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RULES, ELECTIONS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

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 Los Angeles River is one of the City's most vital natural resources; and

WHEREAS, in 2007, the City adopted the Los Angeles River Revitalization Master Plan (C.F. 07-1342), calling for the revitalization of the River along its thirty-two mile stretch within the City; and

WHEREAS, the development of greenways, linear open space corridors along the River, is a key goal of the Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, greenways provide recreational open space, flood management, water quality improvements, and improved active transportation connectivity between communities; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of the Interior prioritized the Los Angeles River Trail System as one of two priorities in the State of California in its "50 State Report" on the President's America's Great Outdoors initiative in 2011; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill (AB) 1922, the Greenway Development and Sustainment Act (Gomez) would promote urban greenways, like those along the Los Angeles River, by giving local governments new tools to designate lands along a river as a greenway; and

WHEREAS, AB 1922 would also allow local governments to apply for transportation, alternative fuel, greenhouse gas reduction, and other land use funds for the development of greenways; and

WHEREAS, AB 1922 will empower the City to fully implement the Los Angeles River Revitalization Master Plan and will revitalize urban waterways throughout the state.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2013-2014 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for AB 1922 (Gomez) which seeks to promote urban greenway development in the state.

PRESENTED BY: Mitch O'Farrell
MITCH O'FARRELL
Councilmember, 13th District

SECONDED BY: Wendy Martinez

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