

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COMMERCE IN SUPPORT OF THE FORMATION OF AND INCLUSION IN THE “LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVER RECREATION AND PARKS DISTRICT”

WHEREAS, in September of 2016, California Senate Bill 1374, sponsored by Senator Ricardo Lara, was signed into law authorizing the formation of the Lower Los Angeles River Recreation and Parks District (District); and

WHEREAS, the Lower LA River flows through many disadvantaged communities, where residents are disproportionally impacted by poor air quality from local heavy industry and congested transportation corridors, and suffer from a severe lack of access to recreational opportunities and outdoor park space; and

WHEREAS, parks have many beneficial impacts on communities; encouraging physical activity, improving health and fitness, reducing urban heating effects and air pollution, reducing greenhouse gas emissions through trees and greenery, and providing important economic benefits; and

WHEREAS, many communities along the Lower Los Angeles River represent low income communities which are some of the most park-poor areas LA County, lacking the resources to fund, develop, maintain and operate the parks and recreational opportunities that their residents need; and

WHEREAS, with numerous recent developments, including the creation of a Lower Los Angeles River Working Group to develop a revitalization plan, the City's Los Angeles River Revitalization Master Plan, and multiple conversations about a new vision for the river, there is a growing local interest in transformation of the river; and

WHEREAS, development and maintenance of a safe, attractive and vibrant recreation zone along the Lower Los Angeles River will require coordination of activities, maintenance, public safety and planning across multiple jurisdictions and is beyond the capabilities of any one City; and

WHEREAS, the City of Commerce, having significant interest in the continued development of recreational opportunities for all residents, including facilities and activities which utilize and enhance this important resource and which improves access to the Lower Los Angeles River for everyone; and

WHEREAS, the proposed annexation is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 20, as a change in the organization of local agencies, and the Categorical Exemption was adopted by the City of South Gate, as lead agency, on March 26, 2019.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COMMERCE DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. This Resolution is hereby adopted and approved by the City of Commerce in support the City of South Gate's application for formation of the Lower Los Angeles River Recreation and Parks District as authorized and in the manner provided by the Cortese-Know-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000.

SECTION 2. The City of Commerce will cooperate with the formation of the District and is requesting to be included within the district as outlined in Senate Bill and as indicated on the finalized District Boundary Map

SECTION 3. The Clerk of the City of Commerce is hereby authorized and directed to file a certified copy of this Resolution with the Executive Officer of the Local Agency Formation Commission for the County of Los Angeles.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 5th day of August 2019.

CITY OF COMMERCE:

John Soria, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lena Shumway, City Clerk