


**REPORT OF THE  
CHIEF LEGISLATIVE ANALYST**

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DATE: April 5, 2016

TO: Honorable Members of the Rules, Elections, Intergovernmental Relations, and Neighborhoods Committee

FROM: Sharon M. Tso   
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Council File No: 15-0002-S146  
Assignment No: 16-03-0282

SUBJECT: Resolution (Koretz-O'Farrell) to SUPPORT HR 4230 (Nadler) and S. 2386 (Gillibrad), and/or action by the President to designate Stonewall Inn and the adjacent Christopher Park as a National Monument.

CLA RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution (Koretz-O'Farrell) to include in the City's 2015-2016 Federal Legislative Program, SUPPORT for HR 4230 (Nadler) and S. 2386 (Gillibrad), which would establish the Stonewall National Historic Site, and/or action by the President to designate Stonewall Inn and the adjacent Christopher Park as a National Monument under the Antiquities Act.

SUMMARY

Resolution (Koretz-O'Farrell), introduced March 29, 2016, advises that the Stonewall Inn and the adjacent Christopher Park should be designated as a National Monument, due to the significance of the 1969 Stonewall uprising to the history and future of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) civil rights movement in the United States. The Resolution further reports that thirty-three congressional representatives have cosponsored HR 4230 (Nadler) and S. 2386 (Gillibrad), which would establish the Stonewall National Historic Site as a National Monument and preserve the site under the management of the National Park Service. In addition, the Resolution states that under the Antiquities Act, the President also has the authority to designate the site as a National Monument. Therefore, the Resolution requests that the City support HR 4230 (Nadler) and S. 2386 (Gillibrad), and/or action by the President to designate Stonewall Inn and the adjacent Christopher Park as a National Monument.

BACKGROUND

The Stonewall uprising in 1969 came out of a police raid of Stonewall Inn that initiated riots by patrons and local sympathizers in protest of the police department's discriminate targeting of gay clubs, a majority of which had already been closed. The Stonewall uprising is widely regarded as the first major protest and single most important event culminating in the gay liberation movement and modern fight for LGBT rights in the United States. The Stonewall Inn and adjacent Christopher Park site that the Resolution calls for National Monument designation is located in New York City. Bestowing National Monument status on the Stonewall Inn and Christopher Park site would acknowledge the site's exceptional and extraordinary significance to the nation, beyond its recognized place in local and state histories. National Monument designation under the Antiquities Act would also provide legal protection and preservation of the site under the management of the National Park Service.

Since the passing of the Antiquities Act in 1906, fifteen presidents have used Section 2 of the Antiquities Act to designate new National Monuments or to expand existing Monuments, many of which have since been designated as national parks or cultural sites of international renown. The Resolution therefore requests the President to designate the Stonewall Inn and Christopher Park site, in addition to supporting HR 4230 (Nadler) and S. 2386 (Gillibrad) that have started the congressional process for designating a National Monument. Furthermore, Section 3 of the Antiquities Act requires that the resulting collections and records from investigations of National Monument sites be cared for in public museums and made available for public use and interpretation. Over the past century, museums have expanded their Section 3 mandate as just collectors and record-keepers. In addition to these duties, museums have become public resources that teach and preserve the history of the sites through exhibits, outreach and education programs, field schools, and web sites.

BILL STATUS

- ▶ HR 4230
  - 12/10/15 Introduced and Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources
  - 12/17/15 Referred Subcommittee on Federal Lands
- ▶ S. 2386
  - 12/10/15 Introduced and Referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources



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Attachment: 1. Resolution (Koretz-O'Farrell)

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, the Stonewall uprising in 1969 came out of a police raid of Stonewall Inn that initiated riots by patrons and local sympathizers in protest of the police department's discriminate targeting of gay clubs, a majority of which had already been closed; and

WHEREAS, the Stonewall uprising is widely regarded as the first major protest and the single most important event culminating in the gay liberation movement and the modern fight for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) civil rights in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the designation of Stonewall Inn and the adjacent Christopher Park in New York City as a National Monument would be the nation's first recognition of a historical site important to the LGBT rights movement; and

WHEREAS, currently, thirty-three congressional representatives cosponsor the two bills introduced by Congressmembers Nadler and Gillibrad, H.R. 4230 (Nadler) and S. 2386 (Gillibrad), which would establish the Stonewall National Historic Site as a National Monument and preserve the site under the management of the National Park Service; and

WHEREAS, under the Antiquities Act, the President also has the authority to designate a National Monument in order to protect historical, cultural and national icons;

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 2015-2016 Federal Legislative Program SUPPORT for H.R. 4230 (Nadler) and S. 2386 (Gillibrad), which would establish the Stonewall National Historic Site, and/or action by the President to designate Stonewall Inn and the adjacent Christopher Park as a National Monument under the Antiquities Act.

PRESENTED BY:



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Councilmember, 5<sup>th</sup> District

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