

July 18, 2016; Agenda Item No. 12

Resolution No. 16-36

RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY ENDORSING
LOS ANGELES COUNTY SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS MEASURE

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors have authorized the Safe, Clean Neighborhood Parks, Open Space, Beaches, Rivers Protection and Water Conservation Measure of 2016 to be placed before the voters on November 8, 2016; and

WHEREAS, if approved, the measure will levy a parcel tax of one-and-a-half cent per square foot of developed property, generating just over \$94 million annually; and

WHEREAS, voter approval of this measure will provide funding for programs throughout the County for the development, acquisition, improvement, restoration, rehabilitation, and maintenance of much-needed parks and community facilities, natural areas and open space; and

WHEREAS, the programs funded under this measure will increase the accessibility of public lands, park facilities, and park amenities to the people of the Los Angeles County, especially to those living in high-need and very-high need Study Areas; and

WHEREAS, the measure, if passed, will provide significant funding for important natural area and open space projects; and

WHEREAS, the proposed action is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); Now

Therefore Be It Resolved, That the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy hereby:

1. FINDS that the proposed action is consistent with the *Santa Monica Mountains Comprehensive Plan*, the *Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor Master Plan*, and the *San Gabriel and Los Angeles River Watershed and Open Space Plan* as adopted by the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy.
2. FINDS that the proposed action is consistent with the Conservancy's Strategic Objectives.
3. FINDS that the proposed action is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
4. ADOPTS the staff report and recommendations dated July 18, 2016 for this item.

5. ADOPTS all of the preceding whereas clauses.
6. ADOPTS a position supporting the Los Angeles Safe, Clean Neighborhood Parks, Open Space, Beaches, Rivers Protection and Water Conservation Measure Safe Neighborhood Park measure that has been placed on the November 2016 ballot by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.
7. FURTHER AUTHORIZES the Executive Director to perform any and all acts necessary to carry out this resolution; without limiting the generality of the foregoing, such authority shall include those provisions that he shall determine in the exclusive exercise of his discretion are necessary to carry out the purposes of this resolution and to comply with the policies of the Conservancy, and to otherwise carry out the provisions of state law and regulations.

~ End of Resolution ~

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was adopted at a meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, duly noticed and held according to law, on the 18th day of July, 2016 in Los Angeles, California.

Dated:

Executive Director