From: <u>Eric Hamburg</u>
To: <u>Khan, Azhar</u>

Cc: Warrick, Chris - LUS; Supervisor Rowe; Planning Commission Comments

Subject: Request for extension in response to Wonder Inn Hotel/Resort Initial Study

Date: Tuesday, January 17, 2023 10:30:37 AM

Attachments: Letter to Khan 20230117.pdf

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Mr Khan,

Attached is a letter from the working group of the Stop Wonder Inn Project (<u>stopwonderinn.org</u>) requesting that you extend the comment period specified in the Notice Of Availability, made public last Friday, from 21 days to at least 45 days. The related documents are voluminous, complex and technical and our concerned community needs adequate time to conduct research and develop responses.

We are including CCs of this to Chris Warrick who is also a signatory on the Initial Study as well as to Supervisor Rowe and Planning Commissioner Stoffel.

In the brief time that public access to the project documents has been made we have received a very large number of responses in favor of such an extension, which you also should have received via email.

I would appreciate speaking with you, as I conveyed in my phone call and e-mail of last Friday, so I can understand how the process proceeds forward. from the County's perspective.

Thank you for your prompt consideration of this extension request.

Best regards,

Eric Hamburg Member of the Stop Wonder Inn Project working group 323.632.5542

Stop Wonder Inn Project

January 17, 2023

Azhar Khan, Planner
and Chris Warrick, Supervising Planner
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Re: Wonder Inn Hotel/Resort (Twentynine Palms), PROJ-2021-00163

Dear Planner Khan and Supervising Planner Warrick,

We, residents of Wonder Valley who would be affected by the project, urgently request that you extend the 21-day comment period to 45 days on the Wonder Inn Project Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration so as to allow for adequate public review.

We are all residents of Wonder Valley who own homes within as close as half a mile from the proposed project site. Like many Wonder Valley residents we are within hearing distance and viewshed of, and share road, public services, air, and an aquifer with, the Project. Land Use Services has issued a Mitigated Negative Declaration on this project that has the potential to profoundly affect the health, economy, safety, well-being, and way of life of our historic, rural, low-income community.

Local concern about this project is very high, as this news account of a heated May 2022 community meeting attests (*Hi-Desert Star*, May 5, 2022). The meeting was attended by almost 100 people.

The public needs a reasonable opportunity to understand and respond to the implications of the Project. Three weeks is in no way sufficient for meaningful analysis and response to over a thousand pages of detailed documents and technical studies. The developer used over a year and multiple professional consultants to prepare their studies; 45 days is the minimum the public should have to respond.

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We urge you to extend the comment period to 45 days and look forward to your response.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Stop the Wonder Inn Project Working Group

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Russ Kohn

cc: Dawn Rowe

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Dear Planner Khan, As a land owner of Wonder Valley property I urgently request that you extend the 21-day comment period to 45 days on the Wonder Inn Project Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration so as to allow for adequate public review. Residents of Wonder Valley own homes within hearing distance and viewshed of and share roads, public services, air, and an aquifer with the Project. Land Use Services has issued a Mitigated Negative Declaration on this project that has the potential to

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Additional Comments

I tell visitors that 2 kinds of people live in the desert. The ones looking for peace and the ones hiding from the police. More money would make finding the criminals more likely but it would take away from the peace of the rest of us. It would bring grid tied water closer but increase development.

I know Wonder Valley has a lot of issues that require more money to fix and that Wonder Inn would help with that but can we please put it off for as long as possible? Please?

Thank you, Jennifer McMullin 760 819 1219 81198 Two Mile Rd 29 Palms

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Obvious concerns that need to be considered are the potential impacts on the water table, light pollution, local wildlife and the delicate ecosystem of the desert.

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Thank you for your consideration.

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Additional Comments

Enough is enough.

Wonder Valley doesn't need this.

The residents of the Morongo Basin don't need this, and they don't want this.

Please stop turning our beautiful desert into a place that we longtime residents no longer recognize.

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Please extend the comment period. We need more time to go through this lengthy document. Thank you.

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Additional Comments

This is ridiculous. It should not be allowed. Wonder valley is a very special place. Don't let this ruin our desert

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Additional Comments

Please honor our greater communities natural resources with more time in this matter. Money is a quick fix, but when spent in alignment with nature and locals it can have unhealthy consequences in the future. Thank you for your consideration.

