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Date: December 5, 2023

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council

From: Councilmember Kristina Duggan

Subject: Resolution Supporting San Gabriel Mountains Protections

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RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation to request the City Manager to work with the City Attorney to return to City Council with a resolution within 60 days requesting the President of the United States to expand the protected area of the San Gabriel Mountains Foothills and Rivers to include 109,000 additional acres to be protected and preserved under the Antiquities Act of 1906.

DISCUSSION

The San Gabriel Mountains are an important part of Los Angeles region's open space. For many, the San Gabriel Mountains provide opportunity to get out of the city and hike, mountain bike, camp, or just enjoy nature.

With peaks likely recognized as the backdrop to the famous Los Angeles skyline, the San Gabriel Mountains play a critical role in our region's environment. This includes providing a third of Los Angeles County's drinking water and access to open space for more than 15 million people who live within a 90-minute drive.

In 2014, President Barack Obama declared 346,000 acres of the San Gabriel Mountains a national monument protecting this open space for future generations and bringing in resources to improve access and maintenance. This was a major win for the movement to protect the San Gabriel Mountains.

The effort to protect the San Gabriel Mountains has continued with a strong push to expand the national monument designated in 2014 by adding 109,000 acres of the Angeles National Forrest. This would expand protections by prohibiting activities like timber harvesting, mining, or grazing. This would also bring in more resources to manage and maintain the land so it can continue to be valuable open space to the Los Angeles region.

This item has been reviewed by Recovery Budget Officer, Dee Okam, on November 22, 2023.

FISCAL IMPACT

The requested action is anticipated to require a minimal level of staff hours beyond the budgeted scope of duties and a minimal impact on meeting other City Council priorities. There is no local job impact associated with the recommendation.

SUGGESTED ACTION

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristina Duggan, Councilmember, Third District