

RESOLUTION NO. 21-011

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, SUPPORTING AB 78 (O'DONNELL), EXPANDING THE TERRITORY OF THE SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY TO INCLUDE THE DOMINGUEZ CHANNEL WATERSHED AND SANTA CATALINA ISLAND

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Carson 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, existing law established the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (Conservancy), a State agency, to acquire and manage public lands to provide open space, low-impact recreational and education uses, water conservation, watershed improvement, wildlife and habitat restoration and protection, and watershed improvement within the territory; and

WHEREAS, the Conservancy provides local assistance and support to local governments and non-profit organizations for eligible projects related to public recreation and access, land acquisition, trail development, and river parkway and watershed improvements; and

WHEREAS, the areas within the Dominguez Channel Watershed and Santa Catalina Island are presently outside the boundaries of the Conservancy but lie adjacent and share similar natural resources and socioeconomical environments, needs for open space, habitat protection, and light recreation opportunities, particularly those in densely urbanized and commercialized neighborhoods, similar to the inventory of cities and communities within the Conservancy's current boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the areas within the Dominguez Channel Watershed and Santa Catalina Island currently do not lie within the boundaries of a State conservancy and subsequently excluded from certain State-wide funding opportunities; and

WHEREAS, to address this matter, the State Legislature introduced AB 78 (O'Donnell), *San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy: territory: Dominguez Channel watershed and Santa Catalina Island*, which would provide a greater description of the breadth of the Conservancy's territory and to

expand the current Conservancy's boundaries to include the Dominguez Channel watershed and Santa Catalina Island; and

WHEREAS, the expansion of the Conservancy's boundaries would expand funding opportunities to protect, enhance, and preserve the natural, historical, cultural, and educational resources of the Dominguez Channel Watershed and Santa Catalina Island; and

WHEREAS, the expansion of the Conservancy's boundaries would allow the Conservancy to maximize the distribution of grant funds to multiple recipients throughout the watersheds of Lower Los Angeles River, San Gabriel River, and the Dominguez Channel as well as Santa Catalina Island, particularly park-poor and disadvantaged communities, and non-governmental agencies that were not previously privy to Conservancy resources;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Carson hereby SUPPORTS AB 78 (O'Donnell), *San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy: territory: Dominguez Channel watershed and Santa Catalina Island*.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Carson, California, at a regular meeting held on the _____ day of _____, 2021.

ATTEST:

Mayor Lula Davis-Holmes

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City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Sunny K. Soltani
City Attorney