



**NOTICE OF INTENT
TO ADOPT A
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
Living Desert Expansion Project
Case: CUP/PP/EA 23-0010**

LEAD AGENCY: City of Palm Desert
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PROJECT TITLE: Living Desert Expansion Project
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PROJECT LOCATION: 47900 Portola Avenue, Palm Desert, CA 92260 APNs: 630-250-045,
625-300-052

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Living Desert Zoo and Gardens is proposing an expansion project (“Project”) that includes the addition of an event center, entry pavilion, lion habitat, and associated facilities. The Project is an amendment to the previous entitlement for the Living Desert (PP/CUP 15-370), which included a smaller lion habitat and event center. In addition to the lion habitat and event center, the Project introduces a new entry pavilion on the north side of the existing Chase building. The Project consists of a Conditional Use Permit (CUP), Precise Plan (PP), and Environmental Assessment (EA). The CUP is to allow construction of a “Recreation Facility, Commercial” use in the “Public” zone.

FINDINGS/DETERMINATION: The City has reviewed and considered the proposed project and has determined that the project will not have a significant impact on the environment, with the implementation of mitigation measures. The City hereby prepares and proposes to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for this project.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: A 20-day public review period for the Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration will commence on June 10, 2024 and end on July 1, 2024 for interested individuals and public agencies to submit written comments on the document. Any written comments on the Mitigated Negative Declaration must be received at the above address within the public review period. In addition, you may email comments to the following address: cflores@palmdesert.gov

Copies of the Mitigated Negative Declaration are available for review at the above address and at <https://www.cityofpalmdesert.org/our-city/palm-desert-planning-notice-of-intent>

PUBLIC MEETING: The Planning Commission hearing is tentatively scheduled for July 16, 2024. Please contact Carlos Flores at cflores@palmdesert.gov and/or 760-776-6478 for further information.