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Oil drilling splits Democrats

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Susan Jordan—who led the successful effort to stop the PXP oil drilling deal—is also helping grassroots efforts to stop oil drilling expansion along the coast in Carpinteria and Ventura County.

SUSAN JORDAN stands up to the special interests.

“I don’t know anyone with more integrity than Susan Jordan. Susan is exactly the combination of smarts, real world experience, and values that we need, and embodies the best case in a citizen-legislator.”

– Paul Mason
Former Deputy Director
Sierra Club California

THE SANTA BARBARA
Independent

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Oil and Money

City Councilmember Das Williams, who is seeking the Democratic nomination for the 35th Assembly District seat, has supported the PXP plan. He has said he entered the race specifically because of that issue—in order to challenge coastal advocate Susan Jordan—who fiercely opposes the project.

DAS WILLIAMS supports secret deals with them.

“I think it was a good deal and I think we should be willing to make good deals like that.”

– Das Williams
From video interview on Planet Santa Barbara
www.planetsantabarbara.com/politics

**“Help Me
Make Sure
It Doesn’t
Happen To
Our Coast.”**

– Susan Jordan
Democrat For Assembly

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SUSAN JORDAN opposes the PXP oil drilling deal.



The massive explosion and oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico is raising new questions about the PXP deal, which would open our coast to the first new oil drilling in 40 years.

Susan Jordan has shown courage and leadership by opposing the once secret PXP oil drilling deal instead of going along with the political establishment. Jordan opposed the plan from the beginning because she found serious problems that were confirmed later by the State Lands Commission, which rejected the deal's dangerous precedent of opening our entire coast—including Santa Barbara, Ventura, Carpinteria and Goleta—to the first new oil drilling in 40 years. Over 100 organizations from across the state came together to oppose the PXP deal.

Susan Jordan opposes all new oil drilling off our coast, because as the founder and director of the California Coastal Protection Network, she has studied these proposals and has concluded that the risks are too high. The Santa Barbara and Ventura County coast already has 20 of California's 28 offshore oil platforms. Our local economies and beaches would be devastated by an accident that was even a fraction of the size of the spill that just hit the Gulf and produced an oil slick over 3,200 square miles.

“Rather than just accepting the popular slogans that the PXP deal would end oil production along this part of the coast, Susan dug into the details, where she found serious problems—problems that were confirmed many months later by the Attorney General and State Lands legal counsel.”

– PAUL MASON, FORMER DEPUTY DIRECTOR
SIERRA CLUB CALIFORNIA

DAS WILLIAMS supported the PXP oil drilling deal—even after the Gulf spill.



Even Governor Schwarzenegger changed his position on the PXP oil drilling deal after the massive oil spill in the Gulf, while Das Williams “reasserted his support for the deal,” according to the Ventura County Star.



Das Williams supported the PXP oil deal, even though it would open up our coast to the first new oil drilling in 40 years. Even though PXP plans to use a platform that is 20 years older than the one that exploded in the Gulf of Mexico. Even though the deal has been determined by the State Lands Commission to be unenforceable.

Even though the risk for an oil spill will be doubled if the PXP deal is approved, according to the Environmental Impact Report.

The Deepwater Horizon platform—which leaked 200,000 gallons of oil every day in the Gulf—was only a few years old and used the “latest technologies” before exploding in April, tragically killing eleven workers. The giant PXP Corporation is planning to start new drilling off Santa Barbara's coast from Platform Irene, which is more than 25 years old and has a history of accidents. PXP also claims that they will use the “latest technology.”

Das Williams doesn't just support the PXP deal. He's running for Assembly specifically because of it, in order to challenge Susan Jordan, the leader of the fight against PXP.



The risk of an oil spill would be doubled if the PXP deal moves forward.

**We don't need RISK-TAKERS like
DAS WILLIAMS in the State Assembly**