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Via Email and Hand Delivery

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Dear Mr. Alford,

The West Newport Beach Association ("WNBA") representing the interests of "West Newport Beach residents" respectfully requests the City extend the deadline for comments on the Banning Ranch Draft Environmental Impact Report ("NBR DEIR").

The NBR DEIR is over 7,000 pages long, very complicated and difficult to navigate and understand. It has taken years for this document to be compiled and yet we, the public, are expected to read these complicated and confusing documents in sixty days, not to mention understand the document and make our comments and concerns known to the City.

The public comment period is an essential and vital part of the process. It provides information to all parties involved and contributes to mitigating issues. Therefore, it is our opinion that the process should be extended for an additional 60 days. It would also be most helpful if there could be an Executive Summary in 50 pages or less in plain English that can be digested by the general public.

Thank you for considering our request.

Sincerely,


Craig Batley, President
WNBA Board of Directors

cc: WNBA Board of Directors

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