



CITY OF HERMOSA BEACH
March 3, 2015 Special Municipal Election

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE O
(as revised)

Measure O opponents use myths and deceptive language instead of scientific facts because they know that the facts clearly show this onshore project to be safe and clean.

FACT: The City's **independent Health Impact Assessment, written by unbiased scientists and doctors,** found this project will have **no substantial effect on the health of our community.**

FACT: Oil wells have existed for decades next to Cedars Sinai Hospital, in the middle of residential neighborhoods in Newport Beach, Huntington Beach and on the Beverly Hills High School campus. In fact, property values in these areas have continued to rise.

FACT: The Environmental Impact Report states that this project will have more safeguards and protections than required by Federal and State law.

FACT: Safe, onshore, underground directional drilling means no offshore platforms and no activity in or near the ocean.

FACT: The EIR states that the chance of any oil escaping the site and reaching the ocean is a once in 6,421,148 year event.

FACT: The EIR concludes that the project does not create health risks from air pollutants.

Hundreds of oil wells operate in residential neighborhoods throughout Southern California that are denser or are closer to the ocean than this project. And most cities don't benefit from over \$500 million in new revenue that Hermosa Beach could receive from the project.

When you Vote Yes on Measure O, you are voting to follow through on the deal that saved our City from bankruptcy.

Join us in voting Yes on Measure O.

Jan Fleming
Gregory E. Breen
Ray Dussault
Barbara S. Hardesty
John Bowler

(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.)