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Re: JVR Energy Park Project Agenda Item 1, (PDS2018-MUP-18-022), and the coming public hearing on August 18th

August 12, 2021

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Supervisors Nora Vargas - District 1, Joel Anderson - District 2, Terra Lawson-Remer - District 3, Nathan Fletcher - District 4, Jim Desmond - District 5, and all their land-use advisors.

Dear Supervisors Anderson, Vargas, Lawson-Remer, Fletcher, Desmond, and their land-use advisors:

This letter is to request that the supervisors delay their vote on Agenda Item 1 (JVR solar project) on Aug. 18, 2021, to give residents more time to evaluate the feasibility of setting up an EIFD (Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District) in Jacumba Hot Springs - District 2.

An EIFD will allow for the collection of TIF (Tax Increment Financing) funds for the redevelopment of Jacumba in order to build a thriving economy and an enhanced tax base.

Since your vote on this land-use issue will determine if JVR Energy Park is given control of the only land available for growth, it is of great concern to the citizens of Jacumba. It seems only fair that we be given some time to explore another viable option. As it is, the solar park will provide no collective benefits to our residents. However, an EIFD will provide an alternative use of the proposed land with a variety of benefits to the community. These include the development of:

- affordable housing, bypassing the VMT (Vehicular Miles Traveled) restriction;

- community space, like a town hall/auditorium, museum for this historic and storied region, and art gallery as a venue for the many resident artists;
- business space for services like a laundromat, hardware store, and office rental;
- infrastructure for our airport to encourage more frequent use by gliders and private pilots;
- low-impact landscaping (and maintenance) for existing community organizations, such as the community park and seniors center, as well as our downtown area.

These kinds of projects will not only boost our economy by providing short- and long-term jobs but also increase our ability to attract tourists. With the new ownership and development of the Jacumba Hot Springs Spa and Jacumba Lake, these kinds of improvements are critical to the success of rebuilding a once flourishing tourist destination. One has only to look at other communities like Temecula to see the possibilities an EIFD can offer.

We're asking for a chance to expand and prosper, to recreate a community that we (and you) can be proud of, that will sustain us and provide our next generations with a positive future. If the JVR Park project is allowed to build on the only land available for such growth, it not only ties up this land for thirty-five years, but also sets a precedent for blocking it off in perpetuity.

The possibility of a very different future for Jacumba is in your hands.

We're asking you, at the very least, to **delay your vote**.

Sincerely,

Celia Sigmon, Jacumba resident 20+yrs
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