



CITY OF HERMOSA BEACH
March 3, 2015 Special Municipal Election

ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE O
(as revised)

Vote NO on O to keep oil drilling out of Hermosa Beach.

Vote NO on O to preserve our health, safety and quality of life.

Oil drilling will be unsafe, unhealthy, and a bad deal for Hermosa Beach. If permitted, it could mean years of construction and operation of **30 oil and gas wells**, 4 injection wells, large storage tanks, and miles of dangerous underground pipelines that will threaten our quality of life and our health.

The project will involve a drilling rig nearly nine stories high and thousands of miles of air-polluting heavy-truck traffic through neighborhood streets, along the Green Belt and the city-recommended safe route to school. For 30 years, the project will regularly employ a **110-foot-tall** workover rig in operations that will bring unhealthy odors, flares, noise and light pollution, and the ever-present risks of gas, oil, and chemical spills, fires, and explosions.

The official Environmental Impact Report identifies nine "significant unavoidable impacts" including **increased air pollution** that will exceed air quality thresholds. The air pollutants and dozens of toxic chemicals used during the project's construction and operation have been linked to increased **heart attacks, asthma, and cancer**. These health impacts will fall heaviest on children and the elderly.

We cannot trust this oil company to protect us. They have a history of **oil spills** and have recently been fined for illegally dumping contaminated wastewater. They currently face a lawsuit that claims they polluted groundwater causing crops to fail.

A major accident, such as the uncontrolled release of crude oil or natural gas, called a blowout, could result in **loss of life**, extensive property damage, evacuations, **long-term health impacts**, and degradation of our beach environment.

We cannot afford to take these risks.

For more information, call (310) 957-9171 or visit www.StopHermosaBeachOil.com.

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(City Clerk note: The sample ballot will include, below the printed argument, the names and titles of the signers, as specified on the "Statement Filed By Authors" form.)