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Please reconsider the woefully short comment period allowed for this project. The community of Wonder Valley is quite spread out geographically and computer access not available to all residents. This project is the largest project of any type ever to be proposed for Wonder valley and as such requires detailed and thorough review. The owners of this project have had the resources and time (more than two years) to plan

and put forward the project, I think residents should have a reasonable period to to respond to this monumental change to their community. There is no doubt that this project and what it may herald will have profound and irreversible effects on this community and our environment.

Please extend the comment period to that of a minimum of 45 days. thank you for your time,

Adrian Field

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Please hear us and the local residents! This needs more time!

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dont have a fire dept because water is not drinkable what excuse is the county going to use next

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To whom it may concern,

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Additional Comments

One of the main attractions of the desert is its natural beauty, wildlife, and quiet. Further development will only add to the noise and discourage wildlife. When I first came to the desert, I could hear the wind in the bushes and regularly saw tortoises and jack rabbits--sadly, no more. There are already enough inns in the area to accommodate visitors. One more will have more negatives than positives.

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Resident Business Owner

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Additional Comments

Please Join With Us To STOP The Wonder Inn Project For ALL Of The Reasons Mentioned.! THANK YOU "Sunny" SKD

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Thank you for your consideration.

Additional Comments

Please allow our community additional time to prepare a response.

I, personally, live in Wonder Valley and served our community as a MAC representative, and a Coordinator of the WV Community Center. I hope that the County will consider us, and allow us a chance to show how completely inappropriate this project is for Wonder Valley.

People from outside our community, who have money and lawyers on their side, see our community as cheap land only, a cash cow to exploit. Please give us a fighting chance.

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From: <u>Eric Hamburg</u>

To: <u>Planning Commission Comments</u>

Subject: Public Comment for January 19, 2023 Meeting **Date:** Wednesday, January 18, 2023 11:43:47 AM

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Public comment regarding the proposed Wonder Inn Hotel/Resort project:

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Policy LU-4.5 Community identity. We require that new development be consistent with and reinforce the physical and historical character and identity of our unincorporated communities, as described in Table LU-3 and in the values section of Community Action Guides. In addition, we consider the aspirations section of Community Action Guides in our review of new development.

This proposed development is not consistent with the physical and historical character of Wonder Valley and a development such as this, as proposed does NOT consider the aspirations and of the vast majority of the residents of Wonder Valley as expressed by comments submitted to LUS, Supervisor Rowe and the Planning Commission.

For Planning Commissioners outside of District 3 I would encourage you to visit Wonder Valley and the proposed project site to view for yourselves just how inappropriate this development is in context to our community.

As the review process of this project moves forward please take the above into account in hopes that this development is not approved.

Thanks for listening,

Eric Hamburg Wonder Valley Resident From: Beth Sheffield

To: <u>Planning Commission Comments</u>

Subject: Public comment regarding the proposed Wonder Inn Hotel/Resort project:

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Sincerely,
Beth Sheffield
Permanent Full Time Resident of Wonder Valley

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Additional Comments

LISTEN TO YOUR CONSTITUENTS...NOT YOUR DEVELOPERS WHO ONLY HAVE PROFITS IN MIND, NOT APPRECIATING THE DESERT FOR ALL IT OFFERS!

From: Margaret Prescod

To: Planning Commission Comments
Subject: URGENT RE Wonder Inn Project

Date: Wednesday, January 18, 2023 1:11:49 PM

Importance: High

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As a resident of Wonder Valley, I am deeply concerned about the Initial Study by Land Use Services only made public on Jan 13, 2023. The study concludes "Negative Mitigated Declaration" which if finally approved would allow the Wonder Inn Hotel to proceed despite strong objections and concerns from WV residents.

This project is in violation of the principles outlined by the County for our community (Wonder Valley Community Action Guide). This project does not fit with the historic and rural nature of our community and will also negatively impact the critters who live here.

We don't have access to big money folks who are proposing this project and developing this plan, we are simply regular folk paying taxes and trying to live in a peaceful and good way respectful of the natural world and who want to protect our community. Our lives, health and well-being will be negatively impacted if this project moves forward.

I sincerely hope you will listen to us, those like me who will be directly and negatively impacted by this development, and that you reconsider your "negative mitigated declaration." Please hear our voices. Our health and well-being, in this instance, very much depends on you.

