

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



ITEM
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(ID # 6628)

MEETING DATE:

Tuesday, March 27, 2018

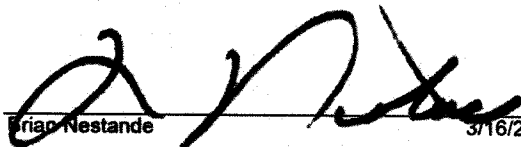
FROM : EXECUTIVE OFFICE:

SUBJECT: EXECUTIVE OFFICE: Agreement by and between the Desert Healthcare District and the County of Riverside relating to LAFCO 2017-01-04 (Eastern Coachella Valley Annexation), 4th District. [\$0]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Support the annexation of the Eastern Coachella Valley into the boundaries of the Desert Healthcare District with no exchange of property tax revenue.
2. Direct the Clerk of the Board to certify the passage of the resolution and to send a certified copy along with the Minute Order to the Executive Officer of the Local Area Formation Commission (LAFCO).

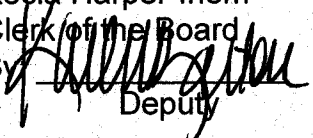
ACTION: Policy


Brian Nestande 3/16/2018

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Tavaglione, seconded by Supervisor Ashley and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that approval of the expansion is subject to the amendment of the current lease to remove the non-compete clause as it applies to the expanded territory and to bring back the item on April 10, 2018, for Board approval.

Ayes: Jeffries, Tavaglione, Washington, Perez and Ashley
Nays: None
Absent: None
Date: March 27, 2018
xc: EO, Supvr. Perez

Kecia Harper-Ihem
Clerk of the Board
By 
Deputy

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost
COST	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
NET COUNTY COST	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
SOURCE OF FUNDS:			Budget Adjustment:	NO
			For Fiscal Year:	

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BACKGROUND:

Summary

Assembly Bill 2414, authored by Assembly member Eduardo Garcia and signed by the Governor in September 2016, requires Desert Healthcare District to file an application to expand its service area into the Eastern Coachella Valley.

Revenue and Taxation Code Section 99(b) provides that upon filing of an application of a jurisdictional change, the local agencies must first attempt to negotiate a mutually acceptable exchange of property tax revenues by entering into negotiations.

On January 5, 2017, the District submitted the application and proposed plan of service to the Riverside Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) for the annexation of the Eastern Coachella Valley into the boundaries of the District, LAFCO 2017-01-04 (Eastern Coachella Valley Annexation.) Once the application is certified by LAFCO the County is required to place the application on the next general election, November 8, 2018. Per AB 2414, LAFCO cannot reject the application so long as it is a completed application.

On May 8, 2017, good faith negotiations commenced between representatives of the County and representatives of the District. After negotiations, representatives of the County determined that there would be no exchange of property tax revenues. By adoption of the attached ordinance, the negotiations will be finalized confirming there will be no property tax exchange between the County of Riverside and the Desert Healthcare District. The Desert Healthcare District is currently funded with property tax revenue diverted from the County. Therefore, the application submitted to LAFCO was subject to the County Master Property Tax Agreement negotiation. Under State Revenue and Taxation Code Section 99 the District allowed the County Board of Supervisors to negotiate a property tax exchange on behalf of the District. The attached resolution is the completion of those negotiations.

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An annexation would expand the District's service area, which now encompasses the cities of Palm Springs, Desert Hot Springs, Cathedral City, Rancho Mirage, part of the Palm Desert and unincorporated areas within the current District boundaries. The expansion would cover the remainder of Palm Desert, Indian Wells, La Quinta, Indio, Coachella, Bermuda Dunes, Mecca, Thermal, Oasis, North Shore and Vista Santa Rosa, as well as unincorporated areas of Riverside County.

In 1948, the Desert Hospital District was formed with the mission to build a hospital to meet the healthcare needs of local residents in Palm Springs and surrounding areas. Since its inception, the District has been governed by a five-member board elected by the residents of the communities within its boundaries.

In 1986, the hospital was leased to Desert Hospital Corporation, a not-for-profit organization formed by local residents to operate the hospital. The Desert Hospital Foundation became a subsidiary of Desert Hospital Corporation and was governed by a community board.

