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Lithium Industry

Blue Ribbon Commission,

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While I value the Commission's focus on supporting the Salton Sea revitalization, it's my understanding that substantial tax revenue generated from lithium production has already been set aside for the restoration of the Salton Sea under new state law.

The process laid forth by strict, California's regulations, as well as current environmental funding, provides me full confidence that this project will satisfy our environmental needs, while helping to fuel California's clean energy future.

Let's continue to work together to improve these projects and focus on finding the best path forward that balances our need for environmental revitalization and clean energy, allowing Imperial Valley to thrive to secure our future here in Imperial County.

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I too want to see engagement when it comes to the continued development of this unique industry. However, community outreach should not be mandated as a prerequisite to greenlighting a project with many tremendous benefits.

The lithium industry is in a critical spot when it comes to Imperial County's future, having the ability to provide hundreds of jobs, millions in tax revenue and tens of millions in economic activity, while at the same time helping to fuel our clean energy future.

Let's continue to work together to improve these projects, finding the best path forward that balances the desire for community inclusivity and support, yet also considering the overarching positive impacts projects like these can have on Imperial Valley and generations to come.

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I want to express my support for developing the lithium industry in Imperial County that promise to be some of the cleanest in the world.

Imperial County is in a unique position when it comes to the development of the lithium industry. We are rich in the necessary resources to fuel geothermal brine lithium extraction systems, while still having an important need for mitigation efforts to protect the environment.

While I agree we should reduce any environmental issues with air and water quality as best we can, I urge the Commission to review the geothermal brine lithium extraction systems, which promise to be the most environmentally friendly system as it relates to emissions, water usage and physical footprints.

Additionally, the process laid forth by California's regulations include the most comprehensive environmental requirements that provide me with full confidence that any approved projects will meet our environmental needs, while at the same time helping to fuel California's clean energy future.

Let's work together to improve these projects, finding the best path forward towards continued environmental stewardship and meeting our clean energy needs, while still allowing the industry and Imperial Valley to thrive for generations to come.

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