

August 15, 2005

Supervisor Marion Ashley, Chairman
Riverside County Board of Supervisors
County Administrative Center
4080 Lemon St., 5th Floor
Riverside, CA 92501

Dear Supervisor Ashley,

The Building Industry Association of Riverside County Board of Directors recently reviewed a presentation by Granite Construction detailing their proposed Liberty Quarry project in Southwest Riverside County.

Their analysis of the shortfall in aggregate supply in Western Riverside County is in sync with our members' personal experiences over the last couple of years. Clearly new local supplies of aggregate, asphalt, and concrete are needed to supply not just the needs of our homebuilders, but for the many public works projects our region requires to maintain and improve the quality of life for both current and future residents of Riverside County.

The location they have chosen for the Liberty Quarry seems ideally suited to serve the many road, school and home building projects that will be necessary in Southwest Riverside County in the coming years, reducing the cost increases and delays that are currently plaguing these sorts of jobs. At the same time, it appears that by removing San Diego bound gravel trucks from Riverside freeways, it may actually reduce truck traffic in the region, which is a worthwhile goal in itself. It also avoids any MSHCP core areas, and will not be visible to residents of the Temecula Valley, which should make the project much more palatable to the citizens of our region.

After their presentation and a subsequent discussion, our Board of Directors voted overwhelmingly to endorse the project and encourage the approval of their application to the County of Riverside. We would ask that you consider the needs of our industry as well as for public works projects county-wide as your Board reviews their application, and any assistance that can be given to expedite this process would be greatly appreciated by those of us who depend on having sufficient materials available locally to pursue our livelihoods and better our communities.

Sincerely,



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