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SUBJECT: ORDINANCE ADDING CHAPTER 23.22 TO THE MARIN COUNTY CODE ENTITLED "ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MARIN COUNTY CODE TO PROVIDE PROCEDURES FOR APPLICATIONS FOR CERTAIN FACILITIES SUPPORTING OFFSHORE OIL AND GAS EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT"

RECOMMENDATION: Conduct merit hearing and adopt proposed ordinance

Dear Supervisors:

Pursuant to the request of Supervisors Sears and Rodoni, this Office has prepared and now transmits for your consideration the attached proposed ordinance creating a voter-approval mechanism for any future development of onshore facilities supporting offshore oil and gas exploration. Similar ordinances exist in the City and County of San Francisco, and the counties of Santa Cruz, Sonoma, San Mateo, Monterey, San Luis Obispo, San Diego, Mendocino, and Humboldt.

While the development of onshore facilities supporting offshore oil and gas exploration is currently *prohibited* throughout all of the County's zoning districts including those in the Coastal zone, this ordinance ensures that zoning changes or other legislative acts that might allow onshore support facilities in the future will only be allowed if they are approved by the majority of the voters in the County of Marin.

The purpose of this proposed ordinance is to bring the County into alignment with the law of neighboring counties and to protect the County of Marin's coastline, water, agricultural lands, tourism, air quality, recreation, biodiversity, and quality of life, and to further the County of Marin's transition to renewable energy.

This ordinance would become effective thirty days after its passage and would add Chapter 23.22 to Title 23 of the County Code ("Natural Resources").

Very truly yours,

Brian Washington
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Attachment: AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF MARIN ADDING CHAPTER 23.22 TO THE MARIN COUNTY CODE ENTITLED "ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MARIN COUNTY CODE TO PROVIDE PROCEDURES FOR APPLICATIONS FOR CERTAIN FACILITIES SUPPORTING OFFSHORE OIL AND GAS EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT"

cc: Brian Crawford, Director of the Marin County Community Development Agency;
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