

# **Interoffice Memo**

March 9, 2023 **PHONE**: 387-0235 DATE:

JIM MORRISSEY, Contract Planner Land Use Services Department

TO: HONORABLE PLANNING COMMISSION

APPLICANT: ROBOTT LAND COMPANY; PROJECT NUMBER: PROJ-2020-00191 SUBJECT:

(AGENDA ITEM #4)

Since the distribution of the staff report, Staff has received additional comments for the above-referenced Project. These additional comments are attached for your consideration.

JM/HD/lb

From: Rebecca Ewing

To: Planning Commission Comments
Subject: Concern about Flamingo 640 project
Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 8:21:46 PM

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Dear Chair Jonathan Weldy, Commissioner Matthew Slowik, Vice Chair Michael Stoffel, Commissioner Melissa Demirci, and Commissioner Kareem Gong,

I'm writing because I'm concerned about the Flamingo 640 project. I have been visiting the Yucca Valley / Joshua tree area as a lover of the high desert environment and a lover of the unique community for years. I have stayed in the area that would be impacted by this development several times, and dear friends of mine live in this community full time. This area is not well-suited for this type of development, and I'm extremely concerned by the impact on the fragile desert environment, the limited resources of this community, and the impact to traffic in the area for both residents and visitors.

I have family who live south of the park, and every time I visit them I'm reminded why this area, which Flamingo 640 would negatively impact, is so incredibly special. More development of this type is not necessary or responsible, and also may be a terrible investment on behalf of the investors who seem to not understand this area very well. Glamping in an area that gets extremely high winds? This is not a viable long term plan for the owners and will lead to construction/maintenance headaches and likely a diminished or lost return on an investment that will negatively impact the environment and community for both residents and visitors.

I've NEVER had a difficult time finding a short term rental in the area, and this glamping complex is just plain not needed. It offers nothing to the local residents or other visitors and just doesn't make sense. There is an opportunity here to deny the Flamingo 640 project approval and keep a wonder of the world more wild, healthy, and intact. Please do not throw that opportunity away.

Thank you for taking the time to read my thoughts. I urge your careful consideration and a full EIR under CEQA which would clearly outline the likely impacts of this development the community and desert-lovers like myself are so distressed by.

Sincerely and respectfully, Rebecca Ewing

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pronouns: she, her, hers

From: DEREK GIRLING

To: Planning Commission Comments

Subject: Flamingo Heights Glamping PROJ-2020-00191 Parcel no. 0629-181-01

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# Regarding Resort Camping - Conditional Use Permit PROJ-2020-00191

I own a home within 300' of the proposed Resort Camping Conditional Use Permit requested by RoBott Land Company. I have owned my home since 2014.

Given that this development requires rezoning a residential RL 5 area when there are nearby commercially zoned parcels, the bar for approval should be exceptionally high.

I have several concerns that would challenge the wisdom of granting this permit to this developer.

Furthermore, this developer does not have a verifiable record of completing and operating any projects of this size, scope, or nature. A failure to complete the development and operate it per the CUP would result in an irreparable eyesore on a designated scenic highway.

**Zoning** – the parcel, as all parcels adjacent is currently zoned RL 5. The project would require rezoning the parcel. The county worked with the local community (Homestead Valley Community Counsel) several years ago and designated parcels adjacent to the highway and north of this parcel as suitable and agreeable for commercial rezoning. This undeveloped parcel was intentionally not included in the proposed commercial zone. The county should honor that commitment. This development would not provide any utility to local residents. Re-zoning to benefit a single investor group over the objections of virtually all nearby stakeholders would be extremely detrimental to the community.

It is my understanding that an acceptable use of the property is as a campground. Campgrounds are defined as "a site used or intended to be used, let, or rented for camping purposes by two or more camping parties in trailers, tents, or other movable or *temporary* dwellings". This proposed project has permanent tent cabins with individual bathrooms at each permanent tent. It sounds like it does not meet the criteria for the county definition and code.

**Public Safety** – the proposed development is on a highly trafficked 2 lane scenic corridor with substantial truck traffic between the 10 and 15 Interstate freeways. Hundreds of cars turning into and out of the development each day would pose a safety concern as well as tax our already understaffed CHP, Sheriff, and Fire Department resources responding to increased incidents. Drivers unfamiliar with our local roads would be expected to arrive and leave throughout the day and night. This corridor is also an emergency evacuation route in the event of an earthquake or natural disaster. A comprehensive traffic study must be required to

accurately access risk.

# Environmental Concerns including Wildlife Protections, Sewage Disposal, Noise, Light Trespass, Air Quality

Wildlife - on my property nearly adjacent to the parcel I have personally seen and in most cases have photographic evidence of resident tortoises, desert fox, bobcat, coyotes, Great Western Horned owls, as well as numerous species of both native and migratory birds. This directly contradicts assertions made in the documents submitted by the developer. The county itself has documented this parcel as critical desert tortoise habitat.

**Sewage** – there will be substantial amounts of sewage created daily by a development of this scope with hundreds of guests. In the wash below the proposed parcel is a recharge basin for the aquifer. A sewage failure here could result in raw sewage leaching into our groundwater.

**Noise** – given the number of guests, noise complaints would be inevitable. The development would need to have 24-hour security responsive to complaints from neighbors. Additionally, the noise from the construction would be substantial. The number of truckloads of concrete required to build out the building foundations, swimming pool, septic system, and fire pits would be considerable.

**Light Trespass** – although the plan calls for lighting compliant with county ordinance, the volume of cars coming in and out each night with their headlights on, campers woith flashlights, and campers in the large chalets and lofts would be hard to control. Our light resource is an important component of this rural community.

**Air Quality** – the volume of cars each day as well as the above mentioned construction traffic will negatively affect our local air quality.

Other Options – if the developer is serious about their intentions to develop a resort camping experience near the National Park, they should be encourage to seek out a more appropriate commercially-zoned parcel closer to the park and it's services. We definitely could benefit for more regulated lodging for park visitors but this specific parcel is not a good option.

Conclusions - Due to the numerous inaccuracies in the documents RoBott Land Company submitted with their application including an inaccurate description of local zoning (RL 5 vs RL 2.5) used to illustrate relative densities of residential use verses commercial use, failure to address the BLM designation of the parcel as being part of an Area of Critical Environmental Concern, conducting wildlife surveys during periods of hibernation for local species, and material changes as to the nature of the development (initial plans included a 25,000 seat amphitheater), the county should not rely on any documentation submitted by the developer and should instead rely on a comprehensive CEQA environmental impact report, traffic study, seismic study, etc.

Please feel free to contact me anytime with questions.

Sincerely,

Derek Girling

56363 La Brisa Drive

Yucca Valley, CA 92284

From: Sharon Dove

To: <u>Planning Commission Comments</u>

Subject: Fwd: OPPOSE PROJECT 2020 00191 OPPOSED !!!

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oppose. follow zoning and general plan. NO USE IF YOU OVERRIDE FOR MONEY

The area is zoned for 'Rural Living,' not commercial, which the applicants have circumvented with a Conditional Use Permit (CUP). This project could set a dangerous precedent and affect other Rural Living codes if the developer gets through the loophole by calling this project a 'Campground.'

From: S Bet

To: <u>Planning Commission Comments</u>

Subject: Fwd: S. B. Cty Planning Commission 3/9/23 PROJ-2020-00191 (FLAMINGO 640)

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From: **Susan Betouliere** < <u>susan.betouliere@gmail.com</u>>

Date: Tue, Mar 7, 2023 at 11:52 PM

Subject: S. B. Cty Planning Commission 3/9/23 PROJ-2020-00191 (FLAMINGO 640)

To: <PlanningCommissionComments@lus.sbcounty>

Dear Chair Jonathan Weldy, Commissioner Matthew Slowik, Vice Chair Michael Stoffel, Commissioner Melissa Demirci, and Commissioner Kareem Gongora,

We are writing because of our concerns and **opposition to the Flamingo** 640 "Glamping" Project # PROJ-2020-00191

My husband Paul and I purchased a homestead cabin on 10 acres in 2007. We exit Hwy 247 (Old Woman Springs Rd) at La Brisa to drive to our property on Breezy Lane, Yucca Valley. Therefore we are neighbors in very close proximity to the proposed Flamingo 640 "Glamping" Project # PROJ-2020-00191, APN 0629-181-01

Traffic safety is a real concern on Hwy 247 (OWS Rd.). The narrow, winding two lane highway cannot support increased constant traffic. There are already many collisions and reckless, speeding drivers. Our community has experienced many head-on collisions, serious injuries and fatalities. I was not able to obtain a full report, but will include articles of (6) fatalities here.

