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Honda Community Relations
American Honda Motor Co., Inc.
1919 Torrance Boulevard
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**RE: Letter of Support – The Living Desert Zoo and Gardens’ “Gecko Gulch
Playground of Discovery & Inclusion”**

Dear Honda Community Relations Team:

On behalf of the City of Palm Desert, I am pleased to express strong support for *The Living Desert Zoo and Gardens’ Gecko Gulch Playground of Discovery & Inclusion* and its application to the Honda Mobility Grant program.

The proposed playground represents an important step forward in expanding access to inclusive, outdoor recreation for children and families of all abilities. Designed with adaptive play features, sensory-friendly environments, and wheelchair-accessible pathways, Gecko Gulch will provide an engaging and welcoming space where all visitors can explore, learn, and connect.

This project aligns with The Living Desert’s longstanding commitment to accessibility and community inclusion, demonstrated through initiatives such as *Museums for All (SNAP/EBT admission)*, *STEM in the Wild* for Title 1 schools, and outreach programs that serve underserved communities across the Coachella Valley. These efforts reflect shared regional values of access, inclusion, and well-being that are central to Palm Desert’s vision for a connected and compassionate community.

The City of Palm Desert values The Living Desert’s leadership in conservation, education, and inclusive recreation and is proud to support the *Gecko Gulch Playground of Discovery & Inclusion*. We respectfully encourage Honda’s favorable consideration of this proposal to help make this important community resource a reality.

Sincerely,

Jan C. Harnik
Mayor, City of Palm Desert