

CITY OF PALM DESERT STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: December 12, 2024

PREPARED BY: Anthony J. Mejia, City Clerk

SUBJECT: RATIFY A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR COACHELLA VALLEY
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH HOSPITAL - 40 BED EXPANSION PROJECT

RECOMMENDATION:

Ratify the issuance of the letter of support for the Coachella Valley Behavioral Health's 40-Bed Expansion Project.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:

Coachella Valley Behavioral Health (CVBH), located in Indio, CA, is an 80-bed inpatient facility providing critical mental health services, including crisis stabilization, detoxification, and outpatient care for residents across the Coachella Valley and Riverside County. With increasing demand for mental health services driven by regional population growth and broader statewide needs, CVBH has proposed a 40-bed expansion to address capacity limitations and meet community health priorities.

Recognizing the importance of this project to the region, the City Council Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Legislative Affairs, consisting of Mayor Karina Quintanilla and Mayor Pro Tem Jan Harnik, authorized the issuance of a support letter to Coachella Valley Behavioral Health's CEO on December 5, 2024. This letter endorses the expansion project and its application for Bond BHCIP Round 1: Launch Ready funding.

Staff has performed due diligence on this request. Based on this review, staff believes the support is justified, provided that communication protocols to address prior concerns with CVBH are implemented and maintained as part of this expansion.

Legal Review:

This report has been reviewed by the City Attorney's Office.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no direct fiscal impact associated with this action.

ATTACHMENT:

1. Letter of Support for Coachella Valley Behavioral Health Expansion Project