# TERRA VISTA ROAD HEAD-ON **ACCIDENT KILLS 55-YEAR-OLD** PERRIS WOMAN [YUCCA VALLEY,

& By Aian Dizon February 4, 2023



59-Year-Old Yucca Valley Man Injured in Fatal Crash on Old **Woman Springs** Road

Yucca Valley, CA (February 3, 2023) On Friday evening, a 55-year-old Perris woman died after a traffic accident at Terra Vista Road.

Authorities say that the fatal head-on crash happened at about 6 p.m. on Old Woman Springs Road.

Reports say that a 59-year-old Yucca Valley man sustained serious injuries in the

The San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department says that the woman was in a southbound Chevrolet HHR that collided with a northbound Kia Soul. The Yucca Valley man was driving the Kia.

Paramedics transported the female driver to Hi-Desert Medical Center, where medical personnel's pronounced her dead. Meanwhile, medics transported the Yucca Valley man to Desert Regional Medical Center.

Deputies are investigating the fatal crash and have not released further information at this time.



#### Semi-Truck, Mini Cooper Crash on Highway 247

LUCERNE VALLEY, Calif. (August 26, 2022) — A fatal crash on Old Woman Springs Road also

known as state route 247 happened Friday morning near Santa Fe Fire Road.

The two-vehicle crash occurred about 4:14 a.m. on August 26th, according to the California Highway Patrol (https://cad.chp.ca.gov/traffic.aspx).

# Yucca Valley, CA-Woman Killed And Three People Injured In An Oncoming Traffic Collision In Old Woman **Springs Road**

An 84-year old woman from Yucca Valley, Sharon Meler, at 3:10 pm on Monday, May 27 2019, in an oncoming traffic collision in Old Woman Springs Road in Terra Vista Road in Yucca Valley. Three people in the third vehicle involved in the collision were seriously injured. According to the Sheriff's Department, a Ford F-150 truck coming from northbound in the rear of Meler's whiche while she was waiting for the oncoming road for the oncoming road before she was about to turn left. After Meler's which was high by the Ford truck, the former crashed into a white Cadillac CTS vehicle travelling from southbound from the oncoming traffic. The driver of the Cadillac vehicle was trapped in the car. Firefighters extricated him from the vehicle using the Jaws of Life, according to San Bernardino County Fire Capt., Zack Taylor.

nd deadly crash that occurred last month in Old Woman Springs Road.

#### Man, 22, and Girl, 19, Killed in Landers Crash on Old Woman Springs Road

LANDERS, San Bernardino County (December 3, 2017) -Two people were killed in a traffic collision on Old Woman Springs Road Friday afternoon, according to the San Bernardino County Coroner Press Release.

Authorities identified the deceased parties only as a 22year-old male, and a 19-year-old female. It was not immediately clear if the victims were occupying the same or different vehicles when the crash happened.





LANDERS, Calif. (VVNG.com) - A 45-year-old motorcyclist lost his life following a crash involving a box truck on SR-247 or more commonly known as Old Woman Springs Road.

The addition of 300-400 visitors and 50 or more employees entering and exiting on a hazardous road is reckless and dangerous for all of us. We need a thorough **Traffic Impact Study**, additional lanes the entire length of the highway and traffic lights. Bottom line--- the commercial development should not be allowed!

This project will endanger wildlife along a beautiful wildlife corridor--Pipes Canyon Wash.



The tortoise photo was taken directly in front of our home. We are in plain view of the 640 acre parcel to the north of us.

The **tortoise burrows** were discovered on our 10 acre property just last week 3/3/23.

We are **less than 1 mile from the proposed Glamping site** which has 640 acres. It is highly unlikely that no tortoises exist there.





This last photo is just south of the 640 acres on the same side of the wash.

The RoBott Land Co. applicant claims "There are no desert tortoise occurrences documented on site or directly adjacent to it....Desert Tortoise are therefore currently absent from the Project Site". We find this statement to be careless,

dismissive and suspicious! How was their study conducted? What time of year? The tortoise hibernate November to March and can spend 95% of their time in their burrows, (up to 30 feet underground)!

The Circle Mountain Biological Consultants performed a Focused Survey for Desert Tortoise and Western Burrowing Owl and General Biological Resource Assessment between September 18 and October 4, 2006 on the same 640 acre site APN 0629-181-01. They spent 151 hours on the survey and found 7 tortoises, 29 burrows,

109 fresh scat, 42 older scat, and two sets of tracks. They noted that "a majority of the tortoise sign was observed in Area 1, which comprises the upland, plateau area between Hwy 247 and Pipes Wash." This is also the area of the proposed glamping development! Since the tortoise is designated as a Threatened species by both the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and California Fish and Game Commission, such impacts would be considered significant under CEQA. Development of the property could result in the loss of occupied habitat and potential injury or death to animals occurring on the site, which would constitute "take" under State (CESA) and federal endangered species acts (FESA). Both the CDFG and USFWS must authorize incidental take, since both state and federal governments list the tortoise as threatened.

A full comprehensive CEQA Environmental Impact report should at the very least be a requirement during the time that the tortoises are active.

The Historical/Archaeological Resources Survey Report submitted to S.B County Planning Dept. prepared by CRM Tech April 9, 2020 states "the presence of the isolated artifacts demonstrates some sensitivity for **potentially buried prehistoric cultural remains** within the project area". That said, if the project is approved will archeological monitoring be enforced?

The same Survey Report states, "The area is **susceptible to wildfires** during the dry season." There is a genuine threat to human and animal life from fires. The winds are almost constant and it's common to have 20-30 mph sometimes up to 60 mph. **Under no circumstances should large 700 square foot fire pits be allowed in this dangerous high wind area! Our lives and homes are threatened.** 

The developers from Beverly Hills have been careless in their research and oblivious to the wind events in Pipes Canyon. Fires spread fast as we witnessed during the 2006 Sawtooth Fire.

There is also an issue of the fire pits smoke polluting and drifting to the neighbors constantly. We are grateful for this ideal location because of the constant breezes and fresh air!

The current zoning Homestead Valley Rural Living (HV/RL-5) is what draws us to love being here. It is peaceful and serene day and night.

If the Conditional Use Permit is granted it will change our neighborhood forever! This is the wrong location as it will also bring **noise and light pollution**.

There is no way that 300 vacationing visitors, and a helicopter will not be heard from surrounding neighborhoods.

Noise carries easily across the canyon as we have witnessed from neighbors occasional partying, loud talking and barking dogs.

Our night skies are currently perfect for comet & star gazing. It would be devastating to lose that. We need the Counties help in preserving the dark night sky.

The amount of light needed for a large development with hundreds of guests, plus ambient light from lodging units, party lights, headlights, etc.

will ruin this experience of dark skies for all of us forever! We already see glaring headlights from the north coming directly into our home. Can you imagine adding cars from 75 campsites coming and going?

The Draft study done by the applicant is inadequate, deficient and downplays very important subjects.

At the very least a **thorough and unbiased Environmental Impact study must be conducted** and the voices of the community need to be listened to.

We along with many others in our community oppose this project. As a Rural Living community we don't want a development to add more danger to our roads, cause a fire hazard, light and noise pollution, obstruct our views, and harm the precious natural environment.

