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Dear Board of Supervisors,

My husband and I, both in our 60's, moved to Jacumba Hot Springs in March of 2020, just as Covid was hitting, before the masks, and before the quarantine. It just so happened it came at a time that housing prices were going through the roof, but they were still being purchased shortly after hitting the market. We were so very thankful when our Realtor found us our home. We absolutely love it here in Jacumba Hot Springs. We love the true "Green," the Clean Green Environment.

We were so excited to find affordable housing. Our rent in a single family home was going up \$800.00 a month which was more than we could afford. We had taken good care of the home so the increased rent was not hard for the owner to receive. There were literally no homes available in our area that we could afford on our income, in an area that was safe for us to live, and safe for our cars, free from theft and vandalism that had infiltrated into the area where we were living and moving from. So we went East after looking at all the surrounding areas, any affordable housing had some level of leasing fee for the land and maintenance. We are not in a financial position to pay for a mortgage and HOA Fees, PUD Fees, CAM Fees, etc. Fees that are always rising. So we went further East, we both work in El Cajon, we did not have any interest in going any further east than Jacumba Hot Springs. What we did know, after renting the same home for nine years and having no control over rent increases, we knew we needed to purchase a home, not on leased land with fees, in a safe environment, and at a payment we could afford with our income at our age. We found this in Jacumba Hot Springs! Sure it's a bit rugged here and there, nothing that some redevelopment can't repair, particularly in the main areas.

We love the sound of children playing, dogs barking, barbecues in the summer, and fireplaces in the winter. Some may call us desolate, sleepy, or back country, but we are here loving clean air, beautiful mountain views, peace, and serenity. Please stand for us, the people, tax paying citizens of the United States of America. Say No to this massive solar production plant (JVR Energy Park)!

Please look at the project proposed: JVR Energy Park (a solar production plant) from the perspective of the people. The residents of the community/village of Historical Jacumba Hot Springs, under new ownership, new owners of the Jacumba Hot Springs Spa, Restaurant, Bar, and Motel. We are also new homeowners, as are a few others, as well as renters, Covid hit just

after we moved in, then everyone was quarantined. We never had a chance to get to know people due to Covid concerns. I'm high risk so I need to be particularly careful.

I have a job that is essential so I started working remotely from our home in Jacumba Hot Springs immediately after moving in. We have high speed internet, and satellite services available. I still work remotely and have been approved to continue. I work with an awesome team remotely connecting nurses to doctors, doctors to patients, patients to doctors, pharmacies to doctors, and many other types of non 911 emergencies throughout the country. We have a diverse community. And yes, way out here in the East Empire Mountains of San Diego County, in the tiny community/village of Jacumba Hot Springs!

We have our own Fire Department, Post Office, Library, Water Company, General Store, and the Jacumba Hot Springs Restaurant, Spa, Bar, and Motel under new ownership along with the Jacumba Hot Springs Historical Bath House that is intended to be restored and used for Venues, we have our Jacumba Lake, Gas Stations, and our own Airport! It is really cool to watch the gliders in the sky from the airport.

Please take into consideration:

The size: This project is massive! Our community/village has already done their part, we already have two major renewable energy developments, the 70 acre ECO Substation and the 100+ acre Jacumba Solar Project, and three high voltage lines running through our village, the Sunrise PowerLink, the Southwest Powerlink and the Boulevard 148K V Link. This does not include being surrounded by windmills.

Air Port - This JVR Solar Park proposal consumes our glider airport. The glider airport is quiet, environmentally friendly, and fun to watch!

Wild Life - The birds, we have so many beautiful birds of all sizes that are also amazing to enjoy! Many of these treasured birds will burst into flames when they encounter the ridiculous amount of solar panels used in the production plant! This is not the location for this power plant! This is only the birds! This doesn't include the devastation to the other wildlife in the area!

People - The town of families, children, retired, working, and disabled humans that enjoy peace and serenity will be consumed by this massive solar power plant!

Solar Panel Sounds - Please know: These solar panels will emit a constant inaudible hum that may be unnoticeable to some, but will drive some insane! What a cruel thing to do to innocent people and children!! PLEASE VOTE NO TO ANY SIZE OF THIS PROJECT IN THIS AREA!!!

Weather Changes - The weather: The weather changes dramatically.

We already receive Severe Heat Advisories, We already have fire watches, and Severe Wind Alerts. Adding this size of solar production facility could increase our heat by as much as 15 degrees. How are we suppose to survive 125 degrees temperatures? This cannot happen. Please understand this is not about a clean environment, this will destroy our environment!!

We are counting on you to do the right thing. NO negotiation for a smaller area, NO further negotiations for this area! The developer refuses to redesign and insists on cramming 600 acres of solar panels against a community/village that's only 100 acres.

Furthermore, SDCP - (San Diego Community Power) which provides power for coastal communities, signed the Power Purchase Agreement before the Final Environmental Impact Report was even released. We ask the supervisors demand community choose aggregators like SDCP adhere to their charters and put people first and San Diego Communities first by only sourcing ethical power that has finished being reviewed for its impacts and approved by the board. Do not support rushed and unethical renewable energy development.

I have seen pictures of our area recently in articles, for some reason the focus is not on the most beautiful views, and you can't take pictures of the clean area, the sound of the birds, the sound of children playing, and dogs barking in their different ways of communicating to each other, but not in a way to be intrusive. But we sure can tell if there is an intruder.

Please see how important it is to protect our clean environment within our affordable housing community/village, and help protect our land for future residential type growth, a true Clean "Green" Environmentally Clean Green growth, full of peace, quiet, serenity. Free from the hustle of the city, and city toxins. Real silence and fresh air, and beautiful scenic views.

Please vote NO on this project and redirect it to the proper zone for the safety of the environment, the wildlife, and the people,

families, and children of Jacumba Hot Springs. Save our beautiful scenic view of our Empire Mountains.

We are counting on you to stand up and do the right thing for the people, and the environment, real true “green,” saving the environment green, stand up for our community, and our precious wildlife by saying No to this project for this location!

Please be the strength that turns Green Greedy Money back and stand up for a Green Healthy Environment!

Thank you so very much for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Mark & Lori Summers
Homeowners - Jacumba Hot Springs