

**City of Palm Springs Measure J Oversight Commission Meeting**  
**Wednesday, November 20, 2024**  
**5:30 PM at Palm Springs City Hall**

Good evening, Chair Sipkins, Commissioners, City officials and staff, and members of the public.

My name is Jonathan Lorenzo Yorba. I'm the Senior Manager of Grants at The Center. I'm here on behalf of Mike Thompson, our CEO, who thanks you again for considering our Measure J Community-Initiated Project titled, "The Center: Solar Shade Structure and Rainbow Bike Racks."

I would like to specifically thank Commissioner Jack Newby who – like Commissioner Linda Futterer – conducted a site visit to see firsthand what The Center hopes to accomplish with much-needed Measure J grant funding. Commissioner Newby asked how many panels will be on the shade structure. The number, according to Hot Purple Energy, is approximately 60. I also told Commissioner Newby that Hot Purple Energy would be able to mobilize quickly should The Center be awarded a Measure J Community-Initiated Project grant, and that the project would be completed under a year.

As I mentioned in my public comments to you during the last meeting on October 17, I would also like to warmly invite other Commissioners to do a site visit to not only see that our proposed project is in line with the City of Palm Springs Strategic Plan and with Measure J funding priorities and goals, but also – and perhaps equally as important – to learn about the services and programs The Center offers to each and every Palm Springs resident and visitor, as everyone is welcome at The Center.

On Tuesday, November 12, 2024, I made public comments at the Human Rights Commission meeting and made a request that the Commissioners consider submitting a Letter of Support for The Center's proposal to you, the Measure J Oversight Commission. Although Chair Hugo Loyola mentioned that collectively the Commission is not able to conduct business, individuals on the Human Rights Commission are able to submit a Letter of Support to the Measure J Oversight Commission on The Center's behalf.

The Thursday, November 19 Sustainability Commission agenda contained The Center's request for a Letter of Support. It was approved at that meeting, and the letter will be transmitted to you, the Measure J Oversight Commission.

Thank you.