

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 at least 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 recover 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.

PRESENTED BY: _____

DAVID E. RYU
Councilmember, 4th District

SECONDED BY: _____