

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2026-R ____

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3 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
4 CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA, IN SUPPORT OF THE
5 INCLUSION OF BALLONA CREEK IN THE LOS ANGELES
6 COASTAL AREA, CALIFORNIA, SPECIAL RESOURCE
7 STUDY BY THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE.

8 WHEREAS, the National Park Service (NPS), a bureau of the U.S.
9 Department of the Interior, is responsible for preserving nationally significant natural,
10 cultural, and recreational resources for public benefit; and

11 WHEREAS, since 1916, the NPS has been entrusted with the care of our
12 national parks and partners to extend the benefits of natural and cultural resource
13 conservation and outdoor recreation; and

14 WHEREAS, with the help of volunteers and partners, the NPS safeguards
15 these special places and shares stories with more than 318 million visitors every year; and

16 WHEREAS, Public Law 117-328 directs the Secretary of the Interior to
17 conduct a Special Resource Study of “the coastline and adjacent areas to the Santa
18 Monica Bay from Will Rogers State Beach to Torrance Beach, including the areas in and
19 around Ballona Creek and the Baldwin Hills and the San Pedro section of the city of Los
20 Angeles, excluding the Port of Los Angeles north of Crescent Avenue”; and

21 WHEREAS, the NPS has announced the launch of the Special Resource
22 Study of the Los Angeles Coastal Area, California, and is currently seeking input in
23 evaluating the study area as a potential unit of the National Park System; and

24 WHEREAS, a Special Resource Study evaluates the eligibility of an area to
25 be designated as a national park or other special designation; and
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1 WHEREAS, the NPS collects and evaluates information about the resources
2 in the study area and, if the resources meet the criteria for national significance and
3 suitability, the NPS evaluates the potential for visitor enjoyment and analyzes the feasibility
4 and appropriateness of different management options compared to existing management;
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6 WHEREAS, the study findings and any recommendations will then be
7 submitted by the Secretary of the Interior to Congress for consideration; and

8 WHEREAS, the NPS seeks input in evaluating the study area as a potential
9 unit of the National Park System as part of its public input and research process; and

10 WHEREAS, the NPS is specifically interested in thoughts and ideas regarding
11 nationally significant cultural and natural resources in the study area that should be
12 managed and protected by the NPS, in addition to other questions for input; and

13 WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Culver City now seeks to declare
14 support for the inclusion of Ballona Creek in the study area to ensure that its natural and
15 recreational resources are fully evaluated at the federal level, as potential designation by
16 the NPS could enhance long-term environmental protection, expand public access and
17 recreational opportunities, and increase eligibility for federal funding for the public benefit;
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19 WHEREAS, such national recognition could elevate the significance of
20 Ballona Creek as a regional asset while supporting ongoing local and regional conservation
21 efforts.

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1 NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Culver City, DOES
2 HEREBY RESOLVE:

3 Section 1. The City of Culver City supports the inclusion of Ballona Creek
4 in the Los Angeles Coastal Area, California, Special Resource Study by the National Park
5 Service to ensure that its natural and recreational resources are fully evaluated at the
6 federal level for potential designation by the National Park Service to enhance long-term
7 environmental protection, expand public access and recreational opportunities, and
8 increase eligibility for federal funding opportunities for the public benefit.
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10 Section 2. The City Manager of the City of Culver City is hereby authorized
11 and directed to submit a copy of this Resolution on behalf of the City of Culver City to the
12 National Park Service.
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14 APPROVED and ADOPTED this _____ day of _____ 2026.
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18 FREDDY PUZA, Mayor
19 City of Culver City, California

20 ATTEST:

20 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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23 JEREMY BOCCHINO
24 City Clerk

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23 HEATHER BAKER
24 City Attorney