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**CITY COUNCIL
MEETING**

JULY 19, 2022



To: City of La Quinta Council Members

July 19, 2022

Fr: Ricardo Loretta, Past Governor of Rotary District 5330

Dear Honorable City of La Quinta Council Members,

I am Ricardo Loretta, Chair of Rotary District 5330's Foundation Gala, and I bring you exciting news. On October 8 we will be honored with the wonderful opportunity to host Rotary International's first-ever woman president, Jennifer Jones, at our annual fundraising gala. It will be held at the Westin Mission Hills Resort, and is the first time a sitting worldwide Rotary president will have visited the Coachella Valley.

Attendance will be in the 600 to 800 range, with confirmed attendance from both Rotarians and non Rotarians from all over the world. Jennifer is a communications professional. Her powerful message calling for action in areas like finishing Polio eradication, redoubling efforts for strengthening education assistance in Africa, and, especially important for us in the Coachella Valley, focusing even more resources on Hunger and Food Insecurity will be truly impactful.

As you know, Rotary and La Quinta have a wonderful relationship. Your Mayor Linda Evans and several past mayors and councilpersons are or have been proud members of the Rotary Club of La Quinta. We would be honored if the City of La Quinta would consider being an Event sponsor, at a level of \$3,000 to \$5,000. I welcome the chance to discuss this further, as this support would be crucial in bringing international attention to our valley and attracting like-minded sponsors and attendees. A sizeable portion of fundraising proceeds will be channeled to needs in our local communities, especially in the area of Food Insecurity.

I am thrilled that Coachella Valley Rotarians have been chosen to coordinate this historic event. I am also hopeful you will agree that the unique opportunity this event offers is one we do not want to miss and that we can work on together to make successful.

Thank you in advance for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "R. Loretta".

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Honorable Mayor Evans, Mayor Pro Tem Fitzpatrick, Council members and staff.

My name is Phil Novak and I am a resident in Andalusia.

I thank the City Council for this chance to state for the public record concerns about the updated draft of your "AMENDED AND RESTATED RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR COUNCIL MEETINGS AND RELATED FUNCTIONS AND ACTIVITIES."

1. At the June 5, CC meeting, Council member Radi stated the Council welcomes the testimony of **experts**. On September 21, residents opposing the Wavepark want the Council to hear testimony from a number of **experts**. However, we are concerned that the Amended and Restated Rules won't give these experts any more than the 3 minutes given to regular residents. We are concerned that this would be a **grossly unfair limitation upon expert testimony from one side**.
2. Similarly, we're concerned that the Amended Rules will deny these **experts the right to visually represent their testimony**. This too would be grossly unfair. All sides understand that a "picture" is often worth a thousand words.
3. Similarly, we're concerned that an expert who is not local will be unfairly prevented from addressing the Council because the Amended Rules ban Zoom-type testimony. Yet, the Amended Rules say that a Council member can join a meeting by teleconference. Can't this same **special arrangement be afforded for key outside-expert testimony?**

We are just looking for a level playing field. Thank you for your consideration.