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Celebrating a Collective Achievement in Homestead Valley

Dear Community Members,

We have reached a pivotal moment for our community in the Rural Living zones of the High Desert. The decision to deny the appeal for the Flamingo Heights 640 Project, a 75-site resort proposal, stands as a significant victory. It underscores the importance of community engagement and alignment with local needs and values, particularly in the face of large-scale development projects.

Special appreciation is extended to Chair Supervisor Dawn Rowe, whose decisive motion was instrumental in shaping this outcome. Her understanding of our community's concerns and aspirations within the High Desert played a critical role. Additionally, our gratitude goes to Supervisors Paul Cook and Joe Baca, whose support alongside Supervisor Rowe was key in securing this victory for Homestead Valley, exemplifying leadership attuned to the needs of rural communities.

Our success is a testament to the collective strength and unity that emerged from the grassroots movement of our community. Save Our Deserts, born from this grassroots need, has been central in guiding our efforts. I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to Caroline Partamian, the organizer of the influential Change.org petition and a key figure in the MB Glamping Taskforce. Her assumed role as the 'other half' of our co-team has been indispensable, steering our collective efforts with unwavering support and dedication.

While we stood in opposition to the project, we acknowledge the roles of SBC Land Use Services in planning and RoBott Land Company in development. We recognize the complexities involved in such projects and remain hopeful that future initiatives in unincorporated rural areas and the broader High Desert will more closely reflect community values, fostering sustainable and harmonious development.

As we mark this milestone, let us celebrate the resilience, spirit, and dedication of the Morongo Basin community. These qualities have been the driving force behind this achievement and will continue to inspire our future endeavors.

For more information about the project and our journey, I invite you to visit www.saveourdeserts.org. Here, you can find detailed information and view the full hearing video, showcasing the community's efforts and discussions that led to this outcome.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this journey. Your involvement has been invaluable, and it's with deep gratitude that we celebrate this victory together.

Warm regards,

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