In 1997, the District Board voted unanimously to enter into a lease of the hospital to Tenet Health Systems (Tenet) for 30 years. Desert Hospital District subsequently became Desert Healthcare District. The District provides grants to various non-profits and government entities in the Coachella Valley with property tax revenue (approximately \$5 million per year) and proceeds from the Tenet lease (approximately \$4 million per year)

Healthcare is delivered in the Coachella Valley through various means; private insurance, Medicare insurance and Medicaid (Medi-Cal) insurance. Riverside County is, by law, the healthcare provider of last resort. This includes providing healthcare for the indigent and accepting Medi-Cal. While Medi-Cal covers the majority of persons for whom the County is responsible for, county general fund revenues pay for the approximately 9% of residents with no insurance. The county general fund pays for mental health services not provided by Medi-Cal as well as medical services for the incarcerated.

Desert Regional Hospital, JFK Hospital (both operated by Tenet) and Eisenhower Hospital along with numerous healthcare clinics, urgent care facilities and private medical businesses provide healthcare services in the Coachella Valley.

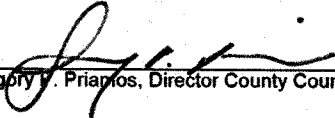
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Riverside County through Riverside University Health System (RUHS) currently provides over 20 different services and contracts with 19 providers in the proposed annex area. The RUHS clinic in Indio is the largest provider for indigent and Medical services. Examples of services include; preventive and primary health care, breast cancer screening, immunization and flu shots, TB screening and treatment, HIV/AIDS testing and treatment, behavioral health needs, chronic disease management, public health nursing programs. RUHS also has partnerships with Borrego Clinic and Clinicas De Salud Del Pueblo to provide services to the east valley.

RUHS is planning expanded services and facilities in the eastern Coachella Valley. One concern of RUHS is that partnerships with the Desert Healthcare District are subject to a non-compete clause (see attached) included in the Tenet lease. If the district expansion is completed the non-compete clause will cover the entire Coachella valley.

Additional Fiscal Information

There are no costs to the County associated with the resolution.



Gregory V. Priamos, Director County Counsel 3/19/2018

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE
DETERMINING THAT NO PROPERTY TAX REVENUES
SHALL BE EXCHANGED BETWEEN THE COUNTY
AND THE DESERT HEALTHCARE DISTRICT
RELATING TO THE EAST COACHELLA VALLEY
ANNEXATION**

WHEREAS, on September 21, 2016, Governor Jerry Brown signed AB 2414 (Garcia) into law which added §32499 et seq., to the California Health & Safety Code; and

WHEREAS, AB 2414 provides for the annexation of approximately 1,760 square miles of the Eastern Coachella Valley into the boundaries of the Desert Healthcare District (District); and

WHEREAS, on January 5, 2017, the District submitted the Application and Proposed Plan of Service to the Riverside Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) for the annexation of the Eastern Coachella Valley into the boundaries of the District, LAFCO 2017-01-04 (Eastern Coachella Valley Annexation); and

WHEREAS, After review, on April 19, 2017, the County of Riverside (County) determined that Revenue & Taxation Code section 99 and its applicable procedures apply to the Eastern Coachella Valley Annexation; and

WHEREAS, Revenue & Taxation Code section 99(b) provides that upon the filing of an application of a jurisdictional change, but prior to the issuance of a certificate of filing by LAFCO, the local agencies must first attempt to negotiate a mutually acceptable exchange of property tax revenues; and

WHEREAS, on May 8, 2017, good faith negotiations commenced between representatives of the County and representatives of the District. After negotiations, representatives of the County determined that there would be no exchange of property tax revenues; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside, as follows:

1. The County supports the annexation of the Eastern Coachella Valley into the boundaries of the District, with no exchange of property tax revenue.
2. The Clerk of the Board of Supervisors is hereby directed to certify the passage of this resolution and to cause a certified copy to be sent to the Executive Officer of the LAFCO for the County of Riverside.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside,
State of California, by the following vote:

AYES: SUPERVISORS _____

NOES: SUPERVISORS _____

ABSENT: SUPERVISORS _____

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JEFFREY G. SCOTT
BLAISE J. JACKSON
JAMES R. DODSON

FAX (858) 675-9897

Date: April 21, 2017

To: Desert Healthcare District Board of Directors
Herb K. Schultz, CEO
Chris Christensen, CFO

From: Jeff Scott, General Counsel

Re: Will the Provisions of the 1997 Lease with Tenet Healthcare apply to the
annexation of the Eastern Coachella Valley if approved by the voters?

