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CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING**

**JUNE 4, 2024**

**From:** Tracy Bartlett <tlbartlett19@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 3, 2024 11:35 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Mail  
**Cc:** Jennifer Nelson  
**Subject:** Support for Chuckwalla National Monument

Good morning Madam Mayor and City Council members!

My name is Tracy Bartlett and I am a resident of La Quinta. I've lived here full-time for the last ten years. I am a certified UCR California Naturalist and Climate Steward.

I strongly support the proposed designation of Chuckwalla National Monument and expansion of Joshua Tree National Park.

Safeguarding these wild spaces will greatly benefit residents and communities in the entire region by helping ensure more equitable access to nature for local residents and protect popular recreation sites. Protecting these spectacular wild lands will also safeguard Indigenous homelands and cultural resources, encourage more people to enjoy our beloved federal public lands and world class natural areas thus boosting local economies, preserve the region's historical values, and conserve important wildlife habitat and movement corridors.

Permanently safeguarding these lands from development is critical to our state's efforts to fight climate change and the impact of climate change on Coachella Valley residents. The long term health of our valley communities is directly impacted by the health of our surrounding desert environment.

I encourage you and the La Quinta City Council to support this exciting proposal for a new Chuckwalla National Monument.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Tracy Bartlett

**From:** Robin Hart <robin.openhandspottery@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, June 2, 2024 1:13 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Mail  
**Subject:** Chuckwalla National Monument

Hello,

I wanted to express how much I appreciate the city council's proposed support of the Chuckwalla National Monument. Every time our communities come together in ways that help to protect our quickly dwindling natural resources, we all come out ahead. Every. Single. Time.

Thank you for making the time to consider and then support this proposed protection.

Sincerely,  
Robin Hart  
10 year resident of the La Quinta Cove

Sent from my iPad

**From:** Peter Schwartz <schwartztalks@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 1, 2024 3:12 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Mail  
**Cc:** Jennifer Nelson  
**Subject:** Written comments - Peter Schwartz, La Quinta - Chuckwalla National Monument.

La Quinta City Council,

My name is Pete Schwartz. I moved to La Quinta in 2009. One of the primary reasons that attracted me to this valley is that it offers a surprising variety of nature experiences. The Coachella Valley is crisscrossed with trails that wind through mountains, canyons, and palm oases. The elevation changes allow the enjoyment of hiking all year long. There are very few areas in the world where that is possible. That is why this area is known worldwide for its hiking trails.

The proposed Chuckwalla National Monument holds immense potential. Not only would it protect crucial desert ecosystems and wildlife corridors, but it would also create a new and exciting outdoor destination for visitors. It is a place to hike through pristine canyons, spot rare desert bighorn sheep, and stargaze under vast, unpolluted skies just to name a few. This monument would be a gift to future generations, safeguarding this irreplaceable landscape while boosting nearby communities through increased tourism and recreation.

I strongly support the proposed designation of Chuckwalla National Monument and expansion of Joshua Tree National Park and I encourage you and the La Quinta City Council to support this exciting proposal for a new Chuckwalla National Monument. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

La Quinta Resident,  
Pete Schwartz

**From:** Kay Wolff <KayWolff@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 3, 2024 1:49 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Mail  
**Subject:** CONSENT ITEM: CHUCKWALLA NATIONAL MONUMENT

Members of the La Quinta City Council:

Thanks to the Council and staff for agendaing the Chuckwalla National Monument designation on your June 4 Consent Calendar.

I'm a long-time resident of La Quinta and, like you, support the natural and historic preservation of our beautiful and disappearing desert. Like many residents, I've been following the progress of the Chuckwalla monument designation process for some years, and am happy to have lived to see this broad new geographic area moving toward legal status.

Benefits for La Quinta?

1. Expand our menu of parks and monuments open to tourists and locals alike
2. Preserve and historic native sites, indigenous flora and fauna, and some spectacular geographic features.
3. Accommodate recreational use of designated areas for the off-roading community
4. Designate areas for development of natural resources, for example solar installations

Please join other municipalities who support this worthwhile designation for another national monument right in our own back yard.