Sincerely, Susan and Paul Betouliere

# Lucerne Valley Economic Development Association P. O. Box 193 Lucerne Valley, CA 92356 www.lveda.org

#### Comments:

Resort Camping Project Number PROJ-2020-00191 off Hwy 247.

# March 9, 2023 Planning Commission Hearing

We are part of a coalition of communities from Lucerne Valley east to Homestead Valley dealing with similar, rural land-use issues that affect all of us. One of our concerns is the number of land uses allowed in RL Zoning which is totally inconsistent with the basic intent of said 'rural' zoning. Our Lucerne Valley Community Plan contains a significant amount of RL zoning - and similar to this project - its allowed uses would be detrimental to our land-use integrity, infrastructure, and rural environment.

This project absolutely requires an EIR.

It's a product of the glitch in the County Development Code. RL zoning is for residential land uses. A campground – especially one like this - doesn't and shouldn't be a legal use in it. It makes no difference if it's a reservation only. It is a commercial project. It should only be allowed in a desert 'commercial zone. It's a totally different land use than typical RL – and definitely more intense than even what's envisioned in the Development Code.

Reliance on MDAQMD's and the County's fugitive dust rules – hardly ever enforced - isn't mitigation. Soil erosion mitigation needs to be specific – the amount of grading allowed at a time immediately followed with water application – no grading/land clearing during windy days – continued stabilization until developed with facilities or paving – etc. "Best practices" don't work for desert land clearing/grading. Construction-related dirt (more than just PM 10 and 2.5) will blow off into downwind receptors and other properties – not consistent with residential zoning.

If this area is rich enough in cultural resources to be designated an ACEC – more attention should be placed on specific impacts and the overall open-space environment associated with ACECs.

Noise generated by the campground's urban-oriented visitors – even without the amphitheater – will be significantly greater than from typical 'desert' residential. It cannot be adequately mitigated nor requirements enforced. Even 'compliance with the

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County's Noise Element' would still allow more significant ambient noise that from typical residential uses.

The traffic analysis is lame. 25 vehicles in and out in the AM and the same for the PM are <u>underestimated</u> – and definitely more concentrated than typical residential traffic. The campers will be coming and going at all hours, visiting sites around the region – shopping – etc. A Right/Left turn pocket into the driveway is absolutely necessary. And it isn't just about the "Average Daily Traffic" from the project – but existing conditions – short line of site on 247 from the driveway – the curve heading into Pipes Wash canyon - the posted speed on the highway 55mph – vehicles going a lot faster than that – some a lot slower – other safety issues - etc. This is 'commercial' type traffic – not residential.

THIS IS AN INTENSE COMMERCIAL PROJECT IN RESIDENTIAL ZONING. The environmental analysis shines on what the project will do to the community's custom/culture/land-use character - how inconsistent it is with the current community plan. 300 visitors – 75 campsites – 100 parking spaces – plus the long list of all the appurtenant facilities - all concentrated on 25 acres – doesn't fit there. Adequate "Findings Of Approval" can't be made.

The Planning Commission should deny it.

Chuck Bell, President Lucerne Valley Economic Development Association (LVEDA) From: AP Storrs

To: <u>Planning Commission Comments</u>

**Subject:** NO Flamingo 640

**Date:** Tuesday, March 7, 2023 8:10:31 PM

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This project is the last thing we need in this town. Please do not allow this to go through without first. Full Environmental Impact Report under CEQA. This project will endanger wildlife corridors that are so desperately needed. Joshua Trees need permanent protection. We need to protect our beautyfull homeland. NO BIG LUXURY DEVELOPMENTS. The sewage & water use alone will be an environmental disaster. Plus this will be such a nuisance to all of us in the area. NO Flamingo 640!

Please - we are all counting on you!

**Andrew Storrs** 

From: <u>brandy dyess</u>

To: <u>Planning Commission Comments</u>

**Subject:** NO to Flamingo Heights 640 Glamping Proposal

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San Bernardino County Government Center 385 N. Arrowhead, First Floor San Bernardino, CA 92415

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to voice my concern and say NO to the proposed Flamingo Heights Glamping site.

Sincerely,

Brandy Dyess Landers resident From: Robert Bagel

To: <u>Planning Commission Comments; Supervisor Rowe</u>

Subject: No to Flamingo Heights 640

Date: Monday, March 6, 2023 9:38:24 PM

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#### Dear Planning Commission,

I started coming to the area in 1978 and have owned a home in Yucca Valley for seven years. I have witnessed the steady degradation of the desert by people and projects that have no long term interest in protecting our area. Flamingo Heights 640 epitomizes that! Please be responsible and honest adults and stop this abominable Disneyization of the Mojave. Camping would be bad enough, but industrialized glamping, commercial disruption of wildlife, and additional traffic in an area far from the national

park helps no one in the area. Sure, there will be some minor economic benefits on the margin, but the overall costs to the area with negative externalities are obscenely high, and make this project obviously untenable. If you are in the pocket of a Beverly Hills developer, than it may be in your corrupt interest to allow such a project; but if you are honest in your service to the community and are interested in protecting the actual basis for the appeal and success of our area, you will stop Flamingo Heights 640.

Thank you,

Robert Bagel

Yucca Valley, California

From: Olivia

To: Planning Commission Comments

**Subject:** No to the glampsite

**Date:** Monday, March 6, 2023 2:52:27 PM

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Hi. So for them to get a permit for a glampsite on a rural living zone, everything has to be removable, however they are planning to have a septic system for the bathroom area. As well as for the restaurant and camp store, how are those removable? They seem pretty permanent to me. This seems like another point to why the site shouldn't be allowed. As Flamingo Heights residents, we really hope this doesn't happen.

Secondly, we have more than enough accommodations for visitors in the form of AirBnBs and campsites already!

The right thing to do with owning this land would be to donate it to MDLT or the national park for preservation.

-Olivia and Jake

Sent from my iPhone

From: <u>Jessica Graybill</u>

To: Planning Commission Comments
Subject: Opposing Flamingo 640

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#### Hello.

I am writing to voice opposition for Flamingo 640. In addition to being a detriment to the environment, this development will be hugely detrimental to our tight-knit rural community. The area is zoned for rural living. This way of life will be ruined with traffic, light pollution, noise, and will cause an immense strain on already limited local resources. This project is exploitative and not at all welcome, and will likely not get a substantial return on investment amidst strong, vocal, local opposition.

This project should be stricken for safety reasons, as well. The acreage is bisected by a wash, which would be incredibly dangerous for any patrons and could lead to potential injury or death in the event of flash flooding (happens more often than you think!). Buildings will be subject to wind gusts up to 80mph that happen regularly and year-round, which will cause property damage at best and injury and death to guests at worst.

Flamingo 640 will be a disastrous investment. People come to the desert because it is raw, open land with thriving wildlife - this is what we need to be protecting! Building on all the open land and destroying habitat for sensitive species is going to make this place just like every other city that people are running away from. Land is not a renewable resource. Please consider donating your land to a local land trust that will protect it and preserve it for future desert lovers to experience.

Thanks,

Jessica Graybill

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Thanks,

Jessica Graybill

From: <u>Eleanor Whitney</u>

To: Planning Commission Comments

**Subject:** Opposition to the Flamingo 640 Project PROJ-2020-00191

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Dear Chair Jonathan Weldy, Commissioner Mathhew Slowk, Vice Chair Michael Stoffel, Commissioner Melissa Demirci, and Commissioner Kareem Gon,

I am writing to you as a concerned resident of Flamingo Heights, a rural neighborhood in Yucca Valley in San Bernardino county. Despite vocal opposition from local residents and trusted organizations like the Mojave Desert Landtrust, I am deeply concerned that the development of the Flamingo 640 project is still moving forward, especially without undergoing a full Environmental Impact Report.

I am writing to demand a full Environmental Impact Report under CEQA, which would include traffic studies, wildlife impact, and air, water, noise, and dark sky impacts.

