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

RE: Failure to Represent the Residents of Beaumont

Honorable Supervisors:

Unfortunately, the City Council of the City of Beaumont has been placed in a difficult position. We are forced to make the Board of Supervisors aware of a failure to represent the residents of the city of Beaumont and the surrounding Pass communities. The lack of oversight on the San Geronio Crossing (Gateway) project has become evident. The assurances that this project would comply with the items discussed and promised during the public hearing process and outlined in the EIR have clearly been put aside. It is disheartening 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 promises made; promises 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 is accurate.



The City is concerned that as this project continues to move forward and develop, the Conditions of Approval and mitigation measures will remain overlooked and unenforced without any public transparency.

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.

The City of Beaumont City Council stands ready to engage and encourages the Board of Supervisors to be a "Good Neighbor" and represent the best interests of the communities you serve. We respectfully request that you schedule a public meeting here in Beaumont with your constituents to discuss how we can all best serve the communities. This meeting is a perfect opportunity to reassure residents that moving forward, mitigation measures at the San Geronio Crossing project will be closely monitored and enforced.

We look forward to hearing your response to our request.

Regards,

Lloyd White
Mayor

Julio Martinez
Mayor Pro-Tem

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Council Member

David Fenn
Council Member

Mike Lara
Council Member