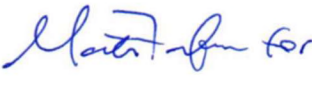


Attachment "I" (Includes Resolution below)

**REPORT OF THE
CHIEF LEGISLATIVE ANALYST**

DATE: November 2, 2020

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

FROM: Sharon M. Tso 
Chief Legislative Analyst Council File No: 21-0002-S1
Assignment No: 20-10-0989

SUBJECT: Resolution to support the 30 by 30 Initiative.

CLA RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution (Ryu – Koretz – Blumenfield) to include in the City's 2021-2022 State and Federal Legislative Programs SUPPORT for any legislation and/or administrative action that would protect 30 percent of land and waters for open space and conservation.

SUMMARY

Resolution (Ryu – Koretz – Blumenfield) notes that there is an ongoing global initiative to conserve 30 percent of the planet's land and waters by the year 2030. Scientists from a variety of disciplines support efforts to improve ecological health by restoring ecosystems and conserving biodiversity.

Legislation was introduced to establish a national goal of conserving at least 30 percent of the land and ocean of the United States by 2030 in the 2019-2020 House and Senate sessions on October 22, 2019 as S. 372, and February 6, 2020 as H.R. 835.

The Resolution therefore recommends support for any legislation and/or administrative action that would protect 30 percent of land and waters for open space and conservation.

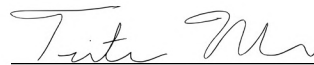
BACKGROUND

The Resolution (Ryu – Koretz – Blumenfield) notes that Governor Newsom signed Executive Order N-82-20, which sets a goal of conserving 30 percent of California's land and coastal waters by 2030, on October 7, 2020. This Executive Order signifies California's commitment to the global 30 by 30 Initiative, which sets conservation as its purpose; 38 countries have made similar commitments.

The California Marine Life Protection Act of 1999 provided an opportunity to redesign California's system of marine protected areas to function as a network in order to increase the effectiveness of conservation efforts and to improve recreational, educational, and study opportunities provided by protected marine ecosystems. The legislation sought to protect the natural diversity and abundance in marine life by creating clearly defined objectives and management strategies for each protected area. The California coast has been impacted by human activity because nearly 80 percent of California's population lives within one hour of the coast.

Marine protected areas have resulted in significant successes for ecological recovery; biomass has increased by over 50 percent in some protected areas in just 20 years. Roughly 16 percent, or 852 square miles of California coastal waters are protected under the Marine Life Protection Act.

Nationwide, only about 14 percent of land by area and 12 percent of total marine area is protected. As development and environmental exploitation continue, climate change will worsen and further degrade the already vulnerable areas throughout the world. The planet has lost 60 percent of its wildlife since 1970, and 1 million species are currently at risk of extinction. The crisis facing the Earth and its ecosystems are inextricably linked to the climate crisis, which is quickly headed toward a global humanitarian crisis.



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Attachment: Resolution

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, recent events have shown how environmental health, climate health, and public health are all closely related; and

WHEREAS, on October 7, 2020, Governor Newsom signed Executive Order N-82-20, which sets a goal of conserving 30 percent of California's land and coastal waters by 2030; and

WHEREAS, Governor Newsom's Executive Order is California's commitment to the global 30 by 30 initiative to conserve 30 percent of the planet's land and water by 2030; and

WHEREAS, California's Marine Life Protection Act, passed in 1999, created marine protected areas to allow sea life to cover and thrive; and


WHEREAS, marine protected areas have been extremely successful for ecological recovery, with some marine protected areas seeing a 52 percent increase in biomass in just 20 years; and

WHEREAS, despite the fact that nearly half of the United States is uninhabited, only about 14 percent of the land area and 12 percent of the total marine area of the country is protected; and

WHEREAS, climate change will only continue to worsen, making it imperative that governments work in unison to take sweeping measures to protect vulnerable lands and marine areas;

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 State and Federal Legislative Programs SUPPORT for any legislation and/or administrative action that would protect 30 percent of land and waters for open space and conservation.

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