I have multiple concerns about the project, especially related to environmental impact and traffic highway 247. Highway 247 is a narrow, hilly, and curving two-lane highway that is already heavily utilized, especially by large trucks, and the site of many fatal accidents. It cannot support increased traffic and congestion.

Resources and infrastructure are already stretched thin in our desert community and this large development would bring increased traffic, pollution, trash, and water usage to our community. It is also located in an area already distinguished as threatened by wildfires.

The project will also endanger threatened wildlife in an important coordinator along the Pipes Canyon Wash, which borders the Sand to Snow National Monument. Species that will be negatively impacted by this project include threatened desert tortoises, protected burrowing owls, coyotes, and jackrabbits. I am also concerned that the project plans to remove at least 34 Western Joshua Trees, a protected species which is highly threatened by development and climate change.

A rural zoned area does not need a private resort or experience or a hotel. If the goal is to ease camping congestion in Joshua Tree National Park I urge the county to look into lower-impact, smaller alternatives that are accessibly priced for community residents and visitors, and do not threaten to harm or change the character of the desert that we all love.

Thank you for your consideration.
Sincerely,
Eleanor Whitney
433 Jemez Trail, Yucca Valley, CA 92284

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Eleanor C. Whitney

From: Philip Primason

To: Planning Commission Comments
Subject: Opposition to the Flamingo 640
Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 12:22:47 PM

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Hello,

I am writing to oppose the Flamingo 640. As a frequent visitor to the Northern Yucca Valley area with family living there, there are countless reasons to oppose the development. Although the noise pollution, effect on traffic, and crowding of the National Park are all major concerns without any appreciable benefit to the local community, the environmental impact of the Flamingo 640 is the most pressing. The sudden introduction of a massive resort (disingenuously presented as a campsite) would put huge strain on the fragile water table in this area, and the risk to the endangered and threatened species in the wildlife corridor must be studied thoroughly and appreciated. In my opinion, the fact that the proposal includes the destruction of three dozen Joshua Trees indicates the developer's priorities in this matter.

Thank you, Philip Primason From: <u>isabelparkes@gmail.com</u>
To: <u>Planning Commission Comments</u>

**Subject:** PROJ-2020-00191 Resort Camping — local voter's comment

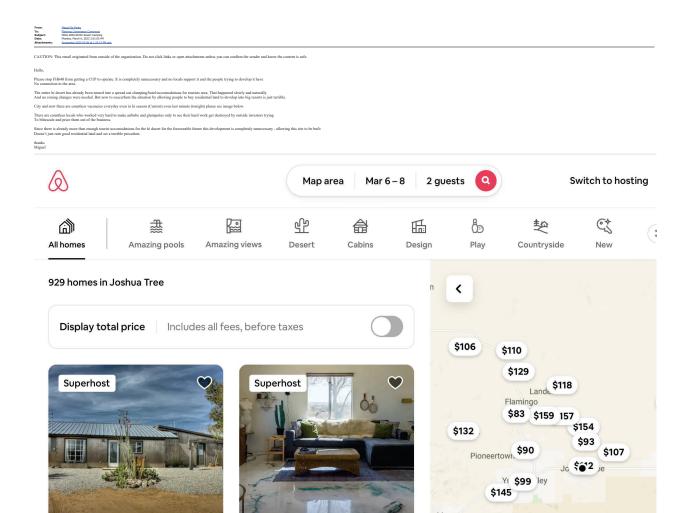
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Awful and short sighted idea to destroy our pristine shared nature for the benefit of few through this campground. Moving forward with this would mean we — the high desert community — suffer irreversible effects enacted by profit driven developers with no interest in the ecological wellbeing of this place nor the financial, physical or emotional well being of those of us who live here. I vote no on this planning proposal.

Isabel Parkes 2687 Ox Yoke Pass Pioneertown 92268

Home owner and Resident since 1999



From: Louise Goffin

To: Planning Commission Comments

Subject: PROJ-2020-00191 Resort Camping

Date: Sunday, March 5, 2023 9:49:18 PM

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Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this project which raises environmental concerns.

I hope you read this with thought and concern, and do not leave those in your fellow SB community feeling dismissed.

Given the incredible scope of this project and the irreversible potential harm it could bring to this rurally-zoned community, residents who live here have a right to the full analysis required by a *CEQA Environmental Impact Report* to weigh the potential impact on Pipe's Wash. The proposal is a substantial departure from what would be expected for the locale, given the existing land use designation – and this project poses significant unmitigated biological and other impacts.

# Outstanding potential harm of concern:

The increase of noise and light pollution.

Flamingo640's plan for a private helicopter for emergencies is a devastating intrusion on the rural zoning.

Once a helipad is there, the threat of vibration and noise disturbance is exponentially increased.

For light, noise and traffic nuisance and dangers alone,

the single use parcel is not suitable for development.

The sought-after Conditional Use Permit should be rejected, and a full EIR required.

#### The Existing MND.

The existing MND fails to extensively measure traffic impact, such as how often might the private users leave to visit other locations, restaurants and scenic sites? If it is a campsite, it is highly likely there will be multiple trips in and out, given that Hwy 62 and all its amenities is an approximate 12-minute drive away. The safety hazard of severely increased congestion onto the two-lane arterial Old Woman Springs Road creates increased danger as well as a nuisance and burden for the limitations of the Highway. Entering and exiting the normal flow of traffic on the 247 has an existing high risk. The increased potential for blockages and accidents on the winding, undivided route could jeopardize the supply chain vehicles and

residents that rely on their deliveries, all needing clear and safe travel on this one highway Flamingo 640

threatens, while skirting any real traffic impact analysis. Skilled construction labor from outside the area could also create congestion, adding more vehicles duiring just the building stage. Response times with law enforcement and ambulance services is already too high now with a much less populated stretch of the area than what will be with the proposed development.

The proposed campsite will create several hundred pounds of solid human waste daily. The MND underestimates how much 400 guests a day would actually produce in waste. The number claimed doesn't add up to an average human's waste times 400. Septic systems would not be ideal for a project of this size and scope which includes a proposed restaurant and bar. A newly built sewer system should be mandatory. Residents utilize private septic systems and leech fields. There are no public sewer systems. Some residents rely on wells, utilizing ground water.

There needs to be a plan to deal with the regular draining of the chlorinated water from the proposed swimming pool. This water should not be allowed to drain directly into the desert and aquifer.

# **Zoning**

HVCC related in detail the County's 2009 change of zon- ing in Flamingo Heights, establishing a **Commercial Zone corridor along State Route 247** (Old Woman Springs Road). Deemed best located along the more northerly sections, it included existing businesses while limiting driveways and unmarked roads for traffic safety entering the highway.

The planned resort site entry road is to follow the path of an existing dirt road. No mention is made of turn lanes from the two-lane highway.

The plan touts recreational facilities on the site; Flamingo Heights residents' experience shows vacation renters seek out many other desert attractions, and will drive onto Hwy 247 to tour many nearby places.

Entering or leaving this road always risks traffic speeding or passing, a major motivation for approving the 2009 location of the Commercial Zone. A known trouble spot – the swooping curve south of the resort entry, leading to the steep downhill turn into Pipes Wash.

# **Endangered Wildlife**

There is a known wildlife corridor within the property. We all have neighbors who have shown us photos of desert tortoises, desert foxes, and bobcats taken by motion-activated security cameras, all within 600 feet of the property that claims there are no endangered species nearby. Specifically, it is known that there are desert tortoises where it was wrongly declared that none were indicated in the proposal. The report is inaccurate and untrustworthy.

A full comprehensive *CEQA Environmental Impact Report* should at the very least be a requirement to disclose whether endangered tortoises who spend part of their time underground, do in fact live on the property. The wildlife corridor is presently undisturbed and should remain protected.

Any development must be required to adhere to the county's regulations with respect to removal or relocation of any Joshua Trees, of which there are hundreds.

