



MONDAY MORNING GROUP

Advocating for Western Riverside County

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David L. Jones
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Dear Mr. Jones:

The Monday Morning Group consists of private and public sector leaders from western Riverside County who are dedicated to improving our region through economic development.

One of our top priorities is identifying opportunities to improve transportation throughout Riverside County. As leaders in our individual communities and the region as a whole, we take great interest in projects such as Liberty Quarry that offer the opportunity to support local businesses, provide jobs, and ease traffic on some of the areas most heavily traveled routes.

We support the proposed Liberty Quarry project for its ability to bring vital resources to Riverside County along with environmental and economic benefits.

Not only will this project help ease the skyrocketing costs of vital building materials for local infrastructure projects, but it will also provide hundreds of millions of dollars in revenue to our local and state agencies. Projects of this type are exactly what Riverside County needs to begin the long process of recovery from the hard-hitting impacts of the recession.

Review of the environmental impact report and related economic studies clearly shows that this region will be far better off with a local quarry than without it. The reduced number of trucks on Interstate 15 alone will greatly improve the quality of life for residents who live in Southwest Riverside County and those who commute into or through the area.

The ripple effect of projects such as Liberty Quarry will not only benefit the mobility of Inland residents, goods and services, but will create much-needed new jobs, helping ease the growing unemployment and foreclosure crises that have hit many hard-working Inland families.

Considering the positive regional, economic and environmental impacts of a local quarry, we request that the Riverside County Planning Department and Board of Supervisors move forward with the approval of the Liberty Quarry project.

Sincerely,

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