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City of Palm Desert
City Council / City Hall
73510 Fred Waring Dr.
Palm Desert, CA.
Attention: Clerk of the Board / City Council / General Public

Re: Written letter to be entered in the Public record and made available for public Inspection for the December 12, 2024 (4:PM) Palm Desert City Council meeting - Agenda Item: 13.L (Reappointment of D. Walker to the CVMVCD Board of Trustees)

Dear current City Council members,

Please review my written statement listed below prior to the consideration of Agenda Item: 13.L (Reappointment of Douglas Walker as the City of Palm Desert's representative to the Coachella Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District (CVMVCD) Board of Trustees).

This letter is in Strong Opposition of the reappointment of Mr. Walker to represent the City of Palm Desert and surrounding communities as an CVMVCD Trustee. It's highly recommended to have an elected City Council member appointed to the CVMVCD organization. Only elected officials (City Council member) should be held accountable by the regions residents for the repeated failures of the Coachella Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District (CVMVCD) operations within the Coachella Valley, Riverside County California.

The CVMVCD organization has grown to encompass "full" vector control status but continues to fail it's duty (responsibly) to performed Mosquito reduction/elimination goals along with other vector control activities. CVMVCD internal management issues have been repeatedly demonstrated to harm individuals (employees) with NO noticeable improvement over Mr. Walker's (17 Years) appointment as a CVMVCD Trustee.

Currently Mr. Walker is the longest serving CVMVCD trustee (17 Years of appointments), Mr. Walker was active with CVMVCD most recent Riverside County Grand Jury Investigation. And helped the CVMVCD organization retain its status quo operational system throughout that Grand Jury investigation and It's recommendations. Mr. Walker has been repeatedly assigned to the CVMVCD as a City representative likely due to his connections made through prior influences Impose with his institutional employment. Mr. Walker has been an important part of the CVMVCD empire building scheme and It's business as usual operations during those seventeen (17) years of appointments
It's highly recommended to replace Mr. Walker with an "Elected" City Council member which would be accountable to City Residents.

It's reasonable to consider that Mr. Walker has a unique relationship with current CVMVCD

General Manager (Jeremy Wittie) which could be seen as a potential conflict of Public Interests related to Public Health and Safety in the City of Palm Desert and surrounding areas. It's clear that outgoing City Council member (Kelly) shouldn't have the ability to once again influenced the Coachella Valley region with an appointment (Walker) while not accepting other desirables candidates to be considered for City appointments. Its absolutely sensible to stop long established actions of "insider" (Status quo/who you know) City appointments to exteral organizations (CVMVCD). Regional Health and Public Safety has and will continue to be compromised by radical political maneuvers of extending favorable treatment (City Appointments) to potential "freinds" of the City.

It's extremely embarrassing that the City of Palm Desert has appointed and reappointed the same person (Walker) for nearly (2) decades to the same external organization (CVMVCD). Such reappointments should be recognized as morally wrong and a disservice to the community.

City service (volunteer) and or assigned City appointments "should" be limited in length of service time, to encourage other City Residents to apply for City appointments. And most of all - City Council members should always encourage residents to serve the City if their able. City representatives should NEVER appoint or reappoint selected Individuals without seeking other City Residents that may desire certain City assigned appointments.

Public service (city appointments) shouldn't become a City sponsored career, it's likely that the benefits of free (Food and Drink) and all expenses paid travel throughout the Country plus the potential self satisfaction of elite status along with several meeting stipends (serving on other organizations associated with the CVMVCD) maybe the motvation that appointees have decided to Never give up.

Sincerely,

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