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Breathing better with Liberty Quarry

Fred Bartz strains at a gnat and swallows a bear when he implies that Liberty Quarry will be close to residents of Temecula ([Jan. 13](#)). Anybody who has visited the site knows that this is not prime residential property. Stating that the quarry is "zero feet away" from the city is false. (I believe) the only reason Temecula tried to annex the property was to prevent the quarry from existing, and there's no guarantee that annexation will succeed.

The fact that Temecula missed out on annexing the quarry site and losing out on a lot of tax revenue has apparently created a sour-grapes attitude. If they can't have it, they don't want anybody to have it, end of discussion.

Some day, when the economy recovers, the parade of dump trucks passing through this valley will resume, unless a better source of aggregate is established. When Liberty Quarry becomes operational, a lot of jobs will open up in this area, truck traffic will decrease, and those of us who live along the I-15 corridor will breathe a little better.

Daniel Scott

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Construction workers disrespected

Sharing views about issues is an important part of the public process. But sometimes writers in this newspaper stray beyond the limits of respect and decency to spew hatred. Mr. Robert Martinez crossed all these lines with his mean-spirited letter of [Jan. 18](#) about the Liberty Quarry project. This is both unfortunate and unacceptable.

His letter references the quarry jobs as those that "will require no high school diploma, just a green card or class B license, hah, hah, hah." This statement is flat-out wrong.

Granite's Southern California is a union operation. While we employ many highly educated professionals including environmental engineers, business managers, accountants, and attorneys, it is the thousands of other men and women who build our roads, schools, dams and operate sophisticated asphalt plants that are the backbone. They are members of one of six different trade unions. I am proud to call these highly trained and dedicated people my colleagues. These people are your neighbors. They are fathers and mothers, and they vote.

Everyone has the right to express their view on Liberty Quarry. But it is wrong to use lies and hatred to criticize employees that proudly do their job and do it damn well. I am proud to work with them.

Gary Johnson

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