AB 2414 was passed in 2016 and provides statutory authority for the expansion of approximately 1,760 square-miles of the boundaries of the Desert Healthcare District (District) into the Eastern Coachella Valley, to include the communities of Indian Wells, La Quinta, Indio, and Coachella, and the unincorporated areas of Bermuda Dunes, Mecca, Thermal, Oasis, North Shore, and Vista Santa Rosa. Among other requirements, of the bill, once approved by LAFCO, an election is to be scheduled in November 2018, for the voters in the area to be annexed to consider approval of the annexation. If a majority of the voters approve the annexation, the area will become part of the District boundaries.

Question:

A legal question has been raised as to whether the terms and conditions of the May 30, 1997 Lease Agreement (1997 Lease) between Tenet Health Systems Inc., (Tenet) and the District, will be binding on the new territory if it is annexed into the District?

Conclusion:

Yes, the provisions of the 1997 Lease Agreement between Tenet and the District, and its terms and conditions will be binding on the new territory if it is annexed into the District.

Analysis:

In May of 1997, after a lengthy public review process, the District Board of Directors voted unanimously to enter into the 1997 Lease of Desert Regional Hospital (Hospital) with Tenet. The 30-year Lease included the lease of all of the real property and improvements related to the Hospital and the transfer of all the personal property and equipment in the Hospital to Tenet for the term of the Lease.

In entering into the 1997 Lease, the District made a number of representations and warranties including that: (i) the District is a political subdivision of the State of California, (ii) duly and validly exists under the laws of the State of California, (iii) is authorized to exercise its powers, rights and privileges in accordance with State law, and (iv) has the full power and authority to execute and perform its obligations and covenants set forth in the 1997 Lease. There is no legal authority, or any provision in the 1997 Lease, which would suggest that these representations and warranties or the legal obligations under the terms and conditions of the 1997 Lease, would in any way change or be altered by the expansion of the District boundaries.

More specific to the issue, is whether Article XIII which restricts the District and its Affiliates from managing, operating or supporting a competing hospital within the District boundaries would also apply to the expanded boundaries. The answer is an unequivocal yes.

Article XIII (p.32) of the 1997 Lease is clear: "... neither the Lessor [District] nor any Affiliate (including the Desert Hospital Foundation ... will directly or indirectly own any interest in, manage or operate (i) any hospital or other health care facility, provider or business within the geographical boundaries of the District or which may otherwise at any time be competitive with any present or future Desert Business ... without Lessee's [Tenet's] prior written consent. (emphasis added). The term "within the geographical boundaries of the District" is not qualified by "current" or "existing" boundaries. Consequently, the competition restrictions in Article XIII would apply to the expanded District boundaries.

It should also be noted that in the event the boundaries are expanded, with the exception of the competition restrictions, the 1997 Lease would also allow the District to support health care related programs and services in the new area. Section D of the RECITALS of the 1997 Lease (p.2) provides that: "Except as expressly provided herein, nothing herein shall prohibit the District from exercising its powers to engage in any of the activities allowed by the Local Health Care District Law as presently written or hereinafter amended." (emphasis added).

Clerk's Copy



ORIGINAL

March 23, 2018

The Honorable V. Manuel Perez
Riverside County Board of Supervisors
73710 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 222
Palm Desert, CA 92260

Via email

Dear Supervisor Perez:

The City of La Quinta supports the Desert Healthcare District Resolution related to the proposed annexation of the Eastern Coachella Valley. This resolution will be considered by the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, March 27.

The City is a Healthy Eating Acting Living (H.E.A.L.) City and supports the opportunity to provide our residents with additional healthcare services that would be beneficial for residents and their families. The East Valley continues to expand and so should the opportunities we provide our residents.

