

## **City of Desert Hot Springs**

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George Spiliotis, Executive Officer Local Agency Formation Commission 3850 Vine Street, Suite 240 Riverside, CA 92507 Ph. (951)369-0631 www.lafco.org

## **RE: HARO Annexation**

Dear Honorable LAFCO Commissioners,

The City of Desert Hot Springs ("City") is in receipt of the proposed condition of approval submitted by Riverside County pertaining to the request that the City must annex the land which is commonly referred to as "Cholla Gardens" located approximately 1.8 miles northeast of the property ("Proposed COA"). At this time the City does not have enough information to support or object to the Proposed COA. That said, should the LAFCO Commission approve the Proposed COA associated with the Haro annexation, the City would request that the LAFCO Commission modify the Proposed COA to include the following:

- 1. That under no circumstances shall the City be required, or otherwise cause, to petition the LAFCO Commission to annex the land commonly referred to as Cholla Gardens;
- 2. If the City does decide to petition LAFCO to annex the land commonly referred to as Cholla Gardens, that any and all costs of any annexation whatsoever (including but not limited to costs associated with CEQA, to do studies, pre-zoning, etc.) including attorney fees, shall be borne by Haro-KD DHS, or any successor in interest.

The City thanks you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Scott Taschner, GISP Senior Planner

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