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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state or federal governmental body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, State Route 90 (SR 90) is a state highway in the southwestern portion of the City linking Marina del Rey to the greater Los Angeles area; and

WHEREAS, SR 90 was for a short time known as the "Richard M. Nixon Freeway" and has since been renamed the "Marina Freeway." While the name "Marina Freeway" is descriptive of the road's westbound destination, it gives the freeway the name of the area's manmade feature – the marina of Marina Del Rey – instead of the natural habitat surrounding the area; and

WHEREAS, Ballona Creek is an 8.8-mile-long waterway that flows from the Santa Monica Mountains through Culver City and the Del Rey area before emptying into the Santa Monica Bay between Marina del Rey and Playa del Rey; and

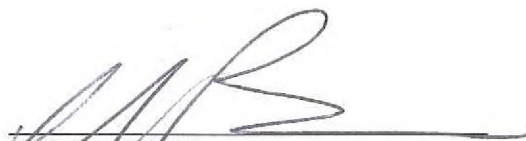
WHEREAS, much of the surrounding preserved lands are designated as the Ballona Wetlands Ecological Reserve, which is one of the last wetlands in the Los Angeles basin; and

WHEREAS, Ballona Creek is an important natural resource in the Los Angeles urban environment that provides a vital habitat for native plants and animals, as well as an opportunity for education and recreation for walkers, joggers, and cyclists; and

WHEREAS, renaming SR 90 the "Ballona Freeway" would allow people to connect the natural beauty around them with the name "Ballona," which would serve as an excellent reminder of what Southern California was once like;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2013-14 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for or SPONSORSHIP of legislation and/or administrative action to rename the SR-90 Marina Freeway the "Ballona Freeway."

PRESENTED BY:


MIKE BONIN
Councilmember, 11th District

SECONDED BY:



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