# Fire Risk

There is a genuine threat to human life when 20-30 mph winds are not uncommon even during routine weather conditions and winds can at times reach up to 60 mph. Campfires and firepits are simply a terrible idea in a highly hazardous wildfire area. The project proposes four large fire pits, which could generate traveling embers and cause wildfires either on or off-site, or both. The project is immediately adjacent to San Bernardino County's FS-2 Fire Safety Overlay which underlines the area's susceptibility to wildfire. The addition of 400 campers daily increases the risk exponentially, and the resort-related growth in traffic would increase firefighters and emergency vehicle response times. Escape routes on the 247 – the sole artery that would get people out in a wildfire emergency – would be congested. People could be trapped and unable to get out of the area if the only highway in and out was blocked. Wildlife and Joshua Trees would also be destroyed in such a scenario, as would private properties. Water resources are historically low, contributing to the situation. Without question, it seems one of the conditions of this project should be that no wood or other solid fuel campfires be used in firepits or barbeques. There are clay logs, gas burning, smokeless and ember-less alternatives. Any campsite, private or commercial, should have an enforced no-smoking, no fire zone with a hefty penalty for violation.

# **Pollution**

The number of vehicles for construction, guests, employees, and the service vehicles supporting the project would create additional dust and airborne emissions and chemicals that can travel to humans and wildlife, in a biologically-sensitive area. Numerous threatened and endangered species inhabit these lands and migrate through them. The Pipes Canyon Wash and its adjoining areas form a vital undeveloped migratory pathway, linking neighboring protected wilderness areas.

# **Evacuation Concerns In The Event of An Earthquake**

The property is within one mile of the 1992 Landers earthquake, measuring 7.3, where property was destroyed. A 500,000 gallon water tank in Landers burst leaving the area without water for three days. The highway moved a full ten feet, leaving the main arterial route

inaccessible to traffic. This project, as described in the case of wildfire, would, in the event of an earthquake, trap guests and employees from evacuating.

Are the property owners of the Glampsite required to pay hefty insurance fees to insure for loss of human life and infrastructure? Guests can check off "will not hold proprietors liable", but what about nearby residents? Is San Bernadino County prepared to go on record that residents brought up these objections and yet still approved a shoddy MND that permitted the circumstances that could create such a nightmare?

# **Biological Protections**

The wildlife corridor falls under The Bureau of Land Management's mission to preserve specially-designated landscapes that include wilderness areas, wilderness study areas, and wild and scenic trails. The BLM was not cited as a Federal entity that needs to approve all claims are substantiated that's on the submitted INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION. The declarations on the MND claiming the Project site does not fall within any designated critical habitat, and that no special status species were observed on site (during their survey) does not constitute an acceptable study.

In order to minimize impacts to the environment and community and its wildlife, the application for a Conditional Use Permit should be rejected and the developers should be required to do *CEQA Environmental Impact Report*.

J
Louise Goffin
Flamingo Heights

Thank you.

From: <u>David Van Voorhis</u>

To: Planning Commission Comments

Subject: PROJ-2020-00191 Resort Camping

Date: Friday, March 3, 2023 7:02:16 PM

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I oppose this proposed 'Glamping' 160 acre development. Commercial venues and weekend rentals negatively affect the quiet environment full time residents enjoy. Resort Camping proposal is a bad one!

Sent from my iPhone

From: Nancy Black

To: Planning Commission Comments

Subject: PROJ-2020-00191 Resort Camping

Date: Monday, March 6, 2023 10:46:19 AM

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Good morning,

The proposed Resort camping for the Flamingo Heights location on Highway 247 is unreasonable, unacceptable and unwanted-except by the developers.

**Why unreasonable?** The large desert footprint and outbuildings are better suited to a location that is deeper in the desert. Those campers will be very disappointed to be spending nights along a major, very noisy highway.

**Why unacceptable?** Highway 247 is a 2 lane road that is the site of weekly accidents-many of which are fatal. Why? Because tourists drive and pass at high speeds along that stretch of highway. Locals will tell you of the **horrific accidents involving head on collisions** that cause visiting families to be crushed.

Also, **There is a steady stream of semi trucks** carrying loads of vegetables along that highway stretch (24 hours a day/7 days a week). They are also the cause for concern for new visitors to that small, 2 lane road when existing from a campground to that highway.

Developers are not aware or concerned of these serious traffic issues.

**Why unwanted?** The area is zoned rural. Rural to those of us who choose to live here means unobstructed views, quite locations, undisturbed local fauna and the preservation of animal habitat. None of these issues is being addressed by this large development.

Please do not allow any forward motion on this location by the developers. There is land along Highway 62 that is available. That highway is wider, safer and better patrolled by CHP. That land still maintains views in low lying locations (Where there are other camping locations). That land does not have the vegetable truck traffic. The local animals already know to use the nature corridors that the Mohave Land Trust has established for their safety.

Bottom Line: The project is unreasonable, unacceptable and unwanted.

Nancy Black 4437 Linda Lee Drive Yucca Valley, CA 92284 From: Miguel De Pedro

sender and know the content is safe.

 To:
 Planning Commission Comments

 Subject:
 PROJ-2020-00191 Resort Camping

 Date:
 Monday, March 6, 2023 2:09:52 PM

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Hello, this email is to object to HF640 getting a CUP to operate. Just look at all the commercially zoned undeveloped (Green) empty parcels minutes from their location

That they could be developing on, the parcels just cost more so they bought cheap residential land instead. These green parcels were zoned commercial for a reason, and the plan of having them be the parcels

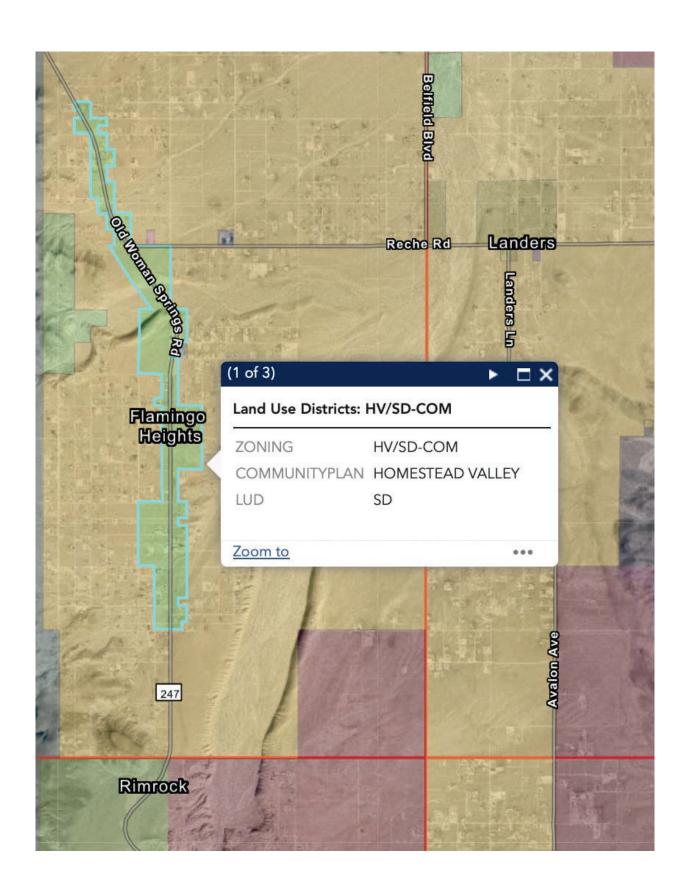
In the area used for commercial purposes should be stuck to.

