

## Carlos Flores

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Good morning Carlos,

Just received your public hearing notice regarding the Living Desert proposed expansion project.

As much as I like the Living Desert and appreciate what it represents in terms of positive PR and attractive marketing asset for the city and the valley, I am quite concerned (to say the least) about the project.

What I and probably everybody else like about the Living Desert is the zoo part, the beautiful animals that we all want to see. In that respect, the lion habitat is a big plus.

What I don't like is the Living Desert's growing appetite for developing more and more "associated facilities" such as the event center and recreation whatever which completely changes its purpose, interest and value.

The end-result of such a project would be no less than an undesirable mega commercial entity in the heart of an exclusive residential area, between the Vintage, the Reserve, Ironwood and Silver Spur. No less.

Enough is enough.

Time to put a stop to this misplaced ambition before they transform the neighborhood in some kind of convention center. Wrong project in the wrong place.

Thank you for voicing my concerns at the Public Hearing on July 16.

Alain Pinel