

# LETTERS: The Californian, April 9, 2010

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## Bring in the local bucks

In today's diminishing diversification of the economy, a person must ask what the future of our community has in store. Is our beautiful Temecula/Murrieta area to become a total bedroom community of cubicles and long commutes to Orange County, Los Angeles and San Diego?

A group named Save Our Southwest Hills seems to be hindering the growth of this area. The Liberty Quarry project has the potential to bring at least 100 jobs to this area. SOS explains that 100 jobs in a community of almost 200,000 is like throwing a grain of corn at a starving village. What the group does not understand is that by rejecting this small amount of economic nutrition, they work to destroy possibilities of other wealth expanding to our southwest area.

I simply ask the group, instead of pushing away opportunities for expansion, how do you plan to make the community better? If SOS had a sound plan to bring prosperity to the area, I could have respect for their cause; yet thus far, all I have heard are development negatives and a hindrance upon the betterment of an area we all love.

Robert Mallet once said, "It is not impossibilities that fill us with the deepest despair, but possibilities that we have failed to realize."

David Thompson

Temecula

## (4) Comments



1.

[gunner](#) said on: April 9, 2010, 7:03 pm

David Thompson, you must be very nieve to think that a quarry of this proposed magnitude would be beneficial to the community.

The Temecula area is considered a tourist area, where people come from miles around to visit the wineries, and old town. They certainly wouldn't want to visit a mining town. As

for jobs, the number of jobs that will be lost for many reasons would out-do the amount that a quarry would offer. Being without a quarry would not make our commutes to Orange Co; or elsewhere any different.

We do need quarries, but not this close to a community, where the dust could make things very uncomfortable for asthmatics, and people with other health issues.



2. **HE'S MAD**

[MikeinCA](#) said on: April 9, 2010, 10:38 am

Holy Moly!! I think the world has just stopped turning!! I agree with Doug on this one thing. David, I live downwind from this environmental nightmare. My son has asthma that makes it difficult to breath. Adding silica dust to the air is not a good thing; just ask the hundreds of doctors in the area. While I can not argue against the fact that we can use more jobs, it is better for the community to pass this (opportunity?) up and seek alternate industry that will not mess up the air quality any further. Life is already short enough and we certainly do not need this to shorten it even further.



3.

[Kevin Ross](#) said on: April 9, 2010, 10:09 am

Dear David Thompson, No one is against quarries and the jobs they bring, we are just against a quarry AT THAT LOCATION. I personally don't want to be breathing silica dust and end up with respiratory problems as I grow older. There is plenty of rock in this region. Why doesn't Granite pick a location that will not be so damaging to the air quality let alone the other sensitive environmental issues? (P.S. I own stock in Granite Construction and I'm not happy with what they're doing.)



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[DouglasDyeFor66AD](#) said on: April 9, 2010, 9:49 am

David Thompson is wrong. The 100 jobs gained will be offset by 200 truck driver jobs lost. Also the liberty quarry project is a potential money maker for Granite Construction at the cost of serious damage to the ecology of Temecula. As a candidate for 66th Assembly I oppose the liberty quarry project.