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Wrong time to take on business

It is almost impossible to watch the news or pick up a newspaper without hearing worsening news about the recession. It certainly is not news anymore that the housing bubble burst and that the Inland Empire is one of the regions feeling most of the pain – and the folks who have worked in the construction industry for years have been left with little to no options for decent-paying work.

What I don't understand is why some local citizens are trying to stop a quarry project that would bring new jobs to a work force that is in dire need of them. It has been proven over and over that new projects are a great way to help a community bounce back from a recession. But it's obvious that some citizens have been swayed by environmental extremists into doing something that does not provide a tangible benefit. They are jumping on the "No Quarry" bandwagon and trying to stop any progress from coming to our community for the sake of pleasing a few vocal opponents. Wise leadership and local jobs are what we need — not grandstanding from environmental extremists.

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Comments



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[gunner](#) said on: January 17, 2010, 9:05 pm

Mr. Johnson, where have you been, and who the heck are you.

There are thousands more people out of work besides the construction workers. I attended the LAFCO meeting a few months ago, and a lady brought along a cart, loaded with over 30,000 signatures, against the quarry.

They are not just a couple of tree huggers, they make sense.

If a quarry comes to Temecula, it would completely spoil this beautiful City, and what tourists would want to visit a mining town. As an ex-miner myself, I find it abohrent that a company would even suggest coming here. Another area should be found.