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City of Cathedral City
Charles McClendon, City Manager
68700 Lalo Guerrero
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Dear Mr. McClendon,

Thank you for providing the Desert Valleys Builders Association with the opportunity to review and comment on the City of Cathedral City's draft of increased Development Impact Fees based on inflationary mechanisms provided by the Engineering News Record – Construction Cost Index.

This is an acceptable practice to maintain charges that closely relate to costs incurred by the city to provide the necessary infrastructure for a growing city. The fee schedule appears to be appropriate for adoption.

The DVBA would like to remind the city of our concerns stated for the record in September of 2023. The city elevated the level of service beyond what the existing community had invested. Future development has been tasked with increasing the quality of life for the existing population without full benefit themselves.

By opening the discussion to adopt a new development impact fee schedule, the city also opens the possibility for challenge pursuant to the Mitigation Fee Act.

The Desert Valleys Builders Association accepts the new DIF Schedule.

Sincerely,

Gretchen Gutierrez
Chief Executive Officer

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