

RESOLUTION 21-025

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES OF DONA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO SUPPORTING THE 30X30 CAMPAIGN TO PROTECT 30 PERCENT OF LANDS AND OCEAN BY 2030.

The City Council is informed that:

WHEREAS, the 30x30 campaign is a worldwide, science-based initiative to conserve at least 30 percent of the Earth's lands and ocean by the year 2030; and

WHEREAS, this campaign was launched to address our climate crisis and reverse the destruction of our wildlife, waters and natural places; and

WHEREAS, science-based research has found that conserving and restoring lands and waters is necessary to preserving the Earth's biodiversity and ecosystems and mitigating the impacts of climate change; and

WHEREAS, biodiversity loss and human encroachment upon wildlife habitat is increasing the risk of infectious diseases such as COVID-19, Lyme disease and SARS; and

WHEREAS, wilderness, wildlife refuges, national conservation lands, monuments and other conserved places provide access for hunting, fishing, hiking, biking, camping and other outdoor recreation pursuits; and

WHEREAS, permanently conserved private lands, including working ranches and farms, protect open spaces, preserve threatened wildlife and help maintain our New Mexico way of life; and

WHEREAS, every person, regardless of race, background or economic status, should have access to safe, clean and close-to-home opportunities to get outside in nature; and

WHEREAS, scientists are warning that protecting at least 30 percent of lands and water is the bare minimum we must achieve if we hope to stabilize the climate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the City of Las Cruces:

(I)

THAT the Mayor and City Council of Las Cruces, New Mexico establish our support for the 30x30 initiative and science-based, locally led efforts to conserve and restore at least 30 percent of lands and water by 2030; and

(II)

THAT we support efforts by Congress to champion this goal, such as the Thirty by Thirty Resolution to Save Nature, led by Senators Tom Udall and Michael Bennet, and Representatives Deb Haaland, Joe Neguse, Ted Lieu, Ruben Gallego and Ed Case; and

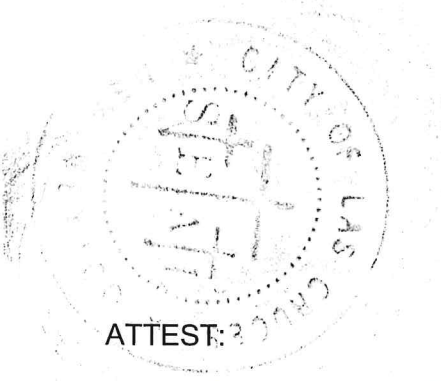
(III)

THAT we call upon Congress to advance its own initiatives as well as support and assist state and local efforts to achieve 30x30 goals; and


(IV)

THAT City staff is hereby authorized to do all deeds as necessary in the accomplishment of the herein above.

DONE AND APPROVED this 03 day of August 2020



APPROVED



Mayor

ATTEST:

Christine Rivera
City Clerk - Acting

Moved by: Kasandra Gandara

Seconded by: Tessa Abeyta-Stuve

AYES Kasandra Gandara, Gabe Vasquez, Gill Sorg, Ken Miyagishima, Yvonne Flores, Tessa Abeyta-Stuve, Johana Bencomo

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Type of Action:
 Resolution
 Ordinance
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Council Action and Executive Summary

District:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 5 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 6
1st Reading:	Adopted: August 3, 2020
Drafter: Barbara DeLeon	Department: City Manager's Office
Program: Council & Community Support	Line of Business: Council & Community Support
Title:	A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES OF DONA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO SUPPORTING THE 30X30 CAMPAIGN TO PROTECT 30 PERCENT OF LANDS AND OCEAN BY 2030.

TYPE OF ACTION: Administrative Legislative Quasi-Judicial

PURPOSE(S) OF ACTION:

To support the 30x30 campaign.

BACKGROUND / KEY ISSUES / CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

The 30x30 campaign is a worldwide, science-based initiative to conserve at least 30 percent of the Earth's lands and ocean by the year 2030. This campaign was launched to address our climate crisis and reverse the destruction of our wildlife, waters and natural places.

Science-based research has found that conserving and restoring lands and waters is necessary to preserving the Earth's biodiversity and ecosystems and mitigating the impacts of climate change. Biodiversity loss and human encroachment upon wildlife habitat is increasing the risk of infectious diseases such as COVID-19, Lyme disease and SARS. Our natural places provide us with food supplies and clean drinking water, boost our economies, and offer us a wide range of health benefits. Wilderness, wildlife refuges, national conservation lands, monuments and other conserved places provide access for hunting, fishing, hiking, biking, camping and other outdoor recreation pursuits.

Permanently conserved private lands, including working ranches and farms, protect open spaces, preserve threatened wildlife and help maintain our New Mexico way of life. Every person, regardless of race, background or economic status, should have access to safe, clean and close-to-home opportunities to get outside in nature. Scientists are warning that protecting at least 30 percent of lands and water is the bare minimum we must achieve if we hope to stabilize the climate.

The purpose of this resolution is to support the 30x30 initiative and science-based, locally led efforts to conserve and restore at least 30 percent of lands and water by 2030; to support efforts by Congress to champion this goal, such as the Thirty by Thirty Resolution to Save Nature, led by Senators Tom Udall and Michael Bennet, and Representatives Deb Haaland, Joe Neguse, Ted Lieu, Ruben Gallego and Ed Case; and to call upon Congress to advance its own initiatives as well as support and assist state and local efforts to achieve 30x30 goals.

PLAN(S):

None

COMMITTEE/BOARD REVIEW:

None

ANNUAL BUDGET APPROVAL:

Yes

No

N/A

Does this action amend the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)?

Yes

No

N/A

OPTIONS / ALTERNATIVES:

1. Vote "Yes;" this action will approve the Resolution and support the 30x30 campaign.
2. Vote "No;" this will deny the Resolution and will not support the 30x30 campaign.
3. Vote to "Amend;" this action would require further direction from City Council.
4. Vote to "Table;" this may delay the Resolution and would require further direction from City Council.