

A Resolution of the Homestead Valley Community Council, representing the communities of Flamingo Heights, Johnson Valley, Landers, and Yucca Mesa, opposing The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power electrical transmission project named Green Path North.

WHEREAS, The Homestead Valley Community Council (HVCC) recognizes the need to increase the use of energy generated by clean, renewable sources, in compliance with the State of California's AB32 and other state requirements to improve air quality; and

WHEREAS, HVCC members are aware of the proposed project by the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) to build high tension power transmission lines connecting Desert Hot Springs (Devers II) to Hesperia (Lugo), for the claimed purpose of delivering renewable energy into Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, based on the California Public Utilities Commission, Imperial Irrigation District, and LADWP project maps, the preferred route for Green Path North will intrude upon communities represented by the Homestead Valley Community Council; and

WHEREAS, the residents of these communities will receive no benefits, nor have any desire to receive any benefits from this proposed project; and

WHEREAS, the residents of these communities have overwhelmingly expressed strong opposition to the Green Path North proposal; and

WHEREAS, the area and vicinity of the proposed corridor are home to an array of ecologically diverse habitats, plant and animal populations, some of which are listed as "Federal and State Rare or Endangered"; and

WHEREAS, there is a public safety threat due to fires caused by the failure of high tension power lines and towers during earthquakes and high winds, conditions the communities of Homestead Valley are prone to; and

WHEREAS, home and business owners will inevitably experience diminished property values directly related to the undesirable consequences of such a project, like destroyed views and fear of health risks to list a few; and

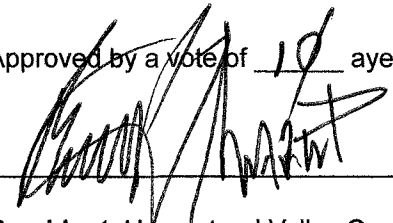
WHEREAS, there is personal risk for many property owners to have these hard earned assets condemned and seized via eminent domain; and

WHEREAS, this project will conflict with, and will have adverse effect on, every concept of the recently adopted San Bernardino County General Plan, such as infrastructure, housing, conservation, open space, safety, land use, and economic concerns; and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power has failed to implement programs within Los Angeles that would enable them to easily reach their renewable energy goals. By endorsing locally distributed energy generation like rooftop PV solar, LADWP could exceed those goals without the necessity to purchase additional power from remote generators, and build more dangerous and intrusive long distance transmission lines, such as the proposed Green Path North.

Now, therefore, the Homestead Valley Community Council resolves that it strongly opposes the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power Green Path North transmission line project, and insists LADWP reach its renewable energy goals by generating more of its own energy closer to the point of use.

Approved by a vote of 10 ayes and 0 noes, and adopted on this 18th day of August, 2008.



President, Homestead Valley Community Council