

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 government body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, stretching from Santa Clarita to San Bernardino, the San Gabriel Mountains watershed provides Los Angeles County with 70% of its open space and roughly 30% of its water; and

WHEREAS, the San Gabriel Mountains are home to 22 species of rare and endangered species of plants and animals including the San Gabriel River dudleya, Nelson's bighorn sheep, mountain yellow-legged frogs, western pond turtles, Santa Ana suckers, tricolored blackbirds, California condors, and Bigcone Douglas fir trees which only grow in the mountains of Southern California; and

WHEREAS, presidents dating back to Theodore Roosevelt have invoked the Antiquities Act of 1906 to protect areas of historic or scientific interest; and

WHEREAS, California Representative Judy Chu and Senator Alex Padilla have requested that President Biden issue a presidential proclamation under the Antiquities Act to expand wilderness protections to the mountains and foothills just north of the Los Angeles Basin by adding 109,167 acres to the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument; and

WHEREAS, this expansion would increase the monument by roughly a third, and extend its boundaries to include neighborhoods such as Sylmar, Santa Clarita, and Pacoima; and

WHEREAS, the proposed 182-square-mile expansion would push the monument's boundaries to the southwest and include portions of Big Tujunga Creek, the Arroyo Seco, the upper Los Angeles River, and the upper Santa Clarita River;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2023-2024 Federal Legislative Program support for the President of the United States issuing a presidential proclamation under the Antiquities Act, and any administrative or legislative action which would expand the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument by 109,167 acres thereby preserving natural resources and wildlife habitats and ensuring access to nature and life-enhancing benefits to the region and City residents.

PRESENTED BY:

  
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SECONDED BY:



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