

From: [Susan Myrland](#)
To: [CouncilMeeting Comments](#)
Cc: [Katie Barrows](#)
Subject: Support for Chuckwalla National Monument
Date: Thursday, May 9, 2024 9:33:13 AM

Good morning Mayor Quintanilla and Councilmembers,

I'm very pleased to hear that you are going to vote on a Resolution of Support for Chuckwalla National Monument and the expansion of Joshua Tree National Park. I'm a volunteer with the coalition that is working on this project. As a resident of Palm Desert, I'd love to see my city join Palm Springs, Indian Wells, Indio, Cathedral City, and Desert Hot Springs to bring this vision to life. I don't have to tell you how important it is to preserve and protect public lands — you know what the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto National Monument does for Palm Desert.

We have arrived at a critical point. The coalition has spent months working with utility companies to designate boundaries that balance preservation with the need for long-term infrastructure. They've answered questions, resolved concerns, and secured endorsements. They've also met with multiple groups to ensure that all recreational activities currently allowed on this land would remain the same. This is truly an example of collaboration and cooperation — recognizing “what is” while moving to create “what could be.”

Imagine having our valley permanently surrounded by a cohesive ring of mountain and desert views, wildlife corridors, hiking trails, and recreational areas. Imagine teaming up with local tribes to safeguard Indigenous homelands and cultural resources, while taking proactive steps to increase our resilience to climate change. Imagine being able to say we have the nation's newest national monument!

I look forward to your vote this afternoon to support the proposed Chuckwalla National Monument and expansion of Joshua Tree National Park. Thank you very much for your leadership.

Best,

Susan Myrland
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From: [Joanne Fletcher](#)
To: [CouncilMeeting Comments](#)
Subject: Council Agenda Item - 9.m.-Chuckwalla National Monument
Date: Thursday, May 9, 2024 6:43:30 AM



Good morning Councilmembers,

My name is Joanne Fletcher. I am a resident of Palm Desert. My grandparents had a home in Palm Springs and I have been a frequent visitor for over 65 years. A few years ago I became a certified UCR California Naturalist and have enjoyed learning more about this beautiful area.

I want to express my support for the preservation of public lands that protect our local natural desert landscapes in eastern Riverside and Imperial Counties. I strongly support the proposed designation of Chuckwalla National Monument and expansion of Joshua Tree National Park.

Safeguarding these wild spaces will greatly benefit residents and communities in the entire region by helping ensure more equitable access to nature. Protecting these spectacular wild lands will also safeguard Indigenous homelands and cultural resources, encourage more people to enjoy our beloved federal public lands and world class natural areas thus boosting local economies, preserve the region's historical values, and conserve important wildlife habitat and movement corridors.

I encourage your support of the proposed Chuckwalla National Monument and Expansion of Joshua Tree National Park. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Thank you for your work on behalf of the citizens of Palm Desert and thank you for your consideration of item 9.m.

Joanne Fletcher

From: [Carol Grubbs](#)
To: [CouncilMeeting Comments](#)
Subject: Monument
Date: Thursday, May 9, 2024 5:25:52 AM

I'm in support Expanding Chuckwalla preserve and Joshua tree National park
Thanks
Carol Jane Grubbs

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From: [Susan Engle](#)
To: [CouncilMeeting Comments](#)
Subject: Chuckwalla National Monument
Date: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 8:14:11 PM



Good morning/afternoon

*Hello,
My name is Susan Engle and I am a resident of Palm Desert. I am enamored with the diversity and beauty of the whole Coachella valley. I became a certified California Naturalist in 2023 to learn more about this intriguing area.*

I wholeheartedly support the proposed designation of Chuckwalla National Monument and expansion of Joshua Tree National Park.

One element of the proposal that is of particular interest to me is creating a hiking trail that surrounds the whole Coachella valley. The "String of Pearls". I believe it would be a big draw and create much outdoor interest.

I strongly encourage your support of the proposed Chuckwalla National Monument and Expansion of Joshua Tree National Park.

with gratitude,

Susan Engle

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From: [Kelly A. Burns](#)
To: [CouncilMeeting Comments](#)
Subject: Chuckwalla
Date: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 7:27:57 PM



I live in Palm Desert and I strongly support the proposed Chuckwalla National Monument.

Kelly Burns

 Palm Desert, CA 92211

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From: kevinbrandon@twc.com
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Subject: RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE PROPOSED CHUCKWALLA NATIONAL MONUMENT, INCLUDING EXPANSION OF JOSHUA TREE NATIONAL PARK
Date: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 6:45:36 PM



Good afternoon Members of the City of Palm Desert City Council:

My name is Kevin Brandon, and I am a resident of the City of Palm Desert. My immediate family first began residency here 40 years ago. I am the most recent family member to arrive, buying my home in 2019. Since then, I have earned certification from UC Riverside as both a Climate Steward and a California Naturalist. Subsequently, I became a member of the Community Science Coalition, hiking throughout the Coachella Valley and Joshua Tree National Park to observe and document plants and wildlife. Led by Dr. Cameron Barrows, the group contributes to research at the UCR Center for Conservation Biology, as well as other ecologically oriented organizations through iNaturalist.

I want to express my support for efforts to preserve public lands and protect our local natural desert landscapes in eastern Riverside and Imperial Counties. I very strongly support the proposed designation of Chuckwalla National Monument and expansion of Joshua Tree National Park.

Safeguarding these wild spaces will greatly benefit residents and communities in the entire region by helping ensure more equitable access to nature for local residents and protect popular recreation sites. Protecting these spectacular wild lands will also safeguard Indigenous homelands and cultural resources, encourage more people to enjoy our beloved federal public lands and world class natural areas thus boosting local economies, preserve the region's historical values, and conserve important wildlife habitat and movement corridors.

Elements of the proposal that are of particular interest to me are protection of wildlife habitats and cultural historic sites, both ancient and recent. Designation as a national monument for this spectacular area will make those protections possible while still supporting and even improving recreational access, air quality, the tourism and local economies, and the our region's resilience to climate change.

I strongly encourage you and the City of Palm Desert City Council to

approve this the resolution of support.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Kevin Brandon
City of Palm Desert