT KEY

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February 17, 2010

Mick Denham  
Sanibel Mayor  
800 Dunlop Road  
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Dear Mayor Denham,

Thank you for your letter of February 5, 2010 transmitting a copy of Sanibel City Council Resolution 10-010, expressing the City's formal opposition to oil and gas drilling in the Gulf of Mexico.

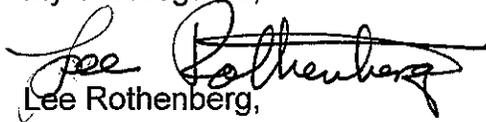
The Town of Longboat Key adopted Resolution 2009-41 on October 5, 2009 (attached), stating the Town's opposition to the proposal to allow oil and gas drilling in the Gulf of Mexico and also reached consensus to sign a letter presented at the Sarasota County Convocation of Governments that presented a unified opposition to oil drilling. That letter includes a signature page for individual City and County elected officials and was provided to the Sarasota County Legislative Delegation. The letter exhibits unified, strong opposition to any legislation that would authorize offshore oil and gas drilling in Florida waters by all of the County and municipal elected officials (copy attached).

The Town followed up by encouraging Manatee County elected officials to adopt a similar document to present to their legislative delegation. I am pleased to attach a copy of the fully executed document adopted by the Manatee County Board of County Commissioners and signed by the Manatee County municipalities.

The Town applauds your community leaders for taking a stance on this extremely important issue and encourages you to seek consensus within Lee County and your local municipalities to further this effort to oppose legislation that would adversely affect our State and beachfront communities.

Again, we appreciate your taking the time to transmit your Resolution and for taking such a strong leadership role in seeking to defeat this proposed legislation.

My best regards,

  
Lee Rothenberg,  
Mayor

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**RESOLUTION 2009-41**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF LONGBOAT KEY, FLORIDA,  
OPPOSING THE APPROVAL FOR EXPANSION OF OFFSHORE  
DRILLING IN THE GULF OF MEXICO IN AREAS OTHER THAN  
THOSE ALREADY APPROVED FOR OIL LEASING AND  
EXPLORATION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act, adopted by Congress in 2006, prohibits drilling in the part of the Eastern Planning Area of the Gulf of Mexico Outer Continental Shelf Region lying within 125 miles of Florida's coastline, and in a portion of the Central Planning Area of the Gulf of Mexico Outer Continental Shelf Region, until June 30, 2002; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Energy Department's forecasting arm has said opening the Pacific, Atlantic, and eastern Gulf of Mexico regions to drilling would not have a significant impact on domestic crude oil prices before the year 2030; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2009, House Bill 1219 was introduced in the Legislature of the State of Florida which would allow drilling for oil and gas from between three to nine miles off the West coast of Florida's coastline (mean high tide line) from the Apalachicola area to the Key West area; and

**WHEREAS**, tourism accounts for one-third of budget revenues statewide and 96% of those visitors cite the beaches as an influential factor in their decision to visit Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, resort tax collection statewide exceeded 25 million dollars in Fiscal Year 2007 and almost 86 thousand Floridians are employed in businesses that directly or indirectly support tourism; and

**WHEREAS**, the area with the potential for the greatest risk of environmental damage is the eastern part of the Gulf of Mexico, off the western coast of Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, according to Oil Industry data, an oil rig in the Gulf of Mexico can dump up to 90,000 tons of drilling fluid and metal cuttings over its lifetime. These contaminants accumulate in the marine food web and may contaminate local beaches and have a negative effect on the environment and the tourism industry; and

**WHEREAS**, it is our belief that despite technological advances in oil rig drilling technology, there are no positive assurances that catastrophic damage to our coastline, beaches, and plant and fish life could be avoided during normal operating conditions or during storm situations; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved by the Town Commission of the Town of Longboat Key, Florida, that:

SECTION 1. The above Whereas clauses are true and correct and are hereby ratified and confirmed.

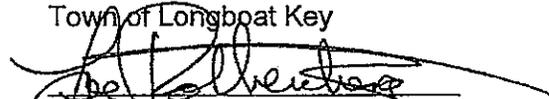
SECTION 2. The Town of Longboat Key, Florida encourages all elected officials at the County, State, and Federal levels to oppose legislative attempts to allow offshore oil drilling expansion past the areas already approved for pre-leasing, leasing, and oil production activities.

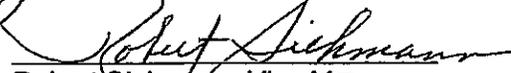
SECTION 3. That before any expansion past the areas already approved for leasing and oil production activities is considered, the existing leases must be exercised and utilized where found to be productive.

SECTION 4. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

Passed by the Town Commission of the Town of Longboat Key on this 5<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2009.

