



July 10, 2020

VIA Online Portal to Author and Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Water

The Honorable Ash Kalra
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 2196
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 3030 (Kalra) – Resource conservation: land and ocean conservation goals – SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember Kalra:

The League of Women Voters of California writes to support AB 3030, which would declare it to be the state's goals to, by the year 2030, protect at least 30% of California's land and waters, help advance the protection of 30% of the nation's oceans, and support regional, national, and international efforts to protect at least 30% of the world's land and waters and 30% of the world's ocean. The bill would authorize the state to achieve these goals through specified activities.

Existing law declares it to be state policy that the protection and management of natural and working lands is an important strategy in meeting the state's greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals, and requires all state agencies, departments, boards, and commissions to consider this policy when revising, adopting, or establishing policies, regulations, expenditures, or grant criteria relating to the protection and management of natural and working lands. AB 3030 is needed to make these goals a statutory commitment. There is international momentum to conserve our planet's water and land. Scientists state that if we wait then we will not be able to make a difference, and they are calling for reaching 50% protection by 2050. California, South Carolina, and Hawaii are the three states currently pursuing the 30X30 conservation goal through legislation. The need to address biodiversity loss and land conservation with concrete measures is driving the importance of setting a timeline.

The League has a long history of encouraging conservation of natural resources and actions to mitigate climate change to protect our state from its negative physical, economic, and public health effects. **The League of Women Voters of California supports AB 3030 as a critical and concrete step forward, realizing that more legislation and regulations will be needed to realize the goal of 30x30.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Carol Moon Goldberg".

Carol Moon Goldberg
President