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## **Opposed to Palen Solar Project**

Having followed the news covering this project, I am alarmed at the potential environmental and safety impact. I recently drove past the solar plant near Primm NV on I-15. The size, scope, and brightness was more significant than I had imagined. Although I support alternative energies, I believe they should enhance or at least coexist with the environment, not be a destructive force. The location within close proximity to Joshua Tree National Monument is a major concern and could pose a threat to this unique place. The documented threats to migratory birds as well as air travel are extremely valid concerns that need to be addressed. The desert is a diverse and fragile ecosystem which would take a lifetime or more to fully recover, if ever, once this technology is abandoned in the future in favor of something more efficient. Please carefully consider the ramifications of approving this project.

"If future generations are to remember us more with gratitude than sorrow, we must achieve more than just the miracles of technology. We must also leave them a glimpse of the world as it was created, not just as it looked when we got through with it." Lyndon B. Johnson