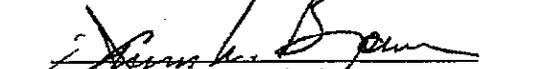
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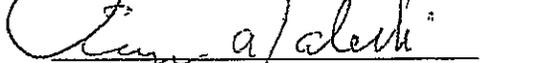
  
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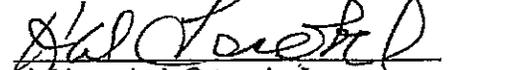
  
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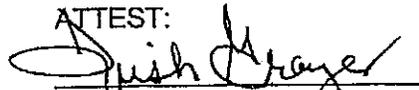
  
George Spoll, Commissioner

  
Peter O'Connor, Commissioner

  
Jim Brown, Commissioner

  
Gene Jaleski, Commissioner

  
Hal Lenobel, Commissioner

ATTEST:  
  
Trish Granger, Town Clerk





Sarasota County



City of Sarasota



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Town of Longboat Key



City of North Port

October 9, 2009

**Subject: Prohibit Offshore Drilling in Florida Waters**

Dear Members of the Sarasota County Legislative Delegation:

As elected public officials of Sarasota County, the City of North Port, the City of Sarasota, the City of Venice and the Town of Longboat Key, we want to express our unified strong opposition to legislation that would authorize offshore oil and gas drilling in Florida waters.

Elected local officials attending the convocation of governments on September 29, 2009, unanimously voted to urge the Legislature to prohibit offshore oil and gas drilling in the territorial waters of the state. This is a critical issue to our communities. We ask you to join us in opposing any initiatives designed to allow offshore drilling off the coast of Florida and to retain the current statutory ban on such drilling.

As coastal communities, Sarasota County and the municipalities within the county are extremely concerned about any activity that could impact the quality and health of our coast. We believe that offshore drilling will compromise the integrity of Florida waters. Our community identity, economy and culture are integrally linked and dependent on a healthy and attractive coastal environment. Our valuable marine environments and the wildlife could suffer serious, perhaps catastrophic, and long-lasting harm if an accident occurs off the coast of Florida. Impacts on tourism from spills could cripple our economy. The risks of drilling are too high for our communities and for the State of Florida.

We recognize that this issue generates a great deal of pressure given the current economic situation and the need to seek energy independence. Yet, oil production will take years to develop and the promise of local jobs and increased revenues is highly speculative. Offshore drilling is not a viable long term solution to energy independence and economic development.

We ask the members of the Sarasota County Legislative Delegation to officially oppose any legislative initiatives that facilitate oil and gas exploration off the coast of Florida. This legislation must be opposed to preserve our tourist economy, protect our clean beaches and shores, and ensure that our natural resources and coastal community character are retained.

We are unified in our strong opposition to any initiatives to allow offshore drilling in Florida waters. Please consider our concerns on this critical issue to the state and our community.

Sincerely,

Public Officials of Sarasota County and the Municipalities within the County  
(see attached signatures)

Distribution:

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The Honorable Ron Reagan  
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The Honorable Doug Holder  
District 70, Florida House of Representatives

The Honorable Ken Roberson  
District 71, Florida House of Representatives

The Honorable Darryl Rouson  
District 55, Florida House of Representatives

cc.

The Honorable Charlie Crist, Governor  
United States Congressman Vern Buchanan  
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United States Senator George LeMeaux  
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Florida House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee  
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Florida House Policy Council  
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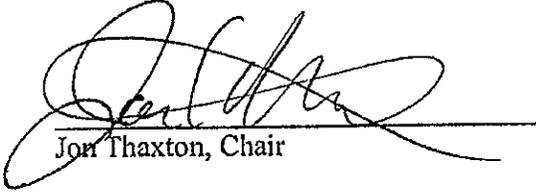


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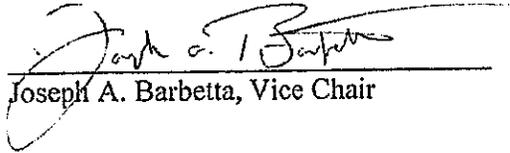


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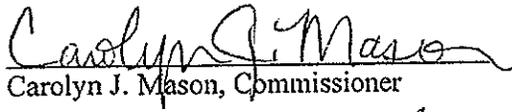
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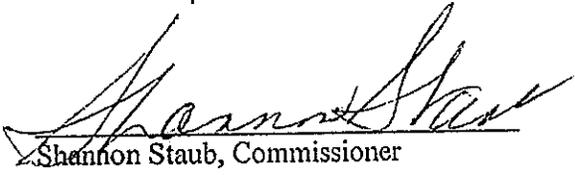
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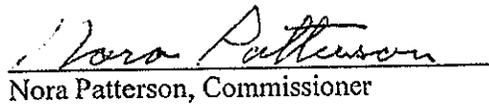
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Terry Turner, Commissioner

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Fredd Atkins, Commissioner

*Suzanne Atwell*

Suzanne Atwell, Commissioner



# MANATEE COUNTY FLORIDA

November 23, 2009

Respected Members of the Manatee County Legislative Delegation:

The elected public officials of Manatee County, the City of Bradenton, the City of Palmetto, the City of Anna Maria, the City of Bradenton Beach, the City of Holmes Beach and the Town of Longboat Key want to express our unified strong opposition to legislation that would authorize offshore oil and gas drilling in Florida waters.

