

Statement of Palm Springs Together – February 10, 2020

Last week Palm Springs Together sent a letter from our attorney to the city of Palm Springs.

We said that as the city considers steps to mitigate the negative impacts of the planned entertainment and sports arena as part of the Tribe's gaming compound, there cannot and there should not be backroom, secret deals between the city and the Tribe or the Oak View Group (the Tribe's private development partner).

The California Environmental Quality Act and the Brown Act demand no less than proper environmental review, public notice and public engagement in the interest of environmental protection and the public good.

We are hopeful that the city will indeed conduct proper environmental review and act in sunshine as it considers steps to mitigate the negative impacts of the arena, including with transportation management and parking plans. Should it not, the city leaves itself open to litigation.

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