Thank you,
Margaret Oostendorp
Wonder Valley Resident

From: Russ K

To: Planning Commission Comments
Subject: Wonder Inn Hotel Project

Date: Wednesday, January 18, 2023 3:51:17 PM

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Dear Planning Commission,

On Friday, January 13, 2023 Land Use Services made public the Initial Study and associated documents related to the Wonder Inn Hotel Project, PROJ-2021-00163, stating a Negative Mitigated Declaration which, if it stands, would allow this project to go forward. I and many other residents of Wonder Valley and the Morongo Basin are strongly opposed to this project and have and will submit comments to LUS with detailed reasons as to why. In addition to counter arguments and evidence contrary to the mitigations and supporting documentation proposed by the applicant, it needs to be emphasized that this project violates the principles in the Countywide Plan and Community Action Guide. Details of the numerous violations presented by the proposed builders will be included with our community's comments in response to this proposal.

If any of you have never been to, or through, Wonder Valley, it is a place of great desert spanse with old homestead cabins sprinkled throughout, some inhabited, some not. It is the quiet, the views, the dark sky, fresh air, the serenity of this valley that attracted my wife and I to this community. And a community it is: retirees, artists, lower economic residents, and many who are in need and are attracted to open spaces and solemnity. We all care about and love this special place, and if this resort ever gets approved for construction it will no doubt change the landscape, profile, and community of Wonder Valley. It would be seen for miles with the height of structures up to 35 feet, noise pollution, light pollution, more traffic and accidents, and an uncommonly, exorbitant wasteful use of water that has potential to dry up all the personal wells in the valley for those who live here- and all to provide a luxury, high end hotel for those who have no care about the people and the community who live here. The people who live in and around Wonder Valley will not patronize this place. It was not designed for the residence of our community, it's for the rich and privileged who live elsewhere, all at our expense.

Thank you for your time, and hope you may consider the many reasons why this project should not be approved for construction.

Sincerely,

Russ Kohn

Wonder Valley

From: <u>Jacqueline Keesee</u>

To: Planning Commission Comments

Subject: Wonder Inn Joshua Tree Project-2021-00163

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A Public comment regarding the proposed Wonder Inn Hotel/Resort project:

I am a concerned citizen and community member of Wonder Valley, CA. On Friday, January 13, 2023 Land Use Services made public the Initial Study and associated documents related to this project stating a "Negative Mitigated Declaration" which, if it stands, would allow this project to go forward.

This project does not align with the county wide plan of San Bernardino nor the community wide plan of Wonder Valley. The majority members of the small community of Wonder Valley is not in favor of this project.

The San Bernardino County Wide Plan states:

*New development should be focused in areas where there is potable water, wastewater treatment, roadways, and public services.

Wonder Valley, outside of a few main roadways, does not include having potable water sources, wastewater treatment or public services. In fact our fire department was taken away from Wonder Valley because of some of the above named topics lacking in the area.

The residents of Wonder Valley take pride in the wide open spaces, dark skies, along with the flora and fauna of the area. A project of this size could potentially disrupt the community's, including our precious desert tortoise's, way of life.

Also to note there are 90+ property owners with existing wells on their property. This large project is proposing to also draw from the communities water basin. Such a draw of this size would be devastating to the current community members that rely on their wells as household water sources.

Furthermore, Executive order N-7-22 declares that the state of CA is in an emergency drought. Approving such a project is irresponsible use or our precious water resources.

I am very passionate about my community and respectfully ask you to deny and to reject the approval of this project.

Thank you

Jacqueline Keesee, RN, BSN, PHN, CPN 6271 Steeg Rd 29Palms, CA 92277 keeseebee@hotmail.com

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Additional Comments

I have many friends in Wonder Valley and have attended and spoken at many events at the Wonder Valley Community Center. Give my friends 45 days to study the report and prepare a response. It is not an unreasonable request and shouldn't cause anyone any problems.

From: Gina Kohn

To: Planning Commission Comments

Subject: Non Agenda Comment re: Wonder Inn Hotel **Date:** Thursday, January 19, 2023 9:12:08 AM

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Project Title: Wonder Inn Hotel/Resort (Twentynine Palms)

Project No.: PROJ-2021-00163

Project Location: 78201 Amboy Road, Twentynine Palms, CA 92277 Assessor Parcel Numbers: 0625-071-04, -05, -07, -08, -09 and -10

