

**RESOLUTION** No. 3159

**OPPOSING MEASURE A**

WHEREAS; Measure A on the November 4th County of San Luis Obispo ballot would make significant changes in the established process used to grant permits for the construction or modification of oil processing facilities onshore.

WHEREAS; Oil production in federal waters off the county coast is expected in upcoming years. To support this production, facilities to separate water from oil are also needed.

Whereas; these oil processing facilities can be located either on land or in federal waters.

Whereas; Measure A would require county wide general or special elections every time the Board of Supervisors gives a permit for the "development, construction, installation, or expansion of any onshore support facility for offshore oil and gas activity..."

Unless a majority of voters in such elections approve the Board's action, no permit shall be granted.

WHEREAS; Measure A defines onshore support facility as "any land use, installation, or activity required to support the exploration, development, production, storage, processing, transportation, or related activities of offshore energy resources."

WHEREAS; This definition is quite vague. Any "related activity" could conceivable include any business activity associated, dependent or linked to offshore energy resources.

WHEREAS; The Paso Robles City Council is concerned that such businesses, large or small, could be owned by, or employ residents of Paso Robles.

WHEREAS; County wide elections are unnecessary to exercise control over onshore oil facilities. Our county government has a proven system in place to make sound permitting decisions about onshore oil support facilities. It is thorough and requires more than two years of public hearings.

WHEREAS; County elections are quite expensive. One special election would cost taxpayers \$200,000.

WHEREAS; if Measure A passes, it would be necessary for the oil industry to build processing facilities offshore in federal waters outside county environmental control. Neither would the county gain any revenue from such facilities if they were located at sea.

WHEREAS; Measure A is opposed by county supervisors Jerry Diefenderfer, Carl Hysen, Bill Coy and hundreds of residents in the county for all of these reasons.

THEREFORE, be it resolved that to protect our effective system of representative government; to strengthen environmental controls; increase our energy security and avoid the added cost of unnecessary elections; the City of Paso Robles hereby resolves to oppose Measure A, ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Cousins, Ovitt, Dolan, Stemper and Russell  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None

  
MAYOR NICK RUSSELL

ATTEST:

  
CITY CLERK, JERRY BANKSTON