We believe the expansion of the current Desert Healthcare District (DHCD) to include the eastern Coachella Valley can significantly impact and change the health of our community. The partnerships the DHCD can establish with community-based organizations, healthcare providers, and local governments can assist us in addressing significant health disparities and improve access to healthcare services to east valley residents.

The expansion will also provide East Valley residents with the initial representation of two Directors on the DCHD Board, where they will have a collective voice and be able to provide valuable feedback and perspective in the decisions impacting the health of our community.

I strongly support the resolution which will put the County on record is support of the annexation and allow the DHCD expansion hearing process to move forward at the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO). This will then allow Eastern Coachella Valley residents the opportunity to vote on such an important ballot measure in November 2018.

The successful annexation of the Eastern Coachella Valley into the Desert Healthcare District will positively impact my health and the health of my community for generations to come.

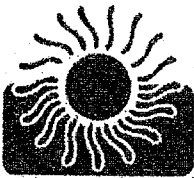
Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Linda Evans".

Linda Evans, Mayor
City of La Quinta

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**RIVERSIDE
LATINO
COMMISSION ON
ALCOHOL & DRUG
ABUSE SERVICES, INC.**

March 22, 2018

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Dear Supervisor V. Manuel Perez:

I am writing today in my role as Executive Director at Riverside County Latino Commission to strongly support the Desert Healthcare District Resolution related to the proposed annexation of the Eastern Coachella Valley. This resolution will be considered by the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, March 27.

I believe the expansion of the current Desert Healthcare District (DHCD) to include the eastern Coachella Valley can significantly impact and change the health of our community. The partnerships the DHCD can establish with community-based organizations, healthcare providers, and local governments can assist us in addressing significant health disparities and improve access to healthcare services to east valley residents.

The expansion will also provide East Valley residents with the initial representation of two Directors on the DCHD Board, where they will have a collective voice and be able to provide valuable feedback and perspective in the decisions impacting the health of our community.

I strongly support the resolution which will put the County on record in support of the annexation and allow the DHCD expansion hearing process to move forward at the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO). This will then allow Eastern Coachella Valley residents the opportunity to vote on such an important ballot measure in November 2018.

The successful annexation of the Eastern Coachella Valley into the Desert Healthcare District will positively impact the health of my community for generations to come.

Thank you for your consideration.

Cordially,

Leonel Contreras
Executive Director



District 4 Supervisor V. Manuel Perez

From: Sergio Carranza <scarranza@pucdc.org>
Sent: Thursday, March 22, 2018 5:10 PM
To: District 4 Supervisor V. Manuel Perez
Cc: 'aespinoza@dhcd.org'
Subject: Desert Healthcare District - Eastern Coachella Valley Expansion

Dear Supervisor Perez,

On behalf of Pueblo Unido CDC, I am writing to you to express our support to the Desert Healthcare District (DHCD) Resolution related to the proposed annexation of the Eastern Coachella Valley. This resolution will be considered by the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, March 27.

The expansion of the current Desert Healthcare District (DHCD) to include the eastern Coachella Valley will significantly impact and change the health of our community. The strong partnerships and collaboration the DHCD is establishing with community-based organizations, healthcare providers, and local governments can assist us in addressing significant health disparities and improve access to healthcare services to east valley residents.

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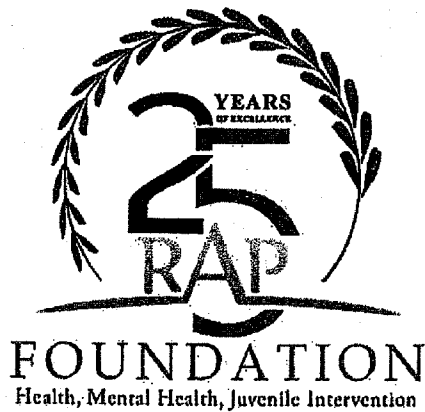
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Thank you for your consideration.

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March 23, 2018

Dear Supervisor V. Manuel Perez:

The Regional Access Project Foundation strongly supports the Desert Healthcare District Resolution related to the proposed annexation of the Eastern Coachella Valley. This resolution will be considered by the Board of Supervisors on March 27.

