



# CALIFORNIA DEMOCRATIC PARTY

SENATOR ART TORRES (RET.), CHAIRMAN

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## OFFSHORE OIL

**WHEREAS:** The Minerals Management Service of the U.S. Department of Interior has requested formal comments from local jurisdictions and other interested parties on its Proposed Five-Year Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Leasing Program for 2007-2012; and

**WHEREAS:** The U.S. Congress is currently considering a revised energy bill intended to undermine or rescind a 25-year-long legislative OCS moratorium for California north coast and other coastal areas; and

**WHEREAS:** Separate authorizing legislation has also been recently introduced which would enact permanent protection from offshore drilling for the coast of Sonoma County through expansion of the existing boundaries of the present Gulf of the Farallones and Cordell Banks National Marine Sanctuaries

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That the California Democratic Party hereby expresses its support for permanent protection from new offshore drilling for the whole coast of California; re-confirms its opposition to oil or gas exploitation, and development off and on California's coastline; requests that the U.S. Department of Interior refrain from the inclusion of any OCS lease tracts offshore the California coastline in its Proposed Five-Year Outer Continental Shelf Leasing Program for 2007-2012

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That this resolution be transmitted in a timely manner to each member of the California Congressional Delegation, to Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, and to the Minerals Management Service of the U.S. Department of Interior, c/o Ms. Renee Orr, 5-Year Program Manager, Minerals Management Service (MS-4010), Room 3120, 381 Elden Street, Herndon, VA 20170, in an envelope marked on the exterior: "Comments on Preparation of the 5-Year Program for 2007-2012," to arrive prior to October 11, 2005.

By Luke Breit, Chair, Environmental Caucus & Rachel Binah, Member, DNC

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