There is consensus among elected local officials to urge the Legislature to prohibit offshore oil and gas drilling in the territorial waters of the state. We ask you to join us in opposing initiatives to allow offshore drilling off the coast of Florida and to retain the current statutory ban on such drilling.

If this matter of critical and far-reaching import to our coastal community comes before you in a vote this year, please consider:

- The beaches of Anna Maria Island and Longboat Key are among our community's most valuable resources. The area's natural beauty is the driving force behind a tourism industry that hosted more than 446,000 visitors in 2008 resulting in a total economic impact of over \$479 million to Manatee County's economy. The unknown possibilities of drilling could jeopardize our pristine coast.
- Some offshore sites will be exempt from drilling, leaving beaches like Anna Maria Island and Longboat Key to bear a disproportionate burden. That burden will include environmental damage and the cost of cleanups from oil spills and accidents related to drilling for oil in state waters.
- The potential impacts of drilling would impact, perhaps most severely, the people who call Manatee County home. Beachfront property values could plummet.
- Drilling poses a clear threat to Florida's \$562 billion-a-year coastal economy including tourism, fishing and other water-dependent businesses. A nearby oil spill has the potential to ruin the boating, fishing, charters, scuba diving and parasailing pastimes and related water industries that are a local way of life.

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Respected Members of the Manatee County Legislative Delegation  
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- Offshore oil drilling and its underwater components could have a direct adverse impact on valuable sand resources that will one day be utilized for the important beach nourishment of Anna Maria Island.
- The possibility of offshore drilling presents a significant threat to the unique birds, fish and wildlife indigenous to southwest Florida. Our valuable marine environments and the wildlife could suffer serious, perhaps catastrophic and long-lasting harm if an accident occurs off the coast of Florida.
- Public beach access is important not only as major recreational and economic engine for Manatee County and the State of Florida, but also serves as an important free recreational resource. Some of the free public beach access provided on Anna Maria Island and on Longboat Key would be adversely impacted if the sand were to become polluted by the impacts of oil and gas drilling.
- Proposed or planned drilling operations in the Gulf of Mexico could impair, restrict or negatively impact the ability of the United States military, and specifically Eglin Air Force Base, Tyndall Air Force Base, Hurlburt Field, Duke Field or the NAS Pensacola assigned, tenant, remote and/or guest units, to fully utilize the existing Joint Gulf Range Complex (JGRC) airspace and surface waters for ongoing or planned aircraft test, weapons test and/or training missions.

We ask the members of the Manatee County Legislative Delegation to officially oppose any legislative initiatives that facilitate oil and gas exploration off the coast of Florida. This legislation must be opposed to preserve our tourist economy, protect our clean beaches and shores and to ensure that our natural resources and coastal community character are retained.

We are unified in strong opposition to any initiatives to allow offshore drilling in Florida waters, as demonstrated with the signature sheets attached. Please consider our concerns on this critical issue to the state and to our community.

Sincerely,

Public Officials of Manatee County, the City of Bradenton, the City of Palmetto, the City of Anna Maria Island, the City of Bradenton Beach, the City of Holmes Beach and the Town of Longboat Key.

Cc: U.S. Representative Vern Buchanan, U.S. Representative Kathy Castor, U.S. Senator George LeMieux, U.S. Senator Bill Nelson, Governor Charlie Crist, Florida House Speaker Larry Cretul, Florida Senate President Jeff Atwater, Senate President-Designate Mike Haridopolos, House Speaker-Designate Dean Cannon, Cari Roth, Esquire, Jocelyn Hong, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Group, Inc.