RAP believes the expansion of the current Desert Healthcare District (DHCD) to include the eastern Coachella Valley can significantly impact and positively change the health of our community. The anticipated partnerships with community-based organizations, healthcare providers, and local governments will significantly reduce health disparities and improve access to healthcare services to east valley residents.

The expansion will also provide east Coachella Valley residents with the initial representation of two Directors on the DCHD Board, where they will have a collective voice and be able to provide valuable feedback and perspective in the decisions impacting the health of our community.

RAP strongly supports the resolution which will put the County on record is support of the annexation and allow the DHCD expansion hearing process to move forward at the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO). This will then allow eastern Coachella Valley residents the opportunity to vote on such an important ballot measure in November 2018.

The successful annexation of the eastern Coachella Valley into the Desert Healthcare District will positively impact the health of our community for generations to come.

Thank you for your anticipated support.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Leticia De Lara'.

Sincerely,

Leticia De Lara
Chief Executive Officer



83-791 Date Avenue Indio, California 92201
(760) 347-4741 www.MarthasVillage.org

March 23, 2018

Supervisor V. Manuel Perez
Riverside County Board of Supervisors, Fourth District

Dear Supervisor Perez,

I am writing today in my role as President and CEO of Martha's Village & Kitchen, to strongly support the Desert Healthcare District Resolution related to the proposed annexation of the Eastern Coachella Valley. This resolution will be considered by the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, March 27.

I believe the expansion of the current Desert Healthcare District (DHCD) to include the eastern Coachella Valley can significantly impact and change the health of our community. The partnerships the DHCD can establish with community-based organizations, healthcare providers, and local governments can assist us in addressing significant health disparities and improve access to healthcare services to east valley residents.

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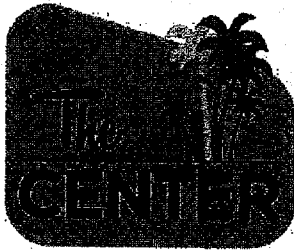
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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Linda Barrack
President and Chief Executive Officer
Martha's Village and Kitchen
lbarrack@marthasvillage.org

TOGETHER WE ARE CHANGING LIVES



March 23, 2018

Dear Supervisor:

Chief Executive Officer

Mike Thompson

Executive Committee

Chair: Brian Rix

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Secretary: Larry Colton

Board Members

Tom Beckhold

Lucy DeBardelaben

Susan Dost

Al Jones

Chris Kallgren

Michele McKee

Mary Ann McLaughlin

Lisa Middleton

Charles Robbins

Jim Scheibel

James Williamson

I am writing today in my role as Director of Community Engagement at The LGBT Community Center of the Desert to strongly support the Desert Healthcare District Resolution related to the proposed annexation of the Eastern Coachella Valley. This resolution will be considered by the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, March 27, 2018.

I believe the expansion of the current Desert Healthcare District (DHCD) to include the eastern Coachella Valley can significantly impact and enhance the health of our entire community, across zip codes, gender, race, class, sexuality, and language. The partnerships the DHCD can establish with community-based organizations like The Center, healthcare providers, and local governments can assist us in addressing significant health disparities and improve access to healthcare services to all individuals, and in particular, LGBTQ people, who reside in the Eastern Coachella Valley.

The expansion will also provide East Valley residents with the initial representation of two Directors on the DHCD Board, where they will be able to uplift the voices and perspectives of residents and ensure their feedback is built-into the decision-making process that will impact the health of our community.

I strongly support the resolution which will put the County on record in support of the annexation and allow the DHCD expansion hearing process to move forward at the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO). This will then allow Eastern Coachella Valley residents the opportunity to vote on this extremely important ballot measure in November 2018.

The successful annexation of the Eastern Coachella Valley into the Desert Healthcare District will positively impact the health of my community, and facilitate the space for thriving LGBTQ people for generations to come.

Thank you for your consideration.