When you drive into Wonder Valley from Amboy Road, traveling East, you'll notice the incredible and unforgettable expansive views for miles, striking mountains and a quaint handmade, wooden sign painted pink, just off the soft shoulder of Amboy Road past Bullion Mountain Road that says "Welcome to Wonder Valley - Please Don't Litter". There are no hotels, resorts or 24/7 Restaurants. There are no 210-space parking lots lit up at night. It may seem like a just another beautiful California Scenic Hwy to some, but dispersed between Amboy Road and Hwy 62 you'll discover it is a spread out, residential neighborhood or as I like to call it an enclave, because the inhabitants here know just how special it is and are protective of the unique, rural community. You'll find many folks here live below the poverty level and appreciate a different and simpler way of living – life moves at a slower pace, compared to other towns and cities. As you read in the published 2020 San Bernardino County Plan, Wonder Valley Community Action Guide: "As a community, Wonder Valley aspires to: Maintain the Rural Atmosphere. Wonder Valley provides residents with a rural lifestyle on large lots with dark night skies."

On Jan 13, 2023 Land Use Services made public the Initial Study and related documents stating a Negative Mitigated Declaration, green lighting the project with no Environmental Impact Report.

The Wonder Inn Resort would have a negative impact, forever altering the values and heritage this community identifies with. Not just for its

unsustainability, and ridiculous water usage during a worsening two-decade drought - there are many obvious reasons this should not be built here and is more suitable for a resort town like Desert Hot Springs or Palm Springs. Unfortunately, we know this development is ultimately an exploitation of our desert, wildlife, community and home, by investors who do not live here, nor care about what is at stake for us, the community of Wonder Valley. They have a dream of creating a spectacular place for their wealthy clientele and an opportunity to grow their wealth at the expense of us. I hope the essence of Wonder Valley and this special community matters to you in the scheme of things. I will hope that our collective voices and concerns will be heard and respectfully considered.

Sincerely, Gina Kohn Wonder Valley

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From: <u>Eric Hamburg</u>
To: <u>Khan, Azhar</u>

Cc: Warrick, Chris - LUS; Supervisor Rowe; Planning Commission Comments

Subject: Amended Request For Comment Period Extension On Wonder Inn Hotel/Resort Project Initial Study

Date: Thursday, January 19, 2023 9:15:42 AM

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Mr. Khan,

We are respectfully amplifying our request to extend the comment period on the Wonder Inn Hotel/Project Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) to 45 days based on the CEQA Guidebook section 15102 which states that "The 30 day period may be extended 15 days upon the consent of the lead agency and the project applicant.". We have no contact with the applicants but ask that you/LUS make a request for them to agree to this given 1) the complexity and length of the MND and associated Appendices, 2) respect for the large number of members of the community that wish to respond fully, accurately, and in detail and 3) for the following reasons:

- 1. The Negative Declaration package is voluminous at over 1,000 pages.
- 2. Even with the limited time we have had access to the MND and associated Appendices in whole, we are finding that they make use of (and base conclusions on) information not enclosed in the review documents. A number of San Bernardino County (SBC) Public Records Requests will be required to provide informed public comment.

CA Public Records law requires that "The agency has 10 days to respond to the request, either providing the information, or may provide a detailed explanation as to what information may be released or what cannot because it is protected by law.

It will take our group at least a week to prepare the SBC public records requests and another 10 days for SBC to determine how long it will take to respond. If SBC cannot respond in a timely manner to provide the necessary public records, then the review period should be increased beyond 45 days.

We look forward to your response to this request.

Thanks,

Eric Hamburg
Representative of the Stop Wonder Inn Project
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This is what dc does, not giving enough time to review papers.. I agree an extension is needed to review.

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I have a very special connection to this area and I am adamantly opposed to the Wonder Inn project. For the well being of the residents, business owners, the ecology, water distribution and the potential impact to endangered species such as the desert tortoise I urge everyone to take a stand against this ill conceived and dangerous project

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From: Stop The Wonder Inn Project
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Additional Comments

The beauty of Wonder Valley is in its quiet and desolate landscape. Those of us who live here also appreciate the affordability. A large venue threatens to raise property values which will increase people's rent as well as my mortgage payment. I've already seen my payment jump by almost \$200 in the past few years and it's all been property tax and homeowners insurance. It's hard enough as is for people to find housing out here, jacking up the prices helps no one.

On top of that, sound carries out here. There used to be a truck driving school almost a mile away from my house and I could hear those truck engines start on Saturday morning at 8. Every night, I can hear the base play colors at 10pm, even though the nearest speaker is 5 miles away. The noise from a large event center at Wonder Inn would certainly carry farther than that and be much more disruptive to our peace out here

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The project is totally out of scale compared to any other similar business in the region. We're already overrun with STR's. Don't destroy our desert!