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## City of North Port

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Vanessa Carusone, Chairperson

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David Garofalo, Commissioner

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Tom Jones, Commissioner

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Jim Blucher, Commissioner

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Michael Treubert, Commissioner



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Fran Barford, Mayor

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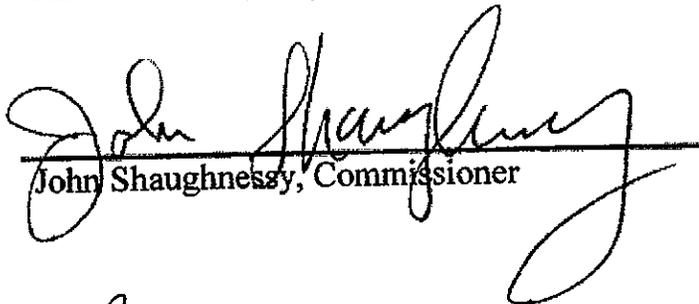
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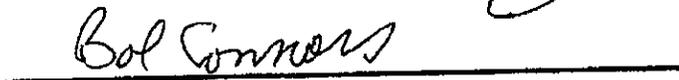
Dale Woodland, Commissioner



**City of Bradenton Beach**

  
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November 16, 2009

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- Because some offshore sites would be exempt from drilling, Anna Maria Island and Longboat Key beaches will bear a disproportionate burden of the environmental damage and cost of clean-up from oil spills and related accidents caused by oil drilling were it to occur in state waters.
- The potential impacts of drilling would impact, perhaps the most severely, the people who call Manatee County home. Beachfront property values could plummet. A nearby oil spill has the potential to ruin the boating, fishing, charters, scuba diving and parasailing pastimes and related water industries that are a local way of life.
- Drilling poses a clear threat to Florida's \$562 billion-a-year coastal economy including tourism, fishing and other water-dependent businesses.
- Oil production will take years to develop and the promise of local jobs and increased revenues is highly speculative. Offshore drilling is not a viable long term solution to energy independence and economic development.
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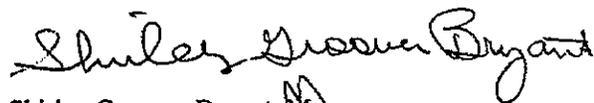
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Sincerely,

City of Palmetto



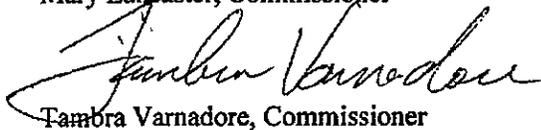
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Tamara Cornwell, Commissioner



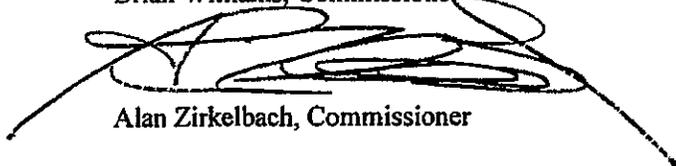
Mary Lancaster, Commissioner



Tandra Varnadore, Commissioner



Brian Williams, Commissioner



Alan Zirkelbach, Commissioner

Resolution No. R-09-87

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BRADENTON, FLORIDA, URGING THE LEGISLATURE TO PROHIBIT OFFSHORE OIL AND GAS DRILLING IN THE TERRITORIAL WATERS OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

WHEREAS, the beaches of Anna Maria Island and Longboat Key are among our community's most valuable resources. The area's natural beauty is the driving force behind a tourism industry that hosted more than 446,000 visitors in 2008 resulting in a total economic impact of over \$479 million to Manatee County's economy. The unknown possibilities of drilling could jeopardize our pristine coast; and

WHEREAS, some offshore sites will be exempt from drilling, leaving beaches like Anna Maria Island and Longboat Key to bear a disproportionate burden. The burden will include environmental damage and the cost of cleanups from oil spills and accidents related to drilling for oil in state waters; and

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WHEREAS, oil production will take years to develop and the promise of local jobs and increased revenues is highly speculative. Offshore drilling is not a viable long term solution to energy independence and economic development; and

WHEREAS, offshore oil drilling and its underwater components could have a direct adverse impact on valuable sand resources that will one day be utilized for the important beach nourishment of Anna Maria Island; and

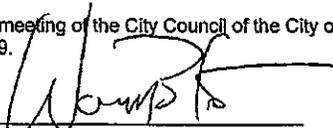
WHEREAS, the possibility of offshore drilling presents a significant threat to the unique birds, fish and wildlife indigenous to southwest Florida. Our valuable marine environments and the wildlife could suffer serious, perhaps catastrophic and long-lasting harm if an accident occurs off the coast of Florida; and

WHEREAS, public beach access is important not only as major recreational and economic engine for Manatee County and the State of Florida, but also serves as an important free recreational resource. Some of the free public beach access provided on Anna Maria Island and on Longboat Key would be adversely impacted if the sand were to become polluted by the impacts of oil and gas drilling; and

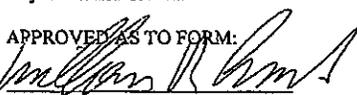
WHEREAS, proposed or planned drilling operations in the Gulf of Mexico could impair, restrict or negatively impact the ability of the United States military, and specifically Eglin Air Force Base, Tyndall Air Force Base, Hurlburt Field, Duke Field or the NAS Pensacola assigned, tenant, remote and/or guest units, to fully utilize the existing Joint Gulf Range Complex (JGRC) airspace and surface waters for ongoing or planned aircraft test, weapons test and/or training missions.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Bradenton, Florida, declares its opposition to any legislative initiatives that facilitate oil and gas exploration in Florida waters.

