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CITY COUNCIL MEETING MAY 12, 2026

ITEM #N.2 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING DRAFT RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING THE IMPORTANCE OF LOCAL CONTROL OF REDONDO BEACH WATERFRONT AND COASTAL RESOURCES IN RESPONSE TO THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE'S REQUEST FOR CITY INPUT AS PART OF THE LOS ANGELES COASTAL SPECIAL RESOURCES STUDY

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- Proposed Modifications from Councilmember Behrendt

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RESOLUTION NO. CC-XXXX-XXX

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, REAFFIRMING THE IMPORTANCE OF CITY MANAGEMENT AND AUTHORITY OVER THE REDONDO BEACH WATERFRONT AND COASTAL RESOURCES IN RESPONSE TO THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE LOS ANGELES COASTAL SPECIAL RESOURCES STUDY

WHEREAS, the National Park Services (NPS) is conducting the Los Angeles Coastal Special Resource Study (Study), as authorized by Congress, to evaluate portions of the Los Angeles County coastline for potential national significant, suitability, and feasibility for inclusion in the National Park System or for forms of federal partnership or recognition; and

WHEREAS, the Study area includes a broad stretch of the Los Angeles Coastline, from the Ballona Wetlands to the Palos Verdes Peninsula, and seeks to understand the region's cultural, historical, ecological, and recreational resources, including those within the City of Redondo Beach; and

WHEREAS, the City of Redondo Beach (City) recognizes that the Study may influence future federal involvement, funding opportunities, and long-term planning considerations for this area, making it essential that the City's perspective, priorities, and operational realities are represented; and

WHEREAS, the City's waterfront is a significant public resource that provides recreational, cultural, economic, and environmental benefits to residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, City management of, authority over, and responsibility for, the City's waterfront and coastal assets ensures that decisions regarding land use, operations, maintenance, and long-term planning remain accountable to the community; and the City affirms that equitable, safe, and continuous access to the coast must remain a top priority; and

WHEREAS, the City's waterfront holds a rich history, including the heritage of Native American communities who inhabited the Redondo area before 1784, living from the sea and utilizing the salt flats located near the present-day Southern California Edison facility and Seaside Lagoon; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes the historical significance of the Redondo Beach Pier, including its origins as the former Monstad Pier, and acknowledges the cultural value this resource has held for residents, visitors, and future generations; and

WHEREAS, the City supports and maintains essential waterfront and coastal amenities, including recreational programming, community events, economic development activities, with the goal of adding new coastal amenities identified in the King Harbor Public Amenities Plan, and Harbor Patrol services that contribute to community identity, public safety, and the vitality of the local economy; and

WHEREAS, despite the tens of millions of dollars in deferred maintenance needs, residents continue to express satisfaction with the current operations and maintenance of the waterfront area; and

WHEREAS, the City acknowledges the importance of preserving, protecting, and enhancing cultural resources, coastal amenities, and historic features as part of a comprehensive vision for the waterfront; and

WHEREAS, the City values collaboration with regional, state, and federal partners, while emphasizing the importance of retaining **City authority and responsibility** to manage, operate, and plan for the waterfront in a manner that reflects **community priorities and needs**.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City of Redondo Beach reaffirms the importance of its waterfront and coastal resources and expresses interest in participating in the National Park Service Los Angeles Coastal Special Resources Study to

ensure that the City's history, community values, and operational responsibilities are fully considered.

SECTION 2. The City of Redondo Beach affirms its continued commitment to City management of, authority over, and responsibility for, the waterfront, prioritizing public access, cultural resource protection, community and recreational activities, and economic development initiatives that strengthen the waterfront as a vibrant, accessible, and community centered public space.

SECTION 3. The Redondo Beach City Council directs staff to continue evaluating strategies, partnerships, and funding opportunities, including those that may emerge from the Study, to address deferred maintenance, enhance climate change resilience within the harbor, strengthen City management and authority, and preserve cultural and historical assets, and ensure the waterfront remains a safe, welcoming, and sustainable amenity for all.

SECTION 4. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this resolution and shall enter the same in the Book of Original Resolutions.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 12th day of May, 2026.