

May 9, 2024

City of Palm Desert

Council Chamber/City Hall

73510 Fred Waring Dr.

Palm Desert, CA.

Attn: Clerk of the Board/Council/City Manager/Public

Re: Written letter to be entered in the Public record and made available for public inspection for the May 9, 2024 Palm Desert City Council meeting - Agenda Items: 8 (Non-Agenda Public comment)/Agenda Items: 9.d/9.h/9.i and Public Hearing agenda Item: 11.a

Dear Palm Desert City Council,

Please review my written statements listed below prior to the consideration of each agenda item.

1) Agenda Item: 8 (Non-Agenda Public comment)

Please consider joining other California cities and many governmental agencies in allowing the community to voice concerns (public testimony) at Palm Desert conducted public meetings (titled: Study sessions). Please be aware that City officials may be held responsible for the potential unlawful actions of refusing the Public the ability to actively participate with Public testimony during an open Public meeting (study session) held by City officials (City of Palm Desert, Riverside County, California).

2) Agenda Item: 9.d. (Ordinance No: 1412 – Detached automotive part deemed criminal)

Palm Desert City staff report stated that an average of six (6) catalytic converter thefts a month have been taking place. Those statistics lacked clarity and helped to illustrate how misleading narratives have been used to allow criminal activities to continue while the taxpaying citizen will lose freedoms to live a normal existence (now with a threat of a new criminal offense- for an activity that may be normal in certain situations by many individuals/businesses that don't steal automotive parts)

The Palm Desert staff report continued to suggest- preventing catalytic converter thefts at present is nearly impossible. And states that this new City ordinance will provide "indirect justice" – that nonsensical statement again helps to illustrate that the solution will be much worse than the criminal offense that may be taken place.

3) Agenda Item: 9.h. (Sculptures on El Paseo)

Oppose to public resources being used for sculpture titled "Gilded Godiva" –

That piece of work and others have been constructed and displayed in residential areas for years with a total disregard for the community. Please consider other options that embrace community moralities with a sense of responsibility for ideology (unwritten rule).

4) Agenda Item: 9.I (Street Vacation – unjustly denied)

Oppose to the unspecified and unclarified Palm Desert City Council refusal to vacate (street vacation) of adjacent real property west of property 73745 Shadow Lake Drive (current owner: Gordon German)

That small sliver of unused and untaxed real property that has different established easements still passing through that undeveloped property has no benefit to the City of Palm Desert, Riverside County, California.

Street Vacations are very commonplace throughout California and within Riverside County regional areas. Palm Desert City planning commission advanced an approval to City Council for said Street Vacation. It was clear that the current City Council was not equipped (proper knowledge) to determine the best long term advantages to allow for a Street Vacation at no-cost and or a reasonable price.

Property owners that contribute nearly twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.) In property taxes and are willing to potentially accommodate an increase in that outrageous tax amount to accommodate near-by underutilized property should be granted with the option to secure that small sliver of unused property.

5) Agenda Item: 11.a (Public Hearing – Short Term Rental (STR) space definitions)

STR owners and or operator's are free to determined there private property room definition as they wish. The room designation of "Living room" can easily be described as a "bedroom" if desired by each property owner and or STR operator.

Occupiable space and habitable room would both describe bedrooms and living rooms – STR are required to pay certain taxes and have regulatory conditions to comply with. Hotels/motels have similar requirements – certain accommodations (Such as the company: Embassy Suites) have "living rooms" that are interchangeable as "Bedrooms".

Allow STR to advised their unique properties as they wish with ethical standards of wanting return visitors.

Sincerely,

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