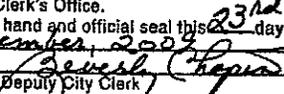
APPROVED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Bradenton, Florida, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2009.

  
Mayor

ATTEST:  
  
City Clerk and Treasurer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
  
City Attorney



STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF MANATEE  
CITY OF BRADENTON  
This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the document on file in the City Clerk's Office.  
Witness my hand and official seal this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of November, 2009.  
  
City Clerk / Deputy City Clerk

Representative Bill Heller, District 52  
Alexander Building  
535 Central Avenue, M-1  
St. Petersburg, FL 33701



FLORIDA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Representative Bill Heller, District 52



# Florida House of Representatives

*Representative Joseph Abruzzo*

District 85

**District Office:**  
1035 State Road 7  
Suite 315-27  
Wellington, FL 33414  
(561) 791-4774  
(561) 791-4778 (fax)

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Joseph.Abruzzo@myfloridahouse.gov

February 15, 2010

Mick Denham  
Mayor of Sanibel  
800 Dunlop Road  
Sanibel, Florida 33957

To Mayor Denham,

Thank you for writing into my office regarding offshore oil drilling. This is an important issue facing our state.

I too share your concerns regarding how this legislation will impact our coast. Once legislation is submitted I will carefully review the information and cautiously take into consideration how the proposed bill will impact our great state.

Again, thank you for contacting my office and if there is anything further I can assist you on; please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph Abruzzo".

Joseph Abruzzo  
State Representative,  
District 85

A handwritten note in black ink that reads "Council Packet" with a horizontal line underneath.

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# City of North Port

City Clerk

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North Port, Florida 34286

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February 10, 2010

Mick Denham, Mayor  
City of Sanibel  
800 Dunlop Road  
Sanibel FL 33957

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Mayor Dehnam;

Enclosed is a copy of City of North Port Resolution concerning our opposing Oil and gas drilling in the Gulf of Mexico. Attached is the mailing list we sent our document to.

We are pleased to see other municipalities having strong feelings about this issue and asking other cities to do the same.

Patricia A. Edwards  
Records Supervisor

Enclosure



## City of North Port

### RESOLUTION NO. 01-R-53

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF NORTH PORT,  
FLORIDA, SUPPORTING A PRESIDENTIAL EXECUTIVE  
ORDER REGARDING OFF-SHORE DRILLING ALONG  
FLORIDA'S COAST AND SEEKING A PERMANENT BAN  
ON SUCH DRILLING.**

**WHEREAS**, Florida, as a peninsular state, has a delicately balanced ecological system of aquatic life, wildlife, coral reefs, wetlands, bays, estuaries and marshes; and

**WHEREAS**, preservation and conservation of its natural resources is critical to Florida's environmental and economic future; and

**WHEREAS**, Chevron is pursuing approval to allow oil drilling off Florida's coast; and

**WHEREAS**, offshore drilling and pipeline construction and installation may cause significant damage to aquatic life, wildlife, sea grasses, coral reefs, mangroves, beaches and wetlands; and

**WHEREAS**, Florida's contributions to the U.S. economy include tourism, retirement, recreation, and agricultural products which are not provided by other oil and gas producing states; and

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**WHEREAS**, the White House has recently agreed to significantly reduce the size of a proposed oil and gas drilling area in the Gulf of Mexico and to keep the site more than one hundred miles from Florida's shores, but this action does not eliminate threats of damage to Florida's coastline; and

**WHEREAS**, the reserves of gas and oil off Florida's coasts make up a negligible percentage of the oil and gas reserves in the U.S. and in the world.

RESOLUTION NO. 01-R-53

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA, TO WIT:**

**SECTION 1.** That the City of North Port is opposed to offshore drilling in the Gulf of Mexico or near any of Florida's coastlines.

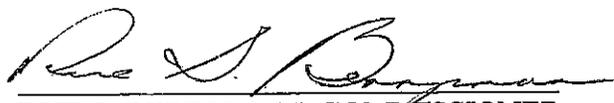
**SECTION 2.** That the City of North Port supports a Presidential Executive Order banning development of leased gas and oil sites off the Florida coast.

**SECTION 3.** That the City of North Port urges Congress to enact a permanent ban on leases for new oil and gas sites off the Florida coast.

**SECTION 4.** That the City Clerk shall forward copies of this Resolution to the President, the Governor, the Florida Congressional Delegation and interested parties.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the City of North Port, Florida, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2001.

