



City of Hermosa Beach

Civic Center, 1315 Valley Drive, Hermosa Beach, CA 90254-3885

May 28, 2019

The Honorable Ted Lieu
403 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

RE: H.R. 1487: Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area Boundary Adjustment Study Act
NOTICE OF SUPPORT

Dear Congressman Lieu:

On behalf of the City of Hermosa Beach, I am writing to support H.R. 1487 to commission the National Park Service to conduct a three-year Special Resource Study to evaluate the addition of Santa Monica Bay coastal communities, including Hermosa Beach, and other adjacent areas to the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area (SMMNRA).

For Hermosa Beach, inclusion in the SMMNRA and corresponding access to federal infrastructure and scientific resources for recreational and conservation uses would be a welcome development. Hermosa Beach looks forward to working cooperatively on facility and open space improvement projects, trail connectivity and other regional endeavors.

If and when the study is approved, Hermosa Beach would like to examine and address the following items related to joining a National Recreation Area:

- Permitting of certain activities (e.g. filming / special events) – the National Park Service manages permitting of filming, special events and other activities in the SMMNRA which, in Hermosa Beach, are permitted by the City or not currently allowed (weddings on the beach).
- Regulation of transpacific undersea fiber optic internet cables – currently the City permits these under agreements with telecommunications companies; would like to verify any regulatory additions resulting from inclusion in the SMMNRA.

Again, I am pleased to offer the City's support for H.R. 1487 for the National Park Service to conduct an SMMNRA Special Resource Study and I thank you for your work on this bill. Should you have any questions or would like to follow up on this matter, please contact our Assistant to the City Manager Nico De Anda-Scaia at ndeanda@hermosabch.org or 310-318-0201.

Sincerely,

Stacey Armato, Mayor
City of Hermosa Beach

cc: Senator Ben Allen, California 26th Senate District
Assemblymember Al Muratsuchi, 66th Assembly District