

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, despite the proximity to natural lands, many people in Los Angeles lack adequate access to open spaces for recreational opportunities; and

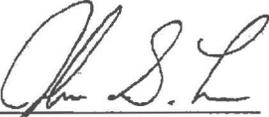
WHEREAS, currently pending in Congress is a bill, S. 1459 (Padilla), the Protecting Unique and Beautiful Landscapes by Investing in California (PUBLIC) Lands Act, which would increase protections for over 1 million acres of federal public lands throughout Northwest California, the Central Coast, and Los Angeles, including nearly 600,000 acres of new wilderness, more than 583 miles of new wild and scenic rivers, and the expansion of an existing national monument by more than 100,000 acres; and

WHEREAS, the PUBLIC Lands Act is guided by input from local communities and the scientific community, and advances the goal of conserving 30% of public lands and waters by the year 2030; and

WHEREAS, the PUBLIC Lands Act is an amalgamation of legislation designed to improve wildfire resiliency in Northwest California, provide lasting protections for California's biodiversity, protect tribal cultural sites, and increase equitable access to public lands by increasing recreational opportunities for the 17 million people living in the Los Angeles region; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles has repeatedly shown support for legislation designed to protect public lands and increase access to open spaces;

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 2021-2022 Federal Legislative Program SUPPORT for S. 1459 (Padilla), the PUBLIC Lands Act, which would protect California's iconic landscapes, provide critical access to open space for communities, support California's outdoor recreation economy, and fight the climate crisis.

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