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Los Angeles City Council Unanimously Approves Resolution to Block Federal Undermining of Antiquities Act/ Prohibits Altering or Abolishing National Monuments

LOS ANGELES- Today the Los Angeles City Council approved a resolution presented by City Councilmembers Paul Koretz (CD5), Bob Blumenfield (CD3) and Councilmember Huizar (CD1) to oppose any changes to the status of the National Monuments.

The Resolution would have the City of Los Angeles include in its 2017-2018 Federal Legislative Program opposition to any changes to the status of established National Monuments by the current Presidential administration. The current administration has ordered a review of twenty-seven National Monuments, including seven in California of which three, the San Gabriel Mountains, Mojave Trails and Sand to Snow, are in Southern California--our own backyard. Indeed, the Council voted to support these monuments prior to designation. These Southern California national monuments bring many benefits for the citizens of Los Angeles, who visit the San Gabriels and the California desert to hike, camp and view plants and wildlife.

Also in the Desert Southwest and of concern to Angelenos is Bears Ears National Monument in Utah, which is first on the list for this review. Bears Ears is a textbook example of the priceless historic, cultural and natural wonders that are protected within National Monuments. Representing ancestral lands and containing 100,000 archaeological sites, the monument honors the voices of tribes who fought for years to protect this landscape.

“If we blink, Trump will sell all our national treasures to the highest bidder and we will be surrounded by oil derricks. Muir Woods, parts of the Grand Canyon, and the newest, Bears Ears in Utah are all at risk,” said Councilmember Paul Koretz. “We must remain vigilant.”

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