



# City of Palm Springs

Grace Garner, Mayor

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March 1, 2023

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein  
United States Senate  
331 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

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B03 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

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United States House of Representatives  
2205 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

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For these reasons, I ask for your support for community project funding for the City of Palm Springs and assist them in this critical regional transportation initiative. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Grace Garner". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Grace" and the last name "Garner" clearly distinguishable.

Grace Garner  
Mayor, City of Palm Springs

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Greg Wallis  
Assemblymember, 47<sup>th</sup> District

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February 28, 2023

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Kelly Seyarto  
State Senator, 32nd District