If they were trying to do this development in an area far out where no commercially zoned property exists (Which there is plenty available of in the hi desert)

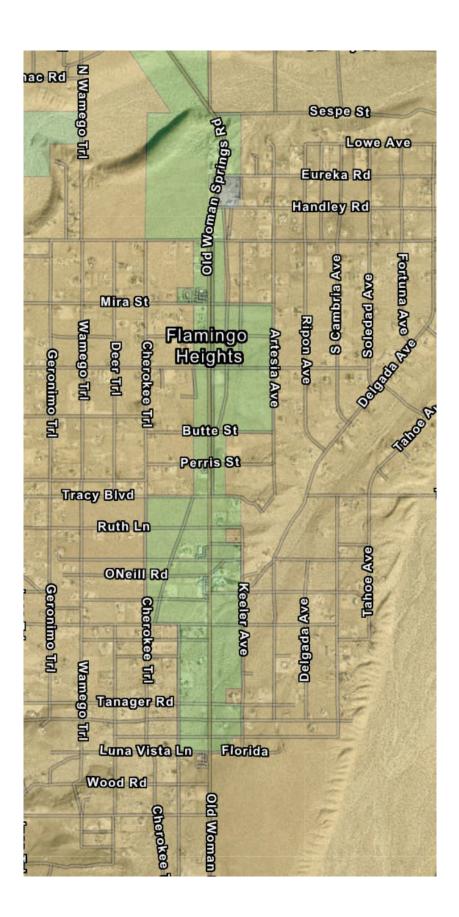
that would be one thing but to do it literally minutes from the commercially zoned area and have the best of both worlds is just wrong and sends a terrible message

To all the other developers that just want to buy low and sell high.

Thanks for reading, Miguel de pedro







From: M

To: Planning Commission Comments

Subject: PROJ-2020-00191 Resort Camping

Date: Monday, March 6, 2023 7:20:32 PM

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To the San Bernardino Planning Commission,

It has been nearly two years since this project was brought to my attention, and *all of the issues of concern I had then have grown exponentially*:

1. Traffic in general on Hwy 247 is increasing steadily, not decreasing.

Commercial truck traffic on Hwy 247 is increasing steadily, not decreasing.

Tourist traffic in the form of 5th wheel trailers and large RVs on Hwy 247 is increasing steadily, not decreasing.

This scope and scale of increased traffic is duplicated on Hwy 62 from its start on I-10, beyond Amboy to the Colorado River.

But Emergency Services continue to be cut from the county budgets, particularly Fire and Medical Services.

- 2. The size and scope of events such as King of the Hammers are increasing. But Law Enforcement, particularly traffic control, continues to be minimalized, as officers are spending more time at the scenes of accidents and vehicular deaths and then the subsequent downtome filing accident reports.
- 3.A smaller scale, yet nearly identical project on Yucca Mesa has been approved as a 'campsite', yet somehow the 'campsite' calls itself "The Bubble Motel".
- "AutoCamp" in Joshua Tree is already in operation. IT IS NOT AN RV PARK. It consists of 47 permanently placed airstream trailers, a guest-only restaurant, pool, and a 1,300 square foot outdoor event space for up to 108 guests.

A very large scale resort is being proposed in Wonder Valley east of 29 Palms, **the Wonder Inn.** Again, with its own guest-only restaurant, pools, and event spaces... And a 180,00 gallon water tank.

A vast expansion of **the Pioneertown Hotel** in Pioneertown has been approved, along with yet another ancillary glamping site on Mane Street *with over a dozen permanently placed trailers shoehorned into a 1.7 acre lot.* 

# Are any of these projects beginning to sound familiar?

There will be more, similar, camping, resort, and lodging projects upcoming on the planning commission's agenda.

Not to mention the rubber stamping of straight to short term rental 'residence' permitting.

In light of these changes, a traffic study *must* be done before any further discussion regarding PROJ-2020-00191 Resort Camping project goes any further.

And yet..., And yet...,

When it comes to the cumulative impact that these projects will have on traffic congestion, water use and the resulting effluent, the pressure on local utilities, the effects on the

communities, and the effects on wildlife, County planning has decided that each project should only be scrutinized in impact studies and reports, as though it is the *only* project, and that said project will only have a minimal effect on the health and well being of singular Morongo Basin communities. The reality is, this project and others like it, impact the surrounding towns and communities negatively as well, and the impact of these projects is cumulative.

Taken as a whole, if these projects continue to be approved, with no regard to infrastructure, safety, or protecting wildlife, the outcome is obvious:

Traffic deaths and accidents will increase substantially, since there is no provision for increasing already strained emergency and law enforcement services.

The local utilities will continue to burden residential customers with increased fees because they cannot cope with the increased wear and tear on their facilities caused by short term rentals (which now make up more than 75% of some neighborhoods), resorts, and projects like the BubbleMotel and the Flamingo Heights 247 Glamping project. It is inevitable that these projects will also increase the likelihood that water districts will have to find funding through increased fees to build water filtration and treatment plants, a scenario that the Joshua Basin Water District has already foreseen, and is raising their rates and fees in April 2023. They predict that customers will see a 50% *increase* in their water bills over *only* the next 5 years.

In addition, there is no provision for repairing, let alone reconditioning, local roads as there is no provision for using revenue gained by collecting taxes to support local infrastructure. The majority of residential roads in the Morongo Basin Communities are already "Not Maintained" by the county, yet they expect us to absorb all of the increased traffic, and deal with the dust all of the added traffic will incur.

Instead, the county government takes this hospitality generated revenue and increased property tax money, and puts it in a bucket called General Funds, and spits back a few seeds in the form of a *third 3rd District Supervisor's field rep*, and a complaint phone line with no added officers to deal with complaints.

This all amounts to a hefty subsidy granted to the developers and end users of these projects, as well as the other four districts, and will be paid for by, and carried on the backs of, the local Basin citizens for decades to come, if not indefinitely.

Local opposition to these projects are universally shared by liberal, libertarian, and conservative residents alike. The county government needs to clearly understand that by approving these projects, they are invoking the ire of a very broad spectrum of Morongo Basin voters.

We also understand that four out of the five supervisors shamelessly recognize these projects as income generators that are far removed from their own constituencies, who would not approve such projects in their own communities. The 3rd District Supervisor does not appear to have much opinion one way or another what is being done to her district.

The Exploitation of the Morongo Basin by the Board of Supervisors Must Stop.

The Planning commission should take the above factors into account when determining whether it is prudent for this project to go through.

Further, full impact studies, by parties not representing the project developer, financer, or county government, need to be conducted and the project, PROJ-2020-00191 Resort Camping, tabled until those reports are filed and *acknowledged*.

It has come to my attention that tortoise studies which were *recently filed by qualified individuals*, and which found evidence of tortoise habitat and therefore did not aid in moving forward a proposed project, were never admitted into the project record. While a *developer funded study*, conducted outside the prescribed months put forth by state law for such studies, found no evidence of tortoise was filed, acknowledged, and added to the project reports.

Unless substantial budgetary increases in emergency services, law enforcement, road improvements and infrastructure are already in place, none of these projects, particularly PROJ-2020-00191 Resort Camping, should be considered let alone approved. The ultimate cost to the county, particularly the 3rd District, will cripple the entire county government when another natural disaster like the recent snow event in the mountains, or another devastating earthquake like the one that occurred in the Morongo Basin in 1994, happens again. Regardless, the citizens of the Morongo Basin will suffer from the callous disregard afforded by the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisorsimediately, should they continue to approveprjects like PROJ-2020-00191 Resort Camping.

I will be attending the planning commission meeting on March 9, 2023, to express my opposition, however, in anticipation of a large public turnout and perhaps not getting a chance to speak, I am submitting my public comment here.

Yours, Marcia Geiger Joshua Tree, CA March 6, 2023 From: <u>Greg DaPonte</u>

To: Planning Commission Comments

Subject: PROJ-2020-00191 Resort Camping

Date: Monday, March 6, 2023 11:17:03 PM

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What is the point of rural living zoning when you're entertaining allowing a huge hotel resort project - and make no mistake- this is a hotel - to be built in a residential neighborhood- I don't know one single resident of the Morongo Basin who supports this monstrosity. The environmental reports concerning this hotel "development" are wholly inadequate, the traffic studies are a joke - isn't 247 deadly enough already without adding this to the mix? There's 100% local citizen opposition to this project - it should not be permitted in a residential / non-commercial area. Do the right thing, do not permit this massive commercial use in a residential zone.

