

REPORT OF THE CHIEF LEGISLATIVE ANALYST

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

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Council File No:
Assignment No. 17-11-1053

SUBJECT: Report to SUPPORT the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018

CLA RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt Resolution to include in the City's 2017-2018 State Legislative Program a position of SUPPORT to place a \$4 billion general obligation bond for parks, water, infrastructure and environmental restoration on the June 2018 ballot.

SUMMARY

The California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018 was signed into law in October 2017 and it authorized placing a \$4 billion general obligation bond on the June ballot. If approved, the bond funds would be used for flood control infrastructure, open space access and environmental restoration.

BACKGROUND

The City of Los Angeles has over 1.8 million residents that do not live within walking distance of a park or open space. This bond measure focuses on needed infrastructure, but also social equity, which includes creating access for the most park-poor areas of the State. The proposed measure will put a \$4 billion general obligation bond on the ballot in June 2018. The Department of Recreation and Parks has submitted a report recommending that the City support the measure. It states that Los Angeles will benefit, if passed, by having access to a competitive \$200 million grant for local park development, \$20 million for parkway development along the Los Angeles River, and \$100 million for water recycling citywide.



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Attachment: 1. Resolution
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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, over a million residents in the City of Los Angeles do not live within a short walking distance of a park or open space; and

WHEREAS, the opportunities for local and state government to partner in increasing access to open space and to improving water and flood infrastructure is vitally important to our economy and community health; and

WHEREAS, in October 2017, the Governor signed into law SB 5, which approved the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018 (Act), a \$4 billion general obligation bond, to be placed before the voters for approval in June 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Recreation and Parks is planning to actively promote the ballot measure in June 2018 because the measure will make grant funds available for park projects including along the Los Angeles River parkway; and

WHEREAS, this new bond will focus on equity in access to parks and to targeted water and flood control investments, which would be, a great benefit to LA's parks infrastructure.

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 Legislation Program SUPPORT for placing the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018, a \$4 billion general obligation bond, on the June 2018 ballot to fund California's parks, water, and flood control infrastructure.