

## LETTERS: The Californian, April 15, 2009

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Letter's points selectively presented

Mr. Fred Bartz's letter, "[Group unhappy to have quarry in their valley](#)," [March 18](#) once again omits certain key facts in order to present a negative slant. What the author fails to mention is that Save Our Desert did not criticize quarries, and in fact, the city of Indio has publicly applauded Granite Construction for being a good neighbor. The point that Save Our Desert was making in their letter is that it is unfair for certain parts of the county to bear a disproportionate share of the load when it comes to providing resources that every single resident of Riverside County consumes. Would Mr. Bartz be equally critical if the roles were reversed? I think not.

To say that Temecula's proposed annexation is about local control is like saying that they are too good to help provide their share of resources and that other communities should continue to provide the resources for them. If Mr. Bartz were genuine in his analysis, he would post the city of Indio's letter on his Web site, or at least a few lines of it, such as: "We in Indio have found Granite Construction is a good neighbor. We have no traffic, noise or dust issues to report."

Olden "OB" Johnson

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Comments:

**gunner** April 15, 2009 10:58AM PST

Re Mr. Johnson's comment. If Indio believes that the Quarry company is such a good neighbor, with no traffic, noise, or dust problems, then why isn't he satisfied with that, and stop trying to push a quarry on people that just don't want one in their community. I find this either very selfish, and at the least, very confusing.

**Corrine** April 15, 2009 11:47PM PST

I find it interesting that OB Johnson is a real estate broker and yet he continues to push a one mile across, 1000 feet deep quarry down Temeculan's throats. The city documented in 1993 its intention to annex this space. This is nothing more than a multi-billion dollar land-raping polluting corporation spending millions on propaganda so it can defeat the will of the people who would be most negatively affected by their dust belching, dynamite blasting open pit mine that Granite Construction and OB Johnson want to dig next to the pristine Santa Margarita River and the protected Ecological Reserve. Billion dollar corporation vs a city that is trying to watch out for its residents. This is a no brainer. Get out Granite Construction and take OB Johnson with you!