

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RESOLUTION
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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 first have been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, California's local urban parks and reclaimed rivers often serve as the recreational, social, and cultural centers for cities and communities providing venues for youth development, senior activity, and family recreation, these spaces have also come to represent physical infrastructure that promotes safe, pedestrian -friendly, and livable communities; and

WHEREAS, the greening of the urban centers of the city can provide multiple benefits to the City, including, but not limited to, recreation, water quality, habitat restoration, water supply augmentation, flood protection, community/economic development and environmental justice; and

WHEREAS, creating, restoring, and maintaining urban parks and waterways can help improve returns on existing public investment, encourage the greening of infrastructure, reduce costs for infrastructure extensions and transportation, and act as a catalyst to encourage more transit oriented developments; and

WHEREAS, there is an opportunity, desire, and political will to develop urban parks and open spaces adjacent or in proximity to the Los Angeles River for recreation, social gatherings, and as neighborhood greenway linkages by the residents of the City; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City to continue to aggressively facilitate the development, rehabilitation, eco-restoration, of such spaces and ensure that our concerns, interests, and needs are addressed; and

WHEREAS, waterways and urban parks around the nation have been revitalized through partnerships between municipalities and federal/state agencies; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2005-2006 Legislative Program SPONSORSHIP and SUPPORT of legislation which would provide federal and/or state funding for support and development of urban parks, urban greening, urban forestry, protection of open space and the revitalization of the Los Angeles River and reflect the following priorities:

- Equitable share of funds for Los Angeles County in all urban park, open space, urban greening, and Los Angeles River programs and project categories.
- Provision of resources for the acquisition, planning, construction, development, eco-restoration, and revitalization of urban parks, urban forests, open space, and Los Angeles River greenways.
- Provision of resources for urban parks and Los Angeles River operations and maintenance.

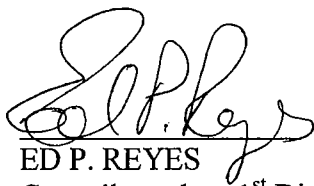
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Office of the Chief Legislative Analyst be directed to report back with specific language when proposals are developed.

PRESENTED BY:



ED P. REYES
Councilmember, 1st District



Tom LaBonge (on jury duty)
Councilmember, 4th District

SECONDED BY:

