

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Attn: Los Angeles City Council Dear Council Members: My name is Roberto Morales and I live in the city of Glendale, I am writing to ask that you approve the proposed city resolution to support the PUBLIC Lands Act (S.1459), and the Rim of the Valley Corridor Preservation Act (H.R.1075) and S.1769) The San Gabriel Mountains Foothills and Rivers Protection Act which is part of the PUBLIC Lands Act (S.1459) would expand the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument by over 109,000 acres to include the western Angeles National Forest. The bill would also designate over 30,000 acres as protected Wilderness and over 45 miles of Wild and Scenic rivers throughout the San Gabriel range. Finally, the bill would also establish a National Recreation Area in San Gabriel Valley. The San Gabriel Mountains provide Angelenos with 70% of their available open space. Protecting places like the San Gabriels so that more Angelenos, especially residents of color, can access the outdoors is a critical equity issue for the city and the entire state of California. The legislation will also help make California a key part of the climate solution by protecting public lands from oil and gas drilling, improving carbon sequestration, and preserving wildlife corridors. It is also critical to addressing President Biden's and Governor Newsom's recent Executive Orders, which call for protecting at least 30% of our lands and waters by 2030. I believe your support for the PUBLIC Lands Act (S.1459), and the Rim of the Valley Corridor Preservation Act (H.R.1075) and S.1769) will help the cities commitment to increasing climate resilience and improve its relationship to the natural world by protecting and enhancing its biodiversity. That's why I hope that the LA City Council will take the Pledge and commit to protecting our nearby open spaces for future generations to come. Thank you for your consideration. Sincerely, Roberto Morales Nature For All Coalition Chair