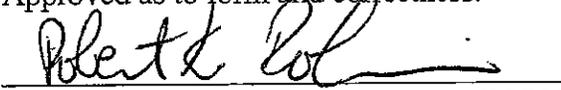
CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA

  
RUE S. BERRYMAN, COMMISSIONER  
CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

*for*   
DORIS J. BRIGGS, CITY CLERK

Approved as to form and correctness:

  
ROBERT K. ROBINSON, CITY ATTORNEY



# City of North Port

## City Clerk

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The Honorable George Bush, President  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.  
Washington, DC. 20500

The Honorable Jeb Bush, Governor  
Florida Capitol Building  
402 S. Monroe St.  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

The Honorable Bob Graham, Senator  
524 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Lisa Carlton, Senator  
310 State Office Building  
404 S. Monroe St.  
Tallahassee, FL. 32399

The Honorable Bill Nelson, Senator  
818 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D C. 20510

The Honorable Jerry Paul, Representative  
4456 Tamiami Trail, B 14  
Port Charlotte, FL. 33980

The Honorable Dan Miller, Representative  
1751 Mound St., Suite 105  
Sarasota, FL 34236

The Honorable John McKay, Senator  
320 Senate Office Building  
404 S. Monroe St.  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1100

The Honorable Adam Putnam, Representative  
506 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Representative Donna Clarke,  
308 House Office Building  
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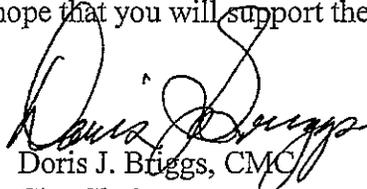
The Honorable Nancy Detert, Representative  
1201 The Capitol  
402 S. Monroe St.  
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Re: Resolution No. 01-R-53 relating to off-shore drilling

October 29, 2001

Please be advised that the North Port City Commission has passed Resolution No. 01-R-53 supporting a Presidential Executive Order regarding off-shore drilling along Florida's Coast and seeking a permanent ban on any such drilling.

While the City of North Port is not on the Gulf Coast directly, we have waterways which intersect the harbors in our area. Any such disaster could severely damage our economic base and our tourist activities throughout the area. We hope that you will support the banning of any off shore drilling in our beautiful Gulf of Mexico.

  
Doris J. Briggs, CMC  
City Clerk

BILL NELSON  
FLORIDA



**United States Senate**  
WASHINGTON, DC 20510-0905

December 14, 2001

Ms. Doris J. Briggs  
City of North Port  
City Clerk  
5650 North Port Boulevard  
North Port, Florida 34287

Dear Ms. Briggs:

Thank you for contacting me regarding drilling off Florida's coast. I am opposed to oil and gas exploration off the coast of Florida. Developing a balanced energy policy that not only safeguards our environmentally sensitive lands, but also provides for our Nation's energy needs is imperative. I strongly believe that our nation's energy concerns can be addressed without drilling off the coast of Florida, where our pristine beaches are placed in jeopardy. In order to safeguard Florida's ecosystem and its largest industry, tourism, I have introduced S.771, a bill which would permanently prohibit oil and gas drilling off Florida's coastline.

I also introduced an amendment to the Department of Interior's spending bill aimed at limiting expenditures for off shore drilling. Unfortunately, this attempt to prevent drilling in the Eastern Gulf of Mexico, and to encourage a more responsible and balanced energy policy, failed by a vote of 67-33. Despite this setback, I intend to continue to work to protect Florida's beaches and prevent oil and gas exploration off the Gulf coast.

I appreciate your taking the time to be involved and informed about this matter. Your concerns are important to me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Nelson".

CITY CLERK

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CITY OF NORTH PORT

Ms. Raimbeau read Resolution 01-R-51 into record in its entirety. Public comment was held. Thereafter, *Commissioner Fink moved that Resolution No. 01-R-51, endorsing Ft. Lauderdale Mayor Jim Naugle for Second Vice President of the National League of Cities, be adopted as presented; seconded by Commissioner Gross. The motion carried unanimously.*

- C. Resolution No. 01-R-52, adopting legislation that assures out-of-state vendors collect and remit state and local sales and use taxes, where such taxes are due. (J. Fink)

Ms. Raimbeau read Resolution No. 01-R-52 into record in its entirety. A statement was made that this legislation is guaranteed to be unenforceable and there should be one uniform internet tax. There was general Commission support and the League of Cities has taken a stand in favor of this legislation. Public comment was held. Thereafter, *Commissioner Fink moved that Resolution No. 01-R-52, adopting legislation that assures out-of-state vendors collect and remit state and local sales and use taxes, where such taxes are due, be adopted as presented; seconded by Commissioner Gross. The motion carried unanimously.*

