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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, the California Desert contains spectacular public lands that are a scenic, environmental, economic, cultural and recreational resource both locally, as well as across our state; and

WHEREAS, the California Desert supports year round habitats for diverse wildlife such as desert bighorn sheep, desert tortoise, a wide variety of birds and many other species; and

WHEREAS, Congress has found that federally owned desert lands constitute a public wildland resource of extraordinary and inestimable value and deserves to be protected for future generations; and

WHEREAS, securing permanent protection for Mojave Trails, Sand to Snow and Castle Mountains will secure quality of life and recreational opportunities directly related to our public lands for generations to come; and

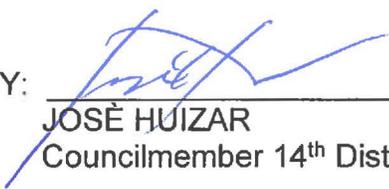
WHEREAS, multiple studies have shown that National Monuments create jobs and support positive economics for communities nearby; and

WHEREAS, these areas contain significant cultural, archeological, historic and scientific values worthy of permanent protection; and

WHEREAS, it remains in the City's interest to maintain and protect the California desert as a recreational resource and a place for citizens of Los Angeles to hike, backpack, or simply gaze into the night sky;

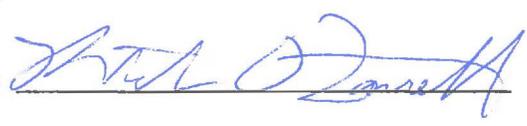
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2015-2016 Federal Legislative Program SUPPORT for legislation or administrative action which would permanently protect the Mojave Trails, Sand to Snow and Castle Mountains National Monuments in the California Desert.

PRESENTED BY:

  
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