Sent from my iPhone

From: Lee Scott

To: Planning Commission Comments

Subject: PROJ-2020-00191 Resort Camping

Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 4:31:43 PM

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I am opposed to the Flamingo 640 project. I live in the Flamingo Heights neighborhood. I object on two grounds - the project does not comply with Rural Living zoning in which it is located and the business has little chance of succeeding.

The Rural Living zoning allows for campgrounds. This is not a campground; it is a motel. There are twenty 1,230 square feet "camping lofts" proposed. Each will have a permanent, plumbed bathroom according to the applicant from RoBott Land Company, Inc. Steve Botthof. That is twenty motel units plopped down in the middle of a quiet residential neighborhood. This fact alone should be enough to deny the CUP.

At a meeting last year of the Homestead Valley Community Council Mr. Botthof admitted that he has no business plan. When asked he could not say about how much he would charge guests and how much he would pay employees. He said he no interest in running the site.

Thirty five of the rental units, referred to as "glamping sites" would feature canvas roofs. The site of the Flamingo 640 Project bears the brunt of very frequent high winds of 20 to 50 mph. I have suffered through numerous desert campouts ruined by wind. I know from experience that you can't sleep in a tent on a windy night. The site plan does not mention how the accommodations will be heated and cooled. Temperatures here range from 25 degrees F to 110 degrees F. I imagine that this site will get little or no repeat business, suffer from guests pulling out as quickly as they can and as a result get a bad reputation on social media.

The project is badly timed. Here at the end of the Covid epidemic short term rental occupancy has dropped precipitously. Demand is down. We are likely looking at a White Elephant.

There are many other problems with the project that I will let others argue. Those issues include quality of life, environmental, traffic and safety, and the helipad of questionable need.

Conclusion: this is a a badly timed motel in a residential neighborhood with major obstacles to success. Please deny this CUP.

Sincerely,

Lee Scott Flamingo Heights pipoon@sbcglobal.net From: Ally Conley

To: Planning Commission Comments

Subject: PROJ-2020-00191 Resort Camping

Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 9:04:25 PM

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I'm so happy that this project is going to be developed.

We need a change from all the 'crack-heads' in the area.

Stop, stopping growth and start accepting \$\$ and jobs coming in to this desert-deserted town!

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From: McCoy Mike

To: Planning Commission Comments

Subject: PROJ-2020-00191 Resort Camping

Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 9:07:54 PM

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I'm a resident of Landers on Golden Slipper and I'm very much in support of this project. Enough is enough of these people bashing this project. We need more tourists!

From: The Relaxita

To: Planning Commission Comments

Subject: PROJ-2020-00191 Resort Camping

Date: Wednesday, March 8, 2023 8:32:41 AM

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This project is too big. It destroys the land, dark skies, the ground water. Let your legacy be conservation of this delicate, rural land for everyone that passes it, will enjoy for years. Please stop the greed and raping of our desert communities.

From: <u>Brenda Estrada</u>

To: Planning Commission Comments

Subject: PROJ-2020-00191 Resort Camping

Date: Wednesday, March 8, 2023 9:44:13 AM

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This is disgusting that this project was even thought of, I would choose the wild iconic scenic view of the desert than to see another commercialized home project that brings people here who do not care about this land. With all the poisons happening in the world today we do not need any more of the exploitation's of our beautiful desert all for money yet again. We as a community DO NOT support this disgusting project.

Sent from my iPhone

From: <u>John Flores</u>

To: Planning Commission Comments

Subject: PROJ-2020-00191 Resort Camping

Date: Wednesday, March 8, 2023 9:48:32 AM

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#### To whom it may concern,

I am a resident of yucca valley. I love the town I live in I was raised in the la suburbs and recently moved to the desert seeking a different lifestyle, one that was more in-tuned with the land and its surroundings. I have found that here. I love all the wild critters that I encounter everyday. I love being able to walk for 5 minutes and to be out in the middle of the desert where no one is around. I love how dark it is here at night, the beautiful starry sky. Having falling in love with these lands I now know that I will always do my part in protecting them. I am greatly opposed to the Flamingo Heights 640 Glamping Proposal for many reason. But a few important reasons will be, first and foremost, all the wild life that will suffer from this. All the animals that have no choice but to reside in these pockets of natural desert that fill in areas between towns will no longer have a home. The damage that will be done to the land just in development process will take many years to undo. The damage that will be done to the land from large numbers of people walking over it. The light pollution that will come from "glamping"/ the nuisance noises from a musical stage and helicopter landing. This is very very wrong. This is very very upsetting. There are plenty of other areas around my town that offer camping. There are plenty of air bnbs that people can rent. This glamping site is not needed. It will bring even more unnecessary traffic on old women springs hwy. It will bring many people who do not respect the lands and it's inhabitants. I vote NO on the Flamingo Heights 640 Glamping.

From: Romatko"s Canine Country Ranch
To: Planning Commission Comments
Subject: PROJ-2020-00191 Resort Camping
Date: Wednesday, March 8, 2023 10:59:48 AM

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To whom it ay concern,

I strongly opposed this project as I believe it will disturb a valued wildlife corridor as well as add to the traffic on an already over burdened Old Woman Springs Road. As a resident and business owner in Flamingo Heights I cannot support something that is going against a communities wishes.

Thank you for your time, Tammy Romatko From: Krystal Quinn Castro

To: Planning Commission Comments
Subject: PROJ-2020-00191 Resort Camping
Date: Wednesday, March 8, 2023 10:59:49 AM

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The community has been pushing back on this and similar developments for years and it's shocking to see that even in our small community, our elected officials care more about outside corporations' money than their own constituents. Not only are developments like this detrimental to the delicate ecosystem we call home, it will impact noise and light pollution for residents, and bring very little money into the community besides low paying jobs and the odd wayward tourist. If people want to visit the desert, there are 1800 air bnbs, existing glamping facilities and plenty of regular camping options available to them. This is unnecessary, destructive, will reduce the quality of life for neighboring communities and the only potential upside I can imagine is any kickbacks whoever is considering allowing this mess may receive.

From: Riah

To: Planning Commission Comments
Subject: PROJ-2020-00191 Resort Camping
Date: Wednesday, March 8, 2023 11:58:08 AM

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#### Hello,

It is not a good idea to move this project forward without an Environmental Impact Report; how else can we understand its impact to the environment? Can you explain the rationale for moving forward without assessing the damage to the ecosystem?

Additionally, this is already a dangerous area for traffic, and will be made more so by attracting many more people to the area who are unfamiliar with the dangers of that highway. I feel the project does not add anything to the local community, its amenities being private and inaccessible.

Why should we shoulder the burden of increased danger on the roads, and to the landscape, for a project that has no clear benefit?

Thank you, Riah Buchanan From: nancy

To: Planning Commission Comments

**Subject:** Project 2020-00191

**Date:** Wednesday, March 8, 2023 11:09:08 AM

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Dear Commissioners and Planners,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the 640-acre Glamping project in Flamingo Heights, CA. I am a long-time resident of Landers, CA and have friends/family in Flamingo Heights. Please consider the following in your planning decisions for this project:

- 1. Traffic/Safety Hwy 247 is <u>already</u> a dangerous road due to the growth in the area, the increase of the Johnson Valley OHV area events, and the increase in traffic to Joshua Tree National Park. Residents and the CHP experience on a daily basis the passing over double-yellow lines, excessive speeds, and the incredible increase in big rig, motorhome and truck/trailer combinations. I regularly have to turn left off of Hwy 247 with my grandchildren in the car, and have been missed by inches by a concrete truck, a big rig, a pickup/trailer combination and a garbage truck. Getting rear-ended at that location (exactly where this project is planned for) sends you directly into head-on traffic it's deadly ALREADY. No more traffic turning at that stretch of Hwy 247 will save lives. There is NOT enough CHP patrols of this road, nor are there sufficient turning lanes.
- 2. **Residential Area Noise/Light** The residents living on the west side of Hwy 247 have already had a significant increase in noise from the increased traffic and the rumble strips installed on the highway. A large-scale glamping/tourist project ensures noise pollution, traffic congestion, light pollution and the ever-present "nosy tourists" who consistently drive through neighborhoods for photo opportunities.
- 3. Environmental Impacts The County must require a full Environmental Impact Report under CEQA, which would include traffic studies, wildlife impact analysis, air/water quality, noise, and dark sky impacts among other important issues.

