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PARKS FORWARD COMMISSION REPORT WINS BIPARTISAN SUPPORT FROM LEGISLATIVE LEADERS

"Here in California, we are lucky to have state parks that encompass not only the natural beauty of our forests, deserts, mountains and coastline, but also the cultural importance and historical relevance of many places in our state. The new report by California Parks Forward emphasizes preserving the integrity of our state parks while increasing and modernizing the public's ability to access these incredible resources. The work California Parks Forward has done provides a valuable roadmap for upholding and expanding these treasures for generations to come." – **Assembly Speaker Toni Atkins (D-San Diego).**

"I'm glad the Commission recognizes the importance of bringing parks to the people. The residents of our urban centers, the Central Valley and Inland Empire deserve green and open spaces, and the health and lifestyle benefits that come from access to nature." -- **California Senate President pro Tempore Kevin de León (D-Los Angeles)**

"The Parks Forward Commission report represents a collaborative effort to create a sustainable system for our magnificent State Parks. California's treasured parks are a tremendous source of natural beauty and history. Our parks should be more easily accessible and available to all communities. In the months ahead, the Legislature and the Administration will be working together to discuss and address the recommendations of the report." -- **Assemblymember Marc Levine (D-San Rafael), Chair, Assembly Committee on Water, Parks, and Wildlife.**

"To preserve and protect our cherished state parks is an important priority for me, and I welcome the opportunity to work with the California Department of Parks and Recreation and the Parks Forward Commission to implement the changes needed to ensure our park system can be enjoyed not only today, but in the decades to come. California's state parks and protected landscapes are some of the world's most spectacular natural resources and it's imperative their preservation is successful." -- **Senator Fran Pavley (D-Agoura Hills), chair of the Senate Natural Resources and Water committee.**

"I support Parks Forward and the Resources Agency in this new direction for our State Parks. Their report represents a significant change in direction, I look forward to working with the Governor to get this package of reforms in place so we can turn the page and bring in the community partners we need to protect and maintain our parks for generations to come. This is a big deal." -- **Assemblymember Brian Dahle (R-Bieber), Vice-Chair Assembly Natural Resources Committee and Water, Parks, and Wildlife Committee member.**

"Parks are critical to the quality of life for urban communities like those I represent in Southeast Los Angeles County. Parks Forward's plan lays out a clear agenda to get our state parks system back on track, to transform State Parks and give all Californians access to parks and the environment we treasure." -- **Assemblymember Anthony Rendon (D-Lakewood), Member, Water Parks and Wildlife and Natural Resources Committees.**

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