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George Spiliotis, Executive Director  
Riverside Local Agency Formation Commission  
3850 Vine Street, Suite 110  
Riverside, CA 92507-4277

**RE: LAFCO 2017-20-5-Annexation to City of Desert Hot Springs (Haro – KD DHS)**

Dear Mr. Spiliotis:

The following comments are in regard to the above referenced LAFCO case, a proposal to annex approximately 35.59 acres for provision of municipal levels of services in the location generally described as being south of Pierson Blvd., east of Little Morongo Rd., north of Dillon Rd., and west of N. Indian Canyon Dr.

If the Commission wishes to approve the proposal, the County recommends the following for the Commission's consideration:

1. California Government Code Section 56375.3 outlines qualifying criteria and streamlined procedures for annexation of unincorporated island areas. On June 22, 2017, LAFCO staff presented report findings to the Commission which identified Cholla Gardens as one such unincorporated island that meets all criteria of Government Code Section 56375.3. The Cholla Gardens unincorporated island is located approximately 1.8 miles northeast of the property being proposed for annexation by the above referenced LAFCO item. Therefore, pursuant to LAFCO staff report findings, and Commission Policy 2.1.3, the County requests that the Commission require annexation of Cholla Gardens as a condition of approval for annexation of the subject property.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment, and for granting a minor extension for this submittal. If you would like to discuss these comments, please call me at 951-955-1110.

Sincerely,

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Senior Management Analyst

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