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RESOLUTION NO. RES-23-0082

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH IN SUPPORT OF THE FORMATION OF AND INCLUSION IN THE LOWER SAN GABRIEL RIVER RECREATION AND PARKS DISTRICT

WHEREAS, In October of 2021, California Senate Bill 268, sponsored by Senator Bob Archuleta, was signed into law authorizing the formation of the Lower San Gabriel River Recreation and Parks District (District); and

WHEREAS, the Lower San Gabriel River originates at the Whittier Narrows

Dam and flows southward to the Pacific Ocean 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 San Gabriel River are among 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, the City of Long Beach has a 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 San Gabriel River for everyone; and

WHEREAS, the proposed annexation is categorically exempt from the

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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 Pico Rivera, as lead agency, on March 28, 2023;

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	I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City Counci		
of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of <u>June 6</u> , 2023, by the following vot			June 6 , 2023, by the following vote:
	Ayes:	Councilmembers:	Zendejas, Duggan, Supernaw, Kerr,
			Austin, Ricks-Oddie.
	Noes:	Councilmembers:	None.
	Absent:	Councilmembers:	Allen.
	Recusal(s):	Councilmembers:	Saro, Uranga.
			City Clerk