



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

City Manager's Office

City Council Regular Meeting Date: January 13, 2026

To: City Council
From: Eric Jackson, Public Information Officer
Date: January 9, 2026

SUBJECT: Approval of Letter from City Council to Federal Delegation Opposing Expanding Offshore Drilling and Letter to Lee County Board of County Commissioners Regarding Results of Sanibel Causeway Feasibility Study.

BACKGROUND: At the December 16th Regular City Council Meeting, the City Council directed staff to prepare correspondence to the federal delegation and the President of the United States expressing the Council's opposition to the expansion of offshore drilling activities in the Gulf of America.

Additionally, the City Council requested that staff draft a letter to the Lee County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) to share the findings of the recently completed Sanibel Causeway Feasibility Study prepared by Kimley-Horn. The Council further directed that the letter includes a request for the BOCC to consider adding the widening of the Sanibel Causeway to its list of priority transportation initiatives.

The attached letters have been prepared in accordance with the Council's direction and are presented for review and approval.

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve the letters as written, or with modifications as directed by City Council, and authorize their transmittal to the appropriate federal and county officials.

Sanibel is and shall remain a barrier island sanctuary