Alexis Ortega
Director of Community Engagement

Mike Thompson
Chief Executive Officer

District 4 Supervisor V. Manuel Perez

From: Erick Lemus <elemus.cap@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 25, 2018 10:15 PM
To: District 4 Supervisor V. Manuel Perez
Cc: Alejandro Espinoza
Subject: Support for Health Care District expansion

Dear Supervisor Manuel Perez,

I am writing today in my role as community senior organizer for California Partnership to strongly support the Desert Healthcare District Resolution related to the proposed annexation of the Eastern Coachella Valley. This resolution will be considered by the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, March 27.

I believe the expansion of the current Desert Healthcare District (DHCD) to include the eastern Coachella Valley can significantly impact and change the health of our community. The partnerships the DHCD can establish with community-based organizations, healthcare providers, and local governments can assist us in addressing significant health disparities and improve access to healthcare services to east valley residents.

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Thank you for your consideration.

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In partnership,
Erick Lemus
Coachella Valley organizer
(310)408-7395
California Partnership
www.california-partnership.org



March 23, 2018

The Honorable V. Manuel Perez
Riverside County Board of Supervisors
73710 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 222
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Via email

Dear Supervisor Perez:

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Linda Evans, Mayor
City of La Quinta



Planned Parenthood of the Pacific Southwest

March 23, 2018

Chairman Chuck Washington
Riverside County Board of Supervisors, Third District
4080 Lemon Street, 5th Floor
Riverside, California 92501

RE: LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR DHCD ANNEXATION OF EASTERN COACHELLA VALLEY

Dear Supervisor Washington:

I am writing today in my role as President & CEO of Planned Parenthood of the Pacific Southwest to strongly support the Desert Healthcare District Resolution related to the proposed annexation of the Eastern Coachella Valley. This resolution will be considered by the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, March 27th 2018.

We believe the expansion of the current Desert Healthcare District (DHCD) to include the Eastern Coachella Valley can significantly impact and change the health of our community. The partnerships the DHCD can establish with community-based organizations, healthcare providers, and local governments can assist us in addressing significant health disparities and improve access to healthcare services to East Valley residents.


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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Darrah DiGiorgio Johnson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Darrah DiGiorgio Johnson
President & CEO

CC: Vice Chairman Kevin Jeffries, First District
Supervisor John F. Tavaglione, Second District
Supervisor V. Manuel Perez, Fourth District
Supervisor Marion Ashley, Fifth District

District 4 Supervisor V. Manuel Perez

From: Debbe Hulsey <dhulsey@findfoodbank.org>
Sent: Friday, March 23, 2018 5:13 PM
To: Supervisor Jeffries - 1st District; District2; District 4 Supervisor V. Manuel Perez; District5; District3 Information
Cc: aespinoza@dhcd.org
Subject: DHCD Expansion



March 23, 2018

Dear Kevin Jeffries, John F. Tavaglione, Chuck Washington, V. Manuel Perez, and Marion Ashley,

I am writing today in my role as the President and CEO of FIND Food Bank to strongly support the Desert Healthcare District Resolution related to the proposed annexation of the Eastern Coachella Valley. This resolution will be considered by the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, March 27.

I believe the expansion of the current Desert Healthcare District (DHCD) to include the eastern Coachella Valley can significantly impact and change the health of our community. The partnerships the DHCD can establish with community-based organizations, healthcare providers, and local governments can assist us in addressing significant health disparities and improve access to healthcare services to east valley residents.

The expansion will also provide East Valley residents with the initial representation of two Directors on the DCHD Board, where they will have a collective voice and be able to provide valuable feedback and perspective in the decisions impacting the health of our community.

I strongly support the resolution which will put the County on record in support of the annexation and allow the DHCD expansion hearing process to move forward at the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO). This will then allow Eastern Coachella Valley residents the opportunity to vote on such an important ballot measure in November 2018.

The successful annexation of the Eastern Coachella Valley into the Desert Healthcare District will positively impact my health and the health of my community for generations to come.

Thank you for your consideration.