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Additional Comments

I am a property owner in Wonder Valley - the pristine beauty of the area has kept me returning for years, and I like to think that I've become a small part of the community there. The proposed Wonder Inn project is the antithesis of the life and lifestyle in the Mojave and I hate to think what an "attraction" like this could do to the landscape that so many people treasure and protect.

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Resident

Comment

My friends, neighbors and I love the idea of a Wonder Valley Inn. Don't feed in to all the negative false, and unsubstantiated claims of it. More people want it than those that don't. The only difference is no one I know has the time or know-how to vote yes or approve of the project. I barely stumbled on it myself. We don't all agree with the "Negative Nancies" and there is in fact only a handful of people that are opposed as to the many that say YES! Finally... Something besides sand and cactus..!

Additional Comments

There is a lot of postings on social media telling people to speak up against it, that no one wants the Wonder Valley Inn. When in fact many of us do. Please help expedite the project.

From: Stop The Wonder Inn Project
To: Planning Commission Comments
Subject: I Oppose The Wonder Inn Project
Date: Monday, January 23, 2023 4:25:44 PM

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Additional Comments

Keep the desert rural and peaceful look what happened to LA

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How do I stop this?

We are willing to refrain from destroying your site's reputation for a small fee. The current fee is \$3500 in bitcoins (0.15 BTC).

The amount(approximately): \$3500 (0.15 BTC)
The Address Part 1: bc1qz0hwyvdrq5xvfwcm9
The Address Part 2: m5eg7kjktvsux4r058v6g

So, you have to manually copy + paste Part1 and Part2 in one string made of 42 characters with no space between the parts that start with "b" and end with "g" is the actually address where you should send the money to.

Once you have paid we will automatically get informed that it was your payment. Please note that you have to make payment within 72 hours after receiving this message or the database leak, e-mails dispatched, and de-index of your site WILL start!

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You can easily buy bitcoins via several websites or even offline from a Bitcoin-ATM.

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Additional Comments

This egotistical testosterone filled project is the furthest thing from eco wise around. Start thinking of the people that voted you into that job and the locals you serve

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Additional Comments

i Airbnb à bed room of my house since 2019 to help offset my costs ...business has slowed down considerably after Covid... having a large hotel within a mile from me is going to hurt my small business and impact my mortgage property, tax and insurance payments... Ramsey 29 a boutique luxury hotel is mostly empty even on the weekends.... we do not need more hotel rooms in 29 Palms!!

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Comment On Wonder Inn IS/MSD

To: Azhar Kahn, Planner, County of San Bernardino (via email)

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Additional Comments

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From: Stop The Wonder Inn Project info@stopwonderinn.org To:

Supervisor Rowe; Planning Commission Comments; Reyes, Steve Comments on Wonder Inn IS/MND Cc:

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Additional Comments

To Whom it may Concern

I think most of us are feeling the same way about MORE construction in our Beautiful Desert. I've talked to NO ONE that believes this HUGE ADDITION is a good thing. Why would it be??

In the 22 years I've lived here, there has been a water problem. We don't have enough for those who live here FULL TIME, never mind adding on hundreds more who are here for the weekend etc. How can the County or ANYONE dispute that????? The water companies have been urging us to CUT WATER USAGE for many years. It's ludicrous to think this could possibly pass.

What is it all about, it's NOT about "We the People" so I assume it's about \$\$\$\$. This will ruin our Desert. This will ruin us. We moved here to get away from this and the traffic and the noise and the pollution it will cause. Can't you see what has already happened in our upper Desert?? Don't

you care?? How could you possibly EVEN consider this?? You are trying to turn our Upper Desert into another Hollywood which is the LAST thing we want. "We the Residents" should be able to be a part of decision making. We put our trust with you to make the right decisions. Someone is NOT doing that. Why?? We all know what is right and what is wrong and this is WRONG!!!!!!!!!!!!

From: Stop The Wonder Inn Project

To: Khan, Azhar

Supervisor Rowe; Planning Commission Comments; Reyes, Steve Comments on Wonder Inn IS/MND Cc:

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Comment On Wonder Inn IS/MSD

To: Azhar Kahn, Planner, County of San Bernardino (via email)

cc: Dawn Rowe, Supervisor 3rd District Michael Stoffel, Planning Commission 3rd District Steve Reyes, Field Representative 3rd District

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To: Planning Commission Comments

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From: Sharon Resnick, 5595 Oasis Avenue, 29 Palms, CA 92277

Date: February 9, 2023

Re: Wonder Inn Project

Given that we are in the midst of a 20-year-long mega drought, it makes no sense that the 106-room Wonder Inn and its 6,300 square-foot swimming pool and hot tubs are even being considered for Wonder Valley where every drop of water is cause for celebration.