- D. Resolution No. 01-R-53, supporting a Presidential Executive Order regarding off-shore drilling along Florida's coast and seeking a permanent ban. (J. Fink)

Ms. Raimbeau read Resolution No. 01-R-53 into record in its entirety. There was no public comment. It was suggested that under Section 2., the phrase "until thorough economic and environmental studies are completed" be deleted so that no wiggle room is allowed. Thereafter, *Commissioner Williamson moved that Resolution No. 01-R-53, supporting a Presidential Executive Order regarding off-shore drilling along Florida's coast and seeking a permanent ban, be adopted as modified; seconded by Commissioner Fink. The motion carried four to one (4-1), Commissioner Lockhart dissenting, stating he does not know what the future brings and wanted the aforementioned phrase to remain in the Resolution.*

- E. Resolution No. 01-R-54, opposing proposed standards by the National Fire Protection Association that calls for minimum staffing and response times. (J. Fink)

Ms. Raimbeau read Resolution No. 01-R-54 into record in its entirety. It was stated that there should be strong support of this Resolution opposing standards by the National Fire Protection Association. There was no public comment. Thereafter, *Commissioner Fink moved that Resolution No. 01-R-54, opposing proposed standards by the National Fire Protection Association that calls for minimum staffing and response times be adopted as presented; seconded by Commissioner Gross. The motion carried unanimously.*

- F. Resolution No. 01-R-55, opposing Congressional legislation that modifies the existing freeze on the operation of longer combination vehicles, increases in truck size, weight or length. (J. Fink)



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February 11, 2010

Mayor Mick Denham  
City of Sanibel  
800 Dunlop Road  
Sanibel, FL 33957-4096

Dear Mayor Denham:

Thank you for your letter of February 5, 2010, regarding the City of Sanibel position on offshore oil and natural gas drilling in the Gulf of Mexico. In response, City of Sarasota Mayor Richard Clapp has asked that I provide you with a copy of City of Sarasota Resolution No. 09R-2129, adopted by the City Commission on October 5, 2009.

Resolution 09R-2129 states the City of Sarasota position of opposing the approval of off-shore drilling in the Gulf of Mexico in areas other than those already approved for oil leasing and oil exploration; supporting the current policy of not allowing expansion of oil or gas drilling in the Gulf of Mexico; and supporting the encouragement and assistance in development of renewable alternative sources of energy such as sunlight, wind, rain, tides, and geothermal heat.

This issue is on the list of the City of Sarasota Legislative Priorities for 2010 as one of the major priorities. A copy of the Resolution was provided to the local legislative delegation.

If I can be of further service, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Pamela Nadalini  
Acting City Auditor and Clerk

PN/gl

Enclosure

cc: Richard Clapp, Mayor  
Sarasota City Commissioners  
Robert Bartolotta, City Manager  
Robert Fournier, City Attorney

## RESOLUTION NO. 09R-2129

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SARASOTA, FLORIDA, OPPOSING THE APPROVAL OF OFF-SHORE DRILLING IN THE GULF OF MEXICO IN AREAS OTHER THAN THOSE ALREADY APPROVED FOR OIL LEASING AND OIL EXPLORATION; SUPPORTING THE CURRENT POLICY OF NOT ALLOWING EXPANSION OF OIL OR GAS DRILLING IN THE GULF OF MEXICO; FURTHER SUPPORTING THE ENCOURAGEMENT AND ASSISTANCE IN DEVELOPMENT OF RENEWABLE ALTERNATIVE SOURCES OF ENERGY SUCH AS SUNLIGHT, WIND, RAIN, TIDES, AND GEOTHERMAL HEAT; PROVIDING FOR READING BY TITLE ONLY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City and County of Sarasota, located on the eastern coast of the Gulf of Mexico, are renown worldwide for spectacular beaches, the clear, warm waters of the Gulf of Mexico providing ideal swimming, and excellent snorkeling and scuba diving; and

WHEREAS, the local economy depends heavily on the tourism industry which is critical to continued funding of essential governmental services such as transportation, schools, and public safety and visitors consistently cite the beaches as an influential factor in their decision to visit our area; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sarasota is fully cognizant that increasing energy costs result in a need to seek alternative energy sources which must not, however, endanger our environment and fragile marine ecosystems or threaten our economic future; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sarasota is dedicated to preserving the beauty of our coastal treasures by keeping beaches free of unsightly oil rigs and offshore drilling and pipeline construction which may cause significant damage to aquatic life, wildlife, sea grasses, coral reefs, mangroves, and wetlands; and

WHEREAS, the eastern part of the Gulf of Mexico, off our western Florida coast beaches, has the greatest potential for environmental damage and, despite technological advances, off-shore drilling resulting in even a small oil spill could result in significant damage to our coastline, beaches, and plant and fish life; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission strongly opposes approval of any expansion of off-shore drilling within State waters and supports the current policy of not allowing expansion of oil or gas drilling in the Gulf of Mexico and further supports encouraging and assisting in the development of renewable alternative sources of energy such as sunlight, wind, rain, tides, and geothermal heat.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SARASOTA, FLORIDA:

Section 1. That the approval of off-shore drilling in the Gulf of Mexico in areas other than those already approved for oil leasing and oil exploration is strongly opposed.

