

RESOLUTION RULES, ELECTIONS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

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 first have been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, California has 45.8 million acres of federal lands, managed by a variety of agencies including the U.S. National Park Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and U.S. Bureau of Land Management within the U.S. Department of the Interior, and the U.S. Forest Service in the U.S. Department of Agriculture; and

WHEREAS, highlights of federal land in California include Yosemite Joshua Tree National Parks; and

WHEREAS, some of these public lands are managed as congressionally designated Wilderness Areas or as Roadless Areas, which means they are managed to provide recreation opportunities such as fishing, hunting, hiking, backpacking and horseback riding while maintaining their natural character; and

WHEREAS, others are managed to allow for resources extraction such as mining, oil and gas development, and cattle grazing; and

WHEREAS, public, federal ownership of these lands has long been widely supported by the vast majority of Americans, including broad-based support from urban and rural communities, hunters, fishermen, conservationists, an outdoor recreation enthusiasts and was traditionally supported by both major political parties; and

WHEREAS, we have seen a drastic shift in Congress, which has culminated in efforts to open federal public lands for more oil and gas exploration and to even give lands away outright to corporations; and

WHEREAS, there has been a groundswell of opposition to congressional efforts to sell off public lands; and

WHEREAS, a State bill, SB-50 (Allen) has been introduced seeking to ensure that any federal public lands in California will remain in public hands, managed for the benefit of all Californians and preserved for future generations; and

WHEREAS, the residents of the City of Los Angeles will benefit from such preservation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2017-2018 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for Senate Bill 50 (Allen) to ensure that any federal public lands in California will remain in public hands, managed for the benefit of all Californians and preserved for future generations.

PRESENTED BY:



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

SECONDED BY:



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