

CITY OF PALM DESERT STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: November 13, 2025

PREPARED BY: Anthony J. Mejia, City Clerk

SUBJECT: RATIFICATION OF LETTER SUPPORTING THE LIVING DESERT ZOO
AND GARDENS' GECKO GULCH PLAYGROUND OF DISCOVERY &
INCLUSION

RECOMMENDATION:

Ratify the issuance of the letter supporting *The Living Desert Zoo and Gardens' Gecko Gulch Playground of Discovery & Inclusion* and its grant application to the Honda Mobility Grant Program.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:

The Living Desert Zoo and Gardens has applied for a Honda Mobility Grant to support the *Gecko Gulch Playground of Discovery & Inclusion*, a fully accessible, sensory-friendly play space designed for children and families of all abilities. The project features adaptive play equipment, wheelchair-accessible pathways, and inclusive design elements that promote exploration and social connection. The City Council Subcommittee on Governmental Affairs reviewed and approved the issuance in advance of formal ratification by the City Council.

Legal Review:

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

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no financial impact associated with this action.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Letter of Support - Gecko Gulch Playground of Discovery & Inclusion