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AS A 25 YEAR RESIDENT OF YUCCA VALLEY, PRESIDENT/CEO OF CATALYST DEVELOPMENT, A LEADING SOFTWARE PUBLISHING COMPANY BASED IN YUCCA VALLEY, AND PRESIDENT & DIRECTOR OF SEVERAL NON-PROFITS IN THE JOSHUA TREE GATEWAY COMMUNITIES I AM STRONGLY COMPELLED TO EXPRESS MY SERIOUS CONCERNS REGARDING THE PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF RENEWABLE ENERGY DEVELOPMENT AND ITS EFFECT ON OUR PRESENT COMMUNITIES AND HABITATS.

I FULLY APPRECIATE THE NEED TO AGGRESSIVELY PURSUE THE RAPID DEVELOPMENT OF RENEWABLE ENERGY ALTERNATIVES TO MEET OUR GROWING DEMANDS. HOWEVER, A QUICK AND IMPROVISED DECISION AT THE EXPENSE OF LONG TERM, IRREVERSIBLE DESTRUCTION OF OUR QUALITY OF LIFE AND THE MOST IMPORTANT REQUIREMENT OF MAINTAINING WILDLIFE CORRIDORS TO PROTECT THAT WHICH WE LOVE... THE WILDLIFE OF OUR DESERT COMMUNITIES... IS EXTREMELY SHORT SITED.

CONSERVATION NEEDS TO BE CAREFULLY AND THOUGHTFULLY PLANNED. HAVING REVIEWED THE RECOMMENDED AREAS THAT CONSERVATION EFFORT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AND APPLIED TO, AS LISTED IN THE ATTACHMENT TO MY LETTER, I'M IN TOTAL AGREEMENT WITH

THE KIND OF PROJECTS THAT I STRONGLY OBJECT TO THAT ARE SO HARMFUL TO OUR MOST SENSITIVE LANDS INCLUDE THE SODA MOUNTAIN AREA AND SILVERIAN VALLEY.

I AM STRONGLY AND CONSISTENTLY SUPPORTIVE OF EXPANDING OUR RENEWABLE ENERGY INITIATIVES... BUT

MY SUPPORT IS FOR THOSE PROJECTS THAT DON'T  
IMPACT NEGATIVELY COMMUNITIES AND THE LIFE  
STYLE AND ANIMAL HABITATS WHEREBY THE  
DAMAGE CAUSED BY IRREVERSIBLE KNOWLEDGE IMPLEMENTATION  
CAUSES IRREPARABLE DAMAGE AND LOSSES TO  
FUTURE GENERATIONS.

I SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGE THE EXPANSION OF  
ROOFTOP SOLAR, INCREASING EFFICIENCY AND UTILIZATION  
OF EXISTING PROJECTS THAT COULD EFFICIENTLY HANDLE  
EXPANDED USE OF THOSE FACILITIES. WITH THE RIGHT  
INCENTIVES INDUSTRY & VARIOUS LOCAL COMMUNITIES COULD BE  
MOTIVATED TO DEVELOP PROJECTS IN THE RIGHT PLACES THAT  
WOULD NOT RESULT IN NEGATIVE OUTCOMES.

WHEN THINKING AND PLANNING FOR FUTURE  
NEEDS, PLEASE RECOGNIZE AND CONSIDER HOW  
THESE DECISIONS WOULD NEGATIVELY IMPACT OUR  
FUTURE QUALITY OF LIFE AND THE PRECIOUS WILDLIFE WHICH  
IS UNIQUE TO OUR DESERT COMMUNITIES. WITH  
TOURISM BEING THE LEADING ECONOMIC ENGINE  
IN THE JOSHUA TREE GATEWAY COMMUNITY, YOUR  
DECISIONS COULD RESULT IN A MAJOR DECLINE  
IN THAT ECONOMIC BENEFIT.

WITH RESPECT,  
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