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Dear County Board of Supervisors and Clerk,

With the transfer of land use authority for lands surrounding the March ARB from the March JPA to the County of Riverside comes new responsibility and obligations. As a resident who has been engaged with the business surrounding the March JPA for more than three years, I am especially concerned about this transfer and the pitfalls it might create for local residents.

Now that the responsibility for this area transfers to the County, I request that the County commit in writing to:

- 1) update the land use plan for unentitled/unzoned areas of the March Planning area by the end of the 2025 calendar year; and
- 2) have a formal community engagement plan for the process, including at least one public meeting where community stakeholders such as R-NOW, CAREE, CCAEJ, the Sierra Club, Green Acres, Westmont Village, and U.S. Vets are invited to give input regarding the zoning and uses for undeveloped lands transferred from the MJPA to the County.

The land use planning maps you are adopting from the March JPA are from 1999 and do not account for existing conditions, such as settlement agreements (2003 CAREE/CCA EJ, 2012 Center for Biological Diversity). Riverside County (and the world around us) is fundamentally different from what it was 26 years ago, and the March Area Plan ought to reflect these changes.

As a community member who has successfully fought against warehouses on the West Campus Upper Plateau, I am ready and eager to engage with the County on updating the land use plan, which will impact my neighborhood for decades. Leaving the map as is allows for the developer to resubmit immediately to the County a terrible project that the March JPA unanimously rejected in May 2025.

Please commit — in writing — to working with us.

Sincerely,

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