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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please please please support Resolution to ban offshore drilling!!
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To the San Mateo County Harbor District Commission

Dear Commissioners,

It is my hope that this brief letter join multitudes of others exhorting that you stand firm with a YES vote today to protect our coastal waters and shores, to protect the ecology of the coast and the health of all who rely on healthy coastal communities, natural and man made alike.

Already you do this well, so that the citizens of San Mateo County know we can count on you to do the right thing by voting YES to support the Resolution opposing all offshore oil and gas drilling in our county.

Too much is at stake, to wit the recent Orange County event of havoc and damage wrought by things gone wrong when such drilling is allowed.

The concept is flawed, with accidents inevitable as we have witnessed time and time again at great expense.

The physical health of the region is your top priority and regularly you have demonstrated your high standards of stewardship.

The native flora and fauna deserve this protection.

Businesses that rely on healthy oceans and coastal communities deserve this protection.

Collectively we are moving in the right direction to reduce dependence on fossil fuels. Any allowance that offshore drilling go forth contradicts the direction we all know is needed for our county, state, coastline, and indeed, the planet.

Thank you in advance for voting YES to support the Resolution to ban any and all offshore drilling for oil and gas in the waters of San Mateo County.

This is an important statement to make, a timely and timeless example for others, to join the sea-change of lessening dependency on fossil fuels while protecting these precious, vulnerable and irreplaceable coastal and overall-ocean environments.

Thank you for your kind consideration. We are eager to learn of your YES vote today, and hoping for unanimity.

Sincerely,
Earl and Kathie Ratcliff
Portola Valley