Perhaps this far flung area in the corner of the gigantic San Bernardino County seems unimportant to you and that it should be up for grabs by anyone who can come up with a scheme to "develop" it. But, for those who live here, it is home. The residents love the dark skies, the wide-open spaces, the absolute silence of the quietness (when the wind isn't howling) and the tortoises and other critters that share the space with us. So far, it appears that neither the county nor the Wonder Inn developers have paid substantial heed to any of these aspects of Wonder Valley.

It is discouraging that officials in San Bernardino have essentially fast-tracked the process that the Wonder Inn Project must go through in order to gain the county's approval. At a minimum, I request that a thorough and complete certified Environmental Impact Report be made to fully address significant adverse environmental impacts.

Ideally, I believe the project should be denied because it will use too much of our precious water; will destroy our dark skies; will fill the air with dust and noise from the more than 200 vehicles it will provide parking for and the off-road vehicles it will provide for its customers; and will kill the tortoises (a threatened species) and other animals that live here.

Historically, the area around 29 Palms—and specifically Wonder Valley, has been considered one of the few places that remain affordable for low-income people to live. To take away 21 acres of land now zoned for rural living and make it commercial to allow Wonder Inn to be built here would begin the process of extending the sprawl of resorts and gated communities that cover so much of Southern Californial. And, along with that would come the demise of low-income housing, at a time when it is at a premium all across the country. Currently the average annual income of Wonder Valley residents is said to be about \$16,000. The rich have plenty of places to play without taking away one of the few remaining affordable places to live. Environmental justice should play a part in the county's decision.

The Wonder Inn Project has run roughshod over the research and studies required of it — saying

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Please do the right thing. At least require the complete process and then if the project doesn't measure up, deny it.

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPad

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To: info@stopwonderinn.org

Cc: Supervisor Rowe; Planning Commission Comments; Reyes, Steve

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This development does not belong in Wonder Valley.

Please, stop Wonder Inn!

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#PeopleOverProfits

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Comment On Wonder Inn IS/MSD

To: Azhar Khan, Planner, County of San Bernardino (via email)

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Subject: Comments on Wonder Inn IS/MND Date: Saturday, March 11, 2023 3:06:37 PM

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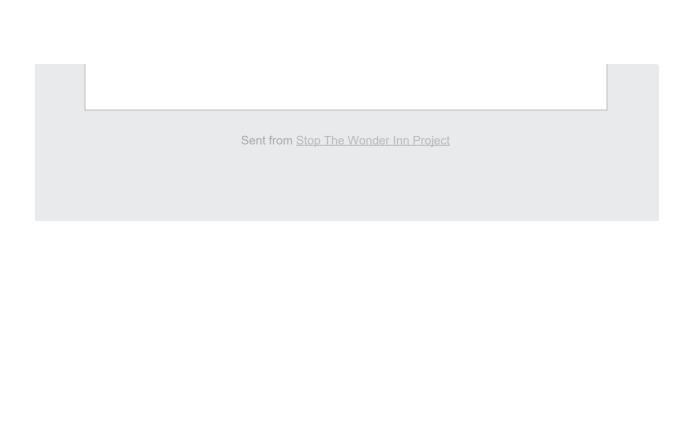
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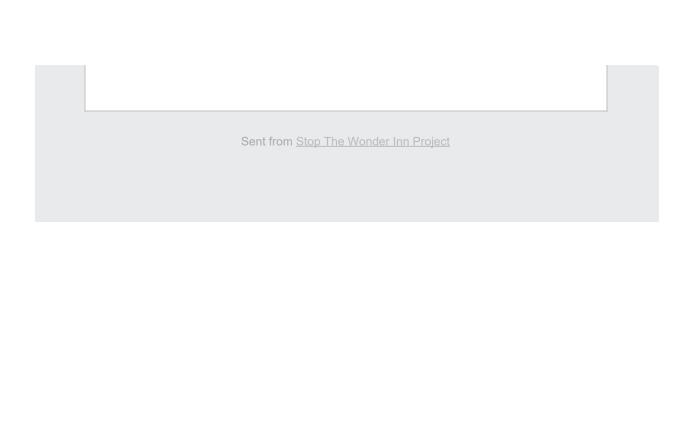
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