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Memorandum

To: The Conservancy

The Advisory Committee

From

Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Hon. ASLA, Executive Director

Subject: Agenda Item 18: Consideration of resolution supporting SB 238 (Liu).

<u>Staff Recommendation</u>: That the Conservancy adopt the attached resolution supporting SB 238 (Liu).

<u>Background</u>: Senator Carol Liu has introduced SB 238 to authorize the Angeles National Forest (ANF) Supervisor to vote on issues related to the ANF on the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy board. See attached copy.

The Congressionally mandated Rim of the Valley Corridor study has focused the importance of coordination between the ANF and activities of other land conservation entities, including the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy.

The Angeles Forest Supervisor already serves as an *ex officio* non-voting member of the Conservancy. This bill would elevate the Forest Supervisor's participation, similar to the role played by the Coastal Commission representative on the Conservancy, *i.e.*, voting only on those projects directly relating to their designated area of expertise.

There are virtually no costs associated with this bill. As a public employee the Supervisor would not be eligible for *per diem* payment.