



June 7, 2022

Riverside County Board of Supervisors
4080 Lemon Street, 5th Floor
Riverside, CA 92501

RE: Failure to Represent the Residents of Beaumont

Honorable Supervisors:

The City Council of the City of Beaumont is hereby admonishing the Board of Supervisors for your failure to represent the residents of the city of Beaumont and the surrounding communities. Your lack of oversight on the San Gorgonio Crossing (Gateway) project is evident. The assurances that this project would comply with the Board adopted conditions of approval have clearly been put aside. It is reprehensible that the residents of the city of Beaumont and the surrounding areas must suffer the consequences of a project which was not supported by your constituents and is not being required to comply with conditions of approval which were sold to the public as mitigation to off-set the impacts of the project.

It was cited in the project staff report that “The project will also be set back from the street and landscaped in such a manner as to be visually unobtrusive, thereby espousing the rural character of the surrounding environment...”. It was also cited “...the project’s setback from the mountain ridge and the street will protect the scenic ridgeline and the landscape, providing continued natural visual relief to the nearby communities.” As the buildings are under construction, it can now be substantiated that neither of these statements are accurate.



The City is concerned that as this project continues to move forward and develop, additional conditions and mitigation measures will remain overlooked and unenforced. It is our hope that the Board will ensure that the approved conditions of approval are enforced in their entirety. Furthermore, should any condition need to be modified, the City implores the Board to do so in a public hearing and allow your constituents their right to provide input.

The approval of this project by the Riverside County Board of Supervisors was clearly a misstep and allowing the project to build unchecked adds insult to injury. It is apparent that this project has become an intrusion on the rural quality of life so many here in the area once enjoyed.

The Beaumont City Council will continue to follow the progress of this project closely as it is our duty to represent the interests of, and be the voice for, the people that we serve – our Beaumont residents. Likewise, the Beaumont City Council encourages the Board of Supervisors to be a “Good Neighbor” and represent the best interests of the communities that you serve.

Regards,

Lloyd White
Mayor

Julio Martinez
Mayor Pro-Tem

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Council Member

David Fenn
Council Member

Mike Lara
Council Member