

RULES, ELECTIONS, AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT and RESOLUTION relative to including in the City's 2023-24 Federal Legislative Program support for the permanent protections of the San Gabriel Mountains Foothills and Rivers with federal designations and/or the use of Presidential authority under the Antiquities Act,

Recommendation for Council action, pursuant to Resolution (Raman - Yaroslavsky) and
SUBJECT TO THE CONCURRENCE OF THE MAYOR:

RESOLVE to include in the City's 2023-24 Federal Legislative Program SUPPORT for the permanent protections of the San Gabriel Mountains Foothills and Rivers with federal designations and/or the use of Presidential authority under the Antiquities Act, that enhance health, air quality, water supply and water quality, recreational opportunities, and the quality of life for the residents of Los Angeles.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On April 19, 2024, your Committee considered a Resolution (Raman – Yaroslavsky) relative to including in the City's 2023-24 Federal Legislative Program support for the permanent protections of the San Gabriel Mountains Foothills and Rivers with federal designations and/or the use of Presidential authority under the Antiquities Act, that enhance health, air quality, water supply and water quality, recreational opportunities, and the quality of life for the residents of Los Angeles. According to the Resolution, the San Gabriel Mountains are an interconnected landscape and refuge for native plants and wildlife, and permanent protections would safeguard wildlife corridors and habitat for species such as black bears, mountain lions, coyotes, bighorn sheep, mule deer, and the Arroyo toad.

The San Gabriel Mountains Foothills and Rivers Protection Act, and Protecting Unique and Beautiful Landscapes by Investing in California (PUBLIC) Lands Act was simultaneously introduced on May 25, 2023 by Congresswoman Chu and Senator Padilla and this legislation would expand the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument through the addition of 109,167 acres of the Angeles National Forest. Also, the legislation would expand Wilderness area designations within the San Gabriel Mountains by 30,000 acres. After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the Resolution. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rules, Elections, and Intergovernmental Relations Committee

COUNCILMEMBER	VOTE
KREKORIAN:	YES
HARRIS-DAWSON:	YES
BLUMENFIELD:	YES

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