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*Additional submitted attachment is included below.*



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## Request for Letter of Response to Community Comment Letter

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Tue, Nov 23, 2021 at 11:56 AM

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Dear Chair Paz and Lithium Valley Commission Members,

We are writing to request a response to the comment letter community residents and Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability submitted to the Lithium Valley Commission docket on October 8, 2021, attached below.

Following the Lithium Valley community forum, there are still outstanding questions from our letter that were not addressed. To ensure that residents have all the information they need, it would be extremely helpful for the commission to provide a full response to assist residents as they engage in this process. Furthermore, consistent community-centered spaces that allow for fluid conversations are extremely important in that they allow for a comprehensive dialogue with simultaneous information sharing and community input.

We ask that the response letter be made available in both English and Spanish using a level of technical language that is accessible to the general public. Responses to the questions listed in the letter should also be disseminated throughout the communities using various methods to ensure that these are available to residents across the region.

Lastly, we understand that the Lithium Valley Commission doesn't have the ultimate decision on the approval or denial of lithium extraction in the Salton Sea, however, it is important to acknowledge the power of influence this group has via the final report which will give recommendations to the legislature on how to move forward. As you work to develop the report we urge you to lead a community-centered process that influences the final report and reflects the true voices and concerns of the community.

This message has been directly emailed to the commissioners whose email address we have as well as posted on the Lithium Valley Commission docket. We kindly ask that the email version of this message be forwarded to the remaining commissioners not included in the original email.

Respectfully,

Mariela Loera

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