REPORT OF THE CHIEF LEGISLATIVE ANALYST

DATE:

November 25, 2025

TO:

Honorable Members of the Rules, Elections, and Intergovernmental Relations

Committee

FROM:

SUBJECT:

Sharon M. Tso Council File No: 25-0002-S90

Assignment No: 25-11-0959

Chief Legislative Analyst

H.R. 3874 (Friedman)/S. 1870 (Schiff) – Rim of the Valley Corridor Preservation

Act

<u>CLA RECOMMENDATION:</u> Adopt Resolution (Raman – Blumenfield – Hernandez – Jurado – Lee – Rodriguez – Yaroslavsky) to include in the City's 2025-2026 Federal Legislative Program SUPPORT for H.R. 3874 (Friedman)/S. 1870 (Schiff), the Rim of the Valley Corridor Preservation Act, which would adjust the boundary of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area to include the Rim of the Valley Corridor.

SUMMARY

On November 5, 2025, the Resolution (Raman – Blumenfield – Hernandez – Jurado – Lee – Rodriguez – Yaroslavsky) was introduced in support for H.R. 3874 (Friedman)/S. 1870 (Schiff), the Rim of the Valley Corridor Preservation Act, which would adjust the boundary of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area to include the Rim of the Valley Corridor.

The Resolution states that the Rim of the Valley Corridor is a network of parks and trails connecting the Santa Monica Mountains to all the mountains surrounding the San Fernando, Simi, Conejo, and La Crescenta Valleys. The Resolution further states that in 2018 the National Park Service conducted a special resource study of the Rim of the Valley Corridor to determine the suitability and feasibility of designating all or a portion of the Rim of the Valley Corridor as a unit of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area.

Therefore, the Resolution recommends support for H.R. 3874 (Friedman)/S. 1870 (Schiff), the Rim of the Valley Corridor Preservation Act, which would adjust the boundary of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area to include the Rim of the Valley Corridor.

BACKGROUND

The Rim of the Valley Corridor is a network of parks and trails connecting the Santa Monica Mountains to all the mountains surrounding the San Fernando, Simi, Conejo, and La Crescenta Valleys. In 2018 the Rim of the Valley Corridor Study Act directed the National Park Service to conduct a special resource study of the Rim of the Valley Corridor. The study sought to determine the suitability and feasibility of designating all or a portion of the Rim of the Valley Corridor as a unit of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area and how these areas could be better

managed and preserved. The study was conducted from 2010 to 2016. The study concluded that an expansion of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area to include the Rim of the Valley Corridor would increase opportunities for public enjoyment and protect significant natural resources.

Currently pending in Congress is H.R. 3874 (Friedman)/S. 1870 (Schiff), the Rim of the Valley Corridor Preservation Act, which would adjust the boundary of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area to include the Rim of the Valley Corridor. The bill would add more than 118,000 acres to the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area and grant the National Park Service the authority to improve access, study wildlife, and coordinate conservation efforts. The Rim of the Valley Corridor Preservation Act was first introduced in 2017 by Senator Schiff and the late Senator Feinstein.

BILL STATUS - S. 1870

05/22/25 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

BILL STATUS – H.R. 3874

06/10/25 Introduced in the House.

06/10/25 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

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Attachment: 1. 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; and

WHEREAS, the Rim of the Valley Corridor is a network of parks and trails connecting the Santa Monica Mountains to all the mountains surrounding the San Fernando, Simi, Conejo, and La Crescenta Valleys; and

WHEREAS, in 2018 the Rim of the Valley Corridor Study Act directed the National Park Service to conduct a special resource study of the Rim of the Valley Corridor to determine the suitability and feasibility of designating all or a portion of the Rim of the Valley Corridor as a unit of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area and how these areas could be better managed and preserved; and

WHEREAS, the study was conducted from 2010 to 2016 which concluded that expansion of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area to include the Rim of the Valley Corridor would increase opportunities for public enjoyment and protect significant natural resources; and

WHEREAS, currently pending in Congress is H.R. 3874 (Friedman)/S. 1870 (Schiff), the Rim of the Valley Corridor Preservation Act, which would adjust the boundary of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area to include the Rim of the Valley Corridor; and

WHEREAS, the bill would add more than 118,000 acres to the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area and grant the National Park Service the authority to improve access, study wildlife, and coordinate conservation efforts; and

WHEREAS, the Rim of the Valley Corridor Preservation Act was first introduced in 2017 by Senator Schiff and the late Senator Feinstein;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2025-2026 Federal Legislative Program SUPPORT for H.R. 3874 (Friedman)/S. 1870 (Schiff), the Rim of the Valley Corridor Preservation Act, which would adjust the boundary of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area to include the Rim of the Valley Corridor.

PRESENTED BY:

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Councilmember, 4th District

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