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Quite simply, consider the following facts regarding extracting offshore oil.

Greatly reduce or eliminate the natural seeps that foul our channel and our beaches due to the enormous amounts of oil that exist in shallow layers beneath the sea floor. As a pilot I see these oil slicks all the time. They have NOTHING to do with the idle platforms and EVERYTHING to do with the fact that they have been seeping since the time of the Chumash.

Eliminate the methane emissions from these seeps, by removing the oil that causes them. These are estimated to exceed the entire daily emissions of all automobiles traveling on highway 101!

Reap the economic benefits of oil production. The tax revenue generated would fund almost the entire annual budget for the County! Why not spend this money to improve the quality of life for all County residents !

Consider the positive impact on employment and the multiplier effect on the County economy!

The technology is far improved from days long ago. It's SAFE and it's time to recognize the incredible resource that we have available for our County.

Don't try and eliminate the oil industry, ENCOURAGE IT!

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