



March 7, 2023

The Honorable Ken Calvert  
United States House of Representatives  
2205 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Subject: Support CPF Funding for the Coachella Valley Rail Project

Dear Representative Calvert:

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communities, and improve air quality. **For these reasons, we are proud to support RCTC's \$5 million Community Project Funding request.**

For questions regarding this letter of support, please contact Chris Freeland, City Manager at (760) 346-2489 or via email at [cfreeland@indianwells.com](mailto:cfreeland@indianwells.com).

Sincerely,

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Donna Griffith, Mayor  
City of Indian Wells

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Respectfully submitted,



Bryan H. Montgomery  
City Manager

cc: Indio City Council



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**Subject: Support CPF Funding for the Coachella Valley Rail Project**

Dear Representative Calvert:

On behalf of the City of Lake Elsinore, I write in support of the Riverside County Transportation Commission's (RCTC) Community Project Funding (CPF) request for \$5 million for the Coachella Valley (CV Rail) Project Tier II Approval and Environmental Documentation phase. This project is critical to bringing new daily passenger rail service between Los Angeles Union Station and the communities of the Coachella Valley.

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For questions regarding this letter of support, please contact me at 951-674-3124 x362 or email me at [jsimpson@lake-elsinore.org](mailto:jsimpson@lake-elsinore.org).

Sincerely,



Jason Simpson  
City Manager

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Coachella Valley Economic Partnership  
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United States House of Representatives  
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Washington, D.C. 20515

**Subject: Support CPF Funding for the Coachella Valley Rail Project**

Dear Representative Calvert:

On behalf of the Coachella Valley Economic Partnership, I write in support of the Riverside County Transportation Commission's (RCTC) Community Project Funding (CPF) request for \$5 million for the Coachella Valley (CV Rail) Project Tier II Approval and Environmental Documentation phase. This project is critical to bringing new daily passenger rail service between Los Angeles Union Station and the communities of the Coachella Valley.

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For questions regarding this letter of support, please contact me at [joe@cvep.com](mailto:joe@cvep.com).

Sincerely,

*Joe J. Wallace*

Joe J. Wallace, CEO and Chief Innovation Officer  
Coachella Valley Economic Partnership

# COACHELLA VALLEY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

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**Subject: Strong Support for the Coachella Valley Rail Project**

Dear Representative Calvert:

As the Executive Director of the Coachella Valley Association of Governments, I write in strong support of the Riverside County Transportation Commission's (RCTC) Community Project Funding (CPF) request for \$5 million for the Coachella Valley (CV Rail) Project Tier II Approval and Environmental Documentation phase. This project is critical to bringing new daily passenger rail service between Los Angeles Union Station and the communities of the Coachella Valley.

CVAG is a joint powers authority comprised of the nine Coachella Valley cities, the City of Blythe, four local Tribal Nations and the County of Riverside. CVAG also plans and builds regional transportation of significance. By providing daily passenger rail, the Southern California can increase environmental sustainability through reduced emissions from mobile sources and strengthen economic ties by connecting passengers to restaurants, resorts, music festivals, sports facilities, and commercial and retail centers along the route.

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I am proud to support RCTC's \$5 million Community Project Funding request and urge your favorable consideration of their request. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly at 760-346-1127 or at [tkirk@cvag.org](mailto:tkirk@cvag.org).

Sincerely,

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Tom Kirk  
Executive Director



March 9, 2023

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United States House of Representatives  
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Washington, D.C. 20515

**Subject: Support CPF Funding for the Coachella Valley Rail Project**

Dear Representative Calvert:

On behalf of the Greater Coachella Valley Chamber of Commerce, I write in support of the Riverside County Transportation Commission's (RCTC) Community Project Funding (CPF) request for \$5 million for the Coachella Valley (CV Rail) Project Tier II Approval and Environmental Documentation phase. This project is critical to bringing new daily passenger rail service between Los Angeles Union Station and the communities of the Coachella Valley.

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For questions regarding this letter of support, please contact Chris Collier, GCVCC Legislative Consultant at [chris@rinconstrategies.com](mailto:chris@rinconstrategies.com).

Sincerely,

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Chris Collier  
GCVCC Legislative Team



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Dear Representative Calvert:

On behalf of the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) I am pleased to request \$5 million in Community Project Funding (CPF) for the Coachella Valley Rail (CV Rail) Project Tier II Approval and Environmental Documentation phase. This project is critical to bringing new daily passenger rail service between Los Angeles Union Station and the communities of the Coachella Valley.

We are deeply appreciative of your ongoing support for this project, which was reflected in a letter submitted along with our application to receive federal Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements program funding. This is just one of countless examples of your commitment to strengthening the infrastructure in our region, which is experiencing rapid growth and considered to be the backbone in the national goods movement.

RCTC is working on developing this 144-mile route connecting Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, and Riverside Counties to the Coachella Valley. The Tier I environmental clearance for the corridor was completed and unanimously approved in July 2022. With this investment, you would help advance both the NEPA/CEQA Tier II Project Approval and the Environmental Documentation phase of the project, the next step toward construction.

The CV Rail Project is critically important for the Inland Southern California region, as it is the only region of its size and population in the state without daily intercity rail service. As you know, well over 160,000 people travel through the San Geronio Pass every day, and the I-10 freeway alone is not capable of sustaining the growing transportation needs in this corridor.

This project presents significant economic opportunities by establishing a new service that connects passengers to restaurants, resorts, music festival, sports facilities, and commercial and retail centers along the route. The potential for job creation and economic growth as a direct result of this project cannot be overstated.

Therefore, we respectfully request \$5 million in Community Project Funding for the CV Rail Project. Thank you again for your continued focus on delivering quality transportation projects to the region. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at [amayer@rctc.org](mailto:amayer@rctc.org) or 951-787-7141.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Anne E Mayer".

Anne Mayer  
Executive Director





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**RE: SCAG Support for RCTC's CPF Request – Coachella Valley Rail Project**

Dear Representative Calvert:

On behalf of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), I am writing to express support for the Riverside County Transportation Commission's (RCTC) Community Project Funding (CPF) request for \$5 million for the Coachella Valley (CV Rail) Project Tier II Approval and Environmental Documentation phase. This project is critical to bringing new daily passenger rail service between Los Angeles Union Station and the communities of the Coachella Valley.

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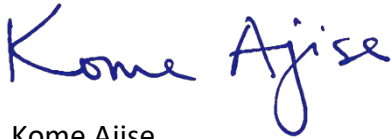
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The Coachella Valley Rail Project is a once-in-a-generation and regionally transformational project that will spur economic growth and prosperity, connect local communities, and improve air quality. Further, as a project consistent with the policies and goals set forth in Connect SoCal, the 2020-2045 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS), we support these efforts and respectfully request full and fair consideration of RCTC's CPF request. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Philip Law, Manager of Mobility Planning and Goods Movement, at (213) 236-1841 or email at [law@scag.ca.gov](mailto:law@scag.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



Kome Ajise  
Executive Director



## Western Riverside Council of Governments

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Sincerely,

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Kurt Wilson  
Executive Director