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District 4 Supervisor V. Manuel Perez

From: Christy Porter <christyport@att.net>
Sent: Saturday, March 24, 2018 10:17 AM
To: District 4 Supervisor V. Manuel Perez; Supervisor Jeffries - 1st District; District2; District3 Information; District5
Cc: Alejandro Espinoza
Subject: Letter in support of expansion of Desert Health Care District boundaries

Dear Riverside County Supervisors Perez, Tavaglione, Washington, Jefferies, and Ashley:

I am writing you in my role as an Executive Director of 20 years experience in the Coachella Valley fighting for the health of our most vulnerable citizens. I am in strong support of the Desert Healthcare District Resolution related to the proposed annexation of the Eastern Coachella Valley. The District's resolution will be considered by the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, March 27.

I believe we will see a significant change in the health of our community if this expansion of DHCD boundaries into the eastern Coachella Valley is approved. The partnerships the DHCD can establish with community-based organizations, health care providers and local governments can dramatically affect our ability to improve access to health care services to east valley residents.

The expansion will also provide East Valley residents with two Directors on the DHCD Board.

I strongly support the resolution which will put the County on record in support of the annexation and allow the DHCD expansion hearing process to move forward at the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO). This will then allow Eastern Coachella Valley residents the opportunity to vote on such an important ballot measure in November 2018.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

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From: Jenna LeComte-Hinely, PhD <jlecomte-hinely@harcdata.org>
Sent: Thursday, March 22, 2018 1:13 PM
To: District 4 Supervisor V. Manuel Perez
Cc: aespinoza@dhcd.org
Subject: Support for DHCD expansion

Dear Supervisor Perez,

As the CEO of HARC, Inc. (Health Assessment and Research for Communities), I want to express my strong support of the Desert Healthcare District Resolution related to the proposed annexation of the Eastern Coachella Valley. This resolution will be considered by the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, March 27.

I believe the expansion of the current Desert Healthcare District (DHCD) to include the eastern Coachella Valley is both a logical and necessary move. I believe the current DHCD boundaries are arbitrary, and that it does not benefit any of our residents to draw a line down the middle of the Valley. As you know, the East Valley deserves just as much attention, support, and funding as the West Valley, and having DHCD encompass the entire Coachella Valley will help make that happen.

The Coachella Valley-wide data that HARC collects shows that needs in the East Valley are very similar to needs in the West Valley—according to our data, it truly is “One Coachella Valley”. This makes sense to me, because I consider myself a Coachella Valley resident, not an East Valley resident. I work inside the DHCD boundaries, but live outside of them. We as residents act as if it is “One Coachella Valley”; having DHCD boundaries reflect the reality is the right thing to do.

DHCD is a leader in the movement to address health disparities and to lift up the health of our entire community. Limiting those efforts to one half of our Valley is a fragmented way to go about it. When DHCD has expanded to include the entire community, they will be able to do their work in a more holistic, inclusive manner that will no doubt improve the impact of their efforts on all residents.

I strongly support the resolution which will put the County on record in support of the annexation and allow the DHCD expansion hearing process to move forward at the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO). This will then allow Eastern Coachella Valley residents (including myself) the opportunity to vote on such an important ballot measure in November 2018.

I am confident that the successful annexation of the Eastern Coachella Valley into the Desert Healthcare District will positively impact my health and the health of my community. I look forward to being able to work Valley-wide with DHCD to improve the health of residents, and not having to segment it based on a simplistic boundary.

Thank you for your consideration, and for all the work you do for our residents.

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March 23, 2018

The Honorable V. Manuel Perez
Riverside County Board of Supervisors
73710 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 222
Palm Desert, CA 92260

Via email

Dear Supervisor Perez:

The City of La Quinta supports the Desert Healthcare District Resolution related to the proposed annexation of the Eastern Coachella Valley. This resolution will be considered by the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, March 27.

The City is a Healthy Eating Acting Living (H.E.A.L.) City and supports the opportunity to provide our residents with additional healthcare services that would be beneficial for residents and their families. The East Valley continues to expand and so should the opportunities we provide our residents.

We believe the expansion of the current Desert Healthcare District (DHCD) to include the eastern Coachella Valley can significantly impact and change the health of our community. The partnerships the DHCD can establish with community-based organizations, healthcare providers, and local governments can assist us in addressing significant health disparities and improve access to healthcare services to east valley residents.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Linda Evans, Mayor
City of La Quinta

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