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March 3, 2026

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RE: Request for Support for City of Palm Desert's Portola Interchange Project, Community Project Funding/Congressionally Directed Spending

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The City has adopted its Circulation Element, which includes the Portola Interchange as a planned improvement to support mobility, safety, and long-term transportation needs. This project directly advances that adopted policy direction and the City's commitment to maintaining a safe, efficient, and reliable regional transportation network.

This is one of the last major interchange projects remaining in the Coachella Valley and is shovel-ready for construction. However, without additional funding, the City is unable to initiate construction of this critical project. Federal support through Community Project Funding would help advance this project and deliver long-term mobility and safety benefits for the region.

Thank you for your consideration and continued support of the City of Palm Desert. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at 760-346-0611 or cityhall@palmdesert.gov.

Sincerely,

Evan Trubee
Mayor, City of Palm Desert



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Dear Senator Padilla, Senator Schiff, and Congressman Calvert,

On behalf of the Coachella Valley Disaster Preparedness Network, I am writing to express strong support for the City of Palm Desert's Portola Avenue / Interstate 10 Interchange Project (Portola Interchange Project) and the City's request for Community Project Funding/Congressionally Directed Spending.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Mitch Brown'. The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light blue horizontal line.

Mitch Brown

President

CVDPN - Coachella Valley Disaster Preparedness Network

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Dear Senator Padilla, Senator Schiff, and Congressman Calvert:

On behalf of the Coachella Valley Water District, I am writing to express strong support for the City of Palm Desert's Portola Avenue / Interstate 10 Interchange Project (Portola Interchange Project) and the City's request for Community Project Funding/Congressionally Directed Spending.

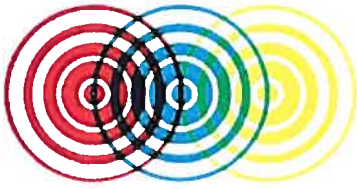
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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

J. M. Barrett
General Manager



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**RE: Request for Support for City of Palm Desert's Portola Interchange Project,
Community Project Funding/Congressionally Directed Spending**

Dear Senator Padilla, Senator Schiff, and Congressman Calvert,

On behalf of Desert Sands Unified School District, I am writing to express strong support for the City of Palm Desert's Portola Avenue / Interstate 10 Interchange Project (Portola Interchange Project) and the City's request for Community Project Funding/Congressionally Directed Spending.

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Thank you for your consideration,



Jordan Aquino
Assistant Superintendent, Business Services
Desert Sands Unified School District



ROBERT FISH, FIRE CHIEF

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Dear Senator Padilla, Senator Schiff, and Congressman Calvert,

On behalf of CAL FIRE/Riverside County Fire Department, I am writing to express strong support for the City of Palm Desert’s Portola Avenue / Interstate 10 Interchange Project (Portola Interchange Project) and the City’s request for Community Project Funding/Congressionally Directed Spending.

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Funding would help advance this project and deliver long-term mobility and safety benefits for the region.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Cody Wright

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**RE: City of Palm Desert: Portola Interchange Project, Community Project
Funding/Congressionally Directed Spending**

Dear Senator Padilla, Senator Schiff, and Congressman Calvert:

The City of Palm Desert Portola Interchange Project warrants strong support for Community Project Funding through the Community Project Funding / Congressionally Directed Spending process.

The project will construct a new interchange at Interstate 10 and Portola Avenue, a critical transportation improvement for both the City of Palm Desert and the broader Coachella Valley region. The new interchange will provide much needed congestion relief for neighboring interchanges, support anticipated development in North Palm Desert, and improve access to tribal lands located north of the freeway.

In addition to improving daily traffic flow, the project will strengthen regional goods movement and enhance the region's emergency evacuation capacity and overall transportation resiliency. As one of the final major interchange projects planned for the Coachella Valley, the Portola Interchange represents an important long-term investment in the region's transportation network.

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The project is fully designed and shovel ready for construction. However, without additional funding, the City is unable to move forward with construction of this critical regional infrastructure improvement.

Thank you for your continued partnership in supporting transportation investments that strengthen mobility, safety, and regional connectivity. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office at 760-346-6342 or at Assemblymember.Wallis@assembly.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Greg Wallis', with a stylized flourish at the end.

GREG WALLIS
Assemblymember, 47th District

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