These large projects do not belong on an already dangerous road near residential areas that are zoned for RURAL RESIDENTIAL development.

Please do not approve this project!

Thank you for your consideration, Nancy Karl

From: <u>Aaron Glasson</u>

To: <u>Planning Commission Comments</u>

**Subject:** RE Flamingo 640

**Date:** Tuesday, March 7, 2023 8:27:51 AM

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Hello,

I am reaching out to you as a concerned citizen of Flamingo Heights. The proposed development "Flamingo 640" would be a disaster for our small community already facing so much stress from over development. Firstly, the environmental impact of this project is immense. The site is at this moment pristine wilderness and an important wildlife corridor. The proposed development would accommodate thousands of tourists, host music festivals and have a helipad. These factors are catastrophic for local wildlife and our quiet community.

Furthermore, the amount of resources, namingly water that Flamingo 640 would use is completely unsustainable. The traffic and crowds it would bring pose a real danger to an already deadly highway. Additionally the light and noise pollution would be terrible.

Please consider halting this Flamingo 640, at least until a proper environmental report has been conducted. This project will do nothing good for our community, what we need is long term housing, not weekend tourists to a community that has no resources to support them.

Thank you for your consideration, I look forward to hearing from you.

Aaron Glasson

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Aaron Glasson aaronglasson.com @aaronglasson From: Beth Sheffield

 To:
 Planning Commission Comments

 Subject:
 Re: Project # PROJ-2020-00191 Assessor

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 Monday, March 6, 2023 12:30:24 PM

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SB PLANNING COMMISSIONERS. Thank you for taking the time to read

## Project # PROJ-2020-00191 Assessor

Name

Beth Sheffield

e-mail

bethinwondervalley@gmail.com

Letter to Planning Commissioners

Dear Chair Jonathan Weldy, Commissioner Matthew Slowik, Vice Chair Michael Stoffel, Commissioner Melissa Demirci, and Commissioner Kareem Gong,

I am writing to you as a concerned advocate of the desert. Despite years of tirelessly advocating for the preservation of rural living, its zoning, serene landscape, wildlife, traffic safety, and advocating against the development of the Flamingo 640 project, I am concerned that the development is still moving forward without addressing the points raised by the community and without undergoing the thorough scrutiny of a full Environmental Impact Report.

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this development is beyond useless, there are countless empty airbnbs, camping sites and hotels every weekend even in high season due to all the over saturation.

if this gets built it will not last ten years because it won't truly be profitable long term. People come up with these projects just to raise money without any concern for the long term viability.

Flamingo heights already has tons of empty commercially zoned parcels right next to this one, the only reason they didnt buy those to do their plan without needing a CUP permit is to try and scam the county and residents. dont let them do it.

they aren't trying to do it out in an area with no commercially zoned parcels available, it is right next to the biggest area of undeveloped commercially zoned properties in the entire high desert. the county made these zoning maps and they should stick to them.

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Beyond the issue of making a dangerous road even more dangerous, is the fact that the proposed development of that site is terribly out of scale with the character of this area. I also think it's a trojan horse, with the real intention being the establishment of a live performance festival site with camping. No one here wants the enormous headache that a facility of that size and usage would bring to our quiet place in the desert. The whole idea is absurd.

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Specifically, the extensive human intrusion, lights, noise, actual volume of waste -as well as the proposed permanent structures that do not constitute a campground designation - threaten to bring to Pipe's Wash no assurance that wildlife can tolerate or survive the disruption.

Relocating Joshua Trees has significant failure rates. The project as proposed would cause significant unmitigated impacts to their survival.

Desert tortoise and Le Conte's thrasher are known to occur in the immediate area.

This is a rural residential area, and a helipad (which is "needed" for emergencies, when the proposed project in itself is creating hazards) shouldn't ever be there to impose noise on wildlife and residents who moved to the area for it's rural designation. Without an E.I.R., Robott's paid-for noise study is lacking of a full analysis of helicopter use.

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From: <u>Nicola Collie</u>

To: Planning Commission Comments

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We cannot afford to fail the natural world by allowing this project continue.

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I am a resident of Los Angeles and a regular visitor to the high desert area. Although I am not local, I'd like to add my voice of support to those advocating for more research and review of the Flamingo 640 project. As a tourist, someone who this project is presumably meant to attract and cater to, I actually find that the "glamping" resort project to be a major detraction from what attracts me to the area in the first place, and I feel that the negative impacts of the project as described below would actually reduce my willingness to travel to the area and participate in local tourism. The three subsequent paragraphs were pre-written by people who have far closer understanding of the project and it's effects than I do directly, but I would like to amplify their message and lend my full support to the concerns articulated here:

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I sincerely hope that the concerns of the local community, as well as of visitors to the area will be valued and considered, and that this committee will not prioritize a hypothetical profit over the health and safety of such a special ecosystem and it's inhabitants (human and other).

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To: Planning Commission Comments

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To: Planning Commission Comments

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From: <u>G. DaPonte</u>

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# Project # PROJ-2020-00191 Assessor Name G. DaPonte e-mail gldprod@yahoo.com Letter to Planning What is the point of rural living zoning when you're entertaining Commissioners allowing a huge hotel resort project - and make no mistake- this is a hotel - to be built in a residential neighborhood- I don't know one single resident of the Morongo Basin who supports this monstrosity. The environmental reports concerning this hotel "development" are wholly inadequate, the traffic studies are a joke - isn't 247 deadly enough already without adding this to the mix? There's 100% local citizen opposition to this project - it should not be permitted in a residential / non-commercial area. Do the right thing, do not permit this massive commercial use in a residential zone. If additional comments, enter here:

From: Aaron Glasson

To: Planning Commission Comments

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Dear Chair Jonathan Weldy, Commissioner Matthew Slowik, Vice Chair Michael Stoffel, Commissioner Melissa Demirci, and Commissioner Kareem Gong,

I am writing to you as a concerned advocate of the desert. Despite years of tirelessly advocating for the preservation of rural living, its zoning, serene landscape, wildlife, traffic safety, and advocating against the development of the Flamingo 640 project, I am concerned that the development is still moving forward without addressing the points raised by the community and without undergoing the thorough scrutiny of a full Environmental Impact Report.

My concern about the project is greatly two-fold: traffic safety and environmental impact. This development would pose a significant traffic hazard along the narrow two lane HWY 247, which is already the site of many fatal and critical accidents. The highway cannot support increased constant traffic.

The project will also endanger wildlife in one of the most beautiful wildlife corridors along Pipes Canyon Wash bordering Sand to Snow National Monument, including threatened desert tortoises, protected burrowing owls, coyotes, jackrabbits, and more, all of which have been spotted in the area. It is also concerning that the project plans to remove at least 34 Western Joshua Trees, a protected species and highly threatened part of California's natural heritage, in addition to Mojave Yuccas. I am writing to demand a full Environmental Impact Report under CEQA, which would include traffic studies, wildlife impact, air/water quality, noise, and dark sky impacts amongst other important issues. Because of the impact to our community, safety, and way of life, a mitigated negative declaration report is simply not sufficient for the scope of this proposed project.

I hope you read this with thought and concern, and do not leave those in your fellow SB community feeling dismissed.

Thank you.

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In a world where money seems to have more impact than preserving the character of a neighborhood as well as the environment, I beg you to choose a different path. I fear if this gets approved, then other similar projects will as well, forever shifting what makes this area great in the first place. Don't be a sell out. Thank you for your time.