WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulation=s or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state, or federal government 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 San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (Conservancy) was created by the State Legislature in 1999; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Conservancy is to preserve open space in order to provide recreational and educational uses, wildlife habitat restoration and protection, and watershed improvements within its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the Conservancy's territory covers portions of Los Angeles and Orange Counties located within the San Gabriel River and the Lower Los Angeles River and their tributaries; and

WHEREAS, the Conservancy's vast and varied area includes mountains, valleys, rivers, coastal plain and coastline; and

WHEREAS, AB 1694 (O'Donnell), introduced on February 22, 2019 in the State Legislature, seeks to expand the territory of the Conservancy by including the Dominquez Channel watershed bounded by Manchester Boulevard in the City of Inglewood to the north and the Los Angeles and Long Beach Harbors to the south; and

WHEREAS, the measure also seeks to include Santa Catalina Island, including the City of Avalon, in the Conservancy's territory; and

WHEREAS, by including these areas within the Conservancy's jurisdiction, the State is ensuring that their unique open space and wildlife habitat resources will be preserved and enhanced for present and future generations;

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 2019-2020 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for AB 1694 (O'Donnell) which seeks to expand the territory of the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy by including the Dominquez Channel watershed and Santa Catalina Island in order to preserve their unique open space and wildlife habitat.

PRESENTED BY:

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SECONDED BY:

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