Section 2. That the current policy of not allowing expansion of oil or gas drilling in the Gulf of Mexico is supported.

Section 3. That encouragement and assistance in the development of renewable alternative sources of energy such as sunlight, wind, rain, tides, and geothermal heat is further supported.

Section 4. That the City Auditor and Clerk is directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to Florida Governor Charlie Crist, State Senate President Jeff Atwater, Speaker of the State House of Representatives Larry Cretul, and the local Legislative Delegation.

Section 5. That this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption hereof.

ADOPTED by the City Commission of the City of Sarasota, Florida, upon reading by title only, after posting on the bulletin board at City Hall for at least three (3) days prior to adoption, as authorized by Article IV, Section of the Charter of the City of Sarasota this 5th day of October, 2009.

CITY OF SARASOTA

Richard Clapp  
Richard Clapp, Mayor

Attest:

Billy E. Robinson  
Billy E. Robinson  
City Auditor and Clerk

Yes Mayor Clapp  
Yes Vice Mayor Kirschner  
Yes Commissioner Atkins  
Yes Commissioner Atwell  
Yes Commissioner Turner



# City of Largo, Florida

Post Office Box 296, Largo, Florida 33779-0296

Diane L. Bruner  
City Clerk

(727) 587-6710  
FAX: (727) 586-7420

February 9, 2010

Mayor Mick Denham  
City of Sanibel  
800 Dunlop Road  
Sanibel, FL 33957-4096

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RE: City of Largo Resolution No. 2004

Dear Mayor Denham:

I have enclosed a copy of City of Largo Resolution No. 2004, approved by the Largo City Commission on December 15, 2009 regarding offshore oil drilling in the Gulf of Mexico in areas outside those already approved for oil leasing and exploration. Copies of this resolution were sent to the Pinellas Legislative Delegation, the Governor, Speaker of the House and Senate President.

Please feel free to contact me at (727) 587-6710 with any questions.

Sincerely,

Diane L. Bruner, CMC  
City Clerk

Enclosure: Resolution No. 2004

RESOLUTION NO. 2004

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LARGO, FLORIDA, OPPOSING OFFSHORE OIL DRILLING IN THE GULF OF MEXICO IN AREAS OUTSIDE THOSE ALREADY APPROVED FOR OIL LEASING AND OIL EXPLORATION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the Congressional ban of offshore oil drilling, which has been in effect since 1981, was enacted to reduce the chances of environmental damage from oil spills and to protect the tourism industry; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Largo and its surrounding municipalities depend upon clean beaches and Gulf waters for tourism, recreation, and related services; and

**WHEREAS**, a large oil spill or the chronic small spills that result from routine operation of oil exploration and production pose threats not only to the City of Largo's economy, but to the delicate physical and natural environment within the Gulf of Mexico and along the coast of Pinellas County; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2009 the Florida Legislature received for consideration a bill (HB 1219) that would allow drilling for oil and gas to within three (3) miles of the Florida coastline (mean high tide line); and

**WHEREAS**, the area with the potential for the greatest risk of environmental damage is the eastern part of the Gulf of Mexico, off the western coast of Florida, including Pinellas County and its municipalities.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF LARGO CITY COMMISSION HEREBY RESOLVES:**

**Section 1.** That the City of Largo hereby expresses its opposition to any present or future proposed legislative or regulatory action related to offshore oil drilling in the Gulf of Mexico which may, or could reasonably be expected to, impair or threaten the environmental health and vitality of Pinellas County beaches and waterways or which would impede or negatively effect local tourism and recreational services.

**Section 2.** This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 15 DAY OF December 2009.

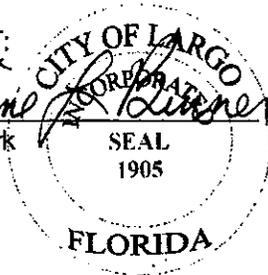
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Mayor

ATTEST:

  
City Clerk



REVIEWED AND APPROVED:

  
City Attorney



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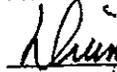
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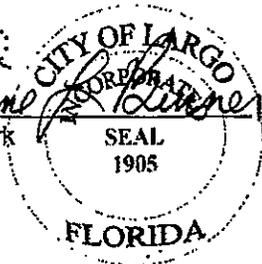
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CITY OF LARGO, FLORIDA

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk



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City Attorney