

CITY OF PALM DESERT STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: February 27, 2025

PREPARED BY: Anthony J. Mejia, City Clerk

SUBJECT: RATIFICATION OF A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE BUILDING
RESILIENCE INFRASTRUCTURE AND COMMUNITIES (BRIC) CITY OF
PALM SPRINGS WESTERN COACHELLA VALLEY FLOOD AND
BLOWSAND MITIGATION PROJECT

RECOMMENDATION:

Ratify the letter of support for the BRIC City of Palm Springs Western Coachella Valley Flood and Blowsand Mitigation Project.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:

The Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG) requested a letter of support for an application to the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) grant program to address infrastructure resiliency needs on Indian Canyon Drive. At the direction of the City Council Subcommittee on Legislative Affairs, the letter was issued on February 20, 2025. The City Council is now asked to ratify the letter's issuance.

The Indian Canyon Drive project is a crucial initiative to mitigate the effects of flooding and windblown sand, which frequently cause road closures and disrupt regional connectivity. The proposed improvements include:

- The construction of all-weather bridge systems to ensure year-round accessibility.
- Sand fencing and drainage enhancements to prevent recurring road closures caused by extreme weather events.
- Improved infrastructure that will support emergency response, economic stability, and environmental resilience in the region.

Legal Review:

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

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no financial impact associated with this action.

ATTACHMENT:

1. Letter of Support