

## CENTER FOR COMMUNITY ACTION AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

"Bringing People Together to Improve Our Social and Natural Environment"

January 15, 2026

City of Jurupa Valley

Attn: Mayor Berkson and Jurupa Valley City Council

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Jurupa Valley, CA 92509

*Submitted via email [CityClerk@jurupavalley.org](mailto:CityClerk@jurupavalley.org).*

Re: Council Business A. AN INTERIM URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JURUPA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, IMPOSING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON THE APPROVAL OF NEW DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS WITHIN THE NORTH PYRITE MASTER PLAN AREA UNTIL COMPLETION OF ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES IDENTIFYING AND ADDRESSING SAFETY CONCERNS FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT

Dear Mayor Berkson and Jurupa Valley City Council,

I am writing on behalf of the Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice (CCA EJ) in strong support of Council Business A. on the agenda for this evening, January 15, 2026. It is important that the City is taking this step to restrict attempts to advance development in Pyrite Canyon on the site and vicinity of the Stringfellow toxic waste dump and cleanup site. As discussed in the Staff Report for this Item, the Canyon and surrounding areas have a long history of toxic waste which has created one of the worst Superfund sites in the region and requires careful attention to ensure that it is properly cleaned up—a process which preliminary estimates point to taking many decades to complete at minimum.

With ongoing discussions of potential projects that could be built on still-contaminated land in the Canyon, we believe that this moratorium is a first and vital step in ensuring that the cleanup can happen in a manner that is thorough and adequately addresses the pollutants which remain in the ground and poisoning the land. Once the moratorium is in place, the City will be able to conduct the studies and surveys necessary to assess the extent of what remains and provide a better roadmap to thoroughly cleaning up the pollution that remains.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments and we look forward to continue work with the City and other entities to monitor and remediate the Stringfellow site.

Sincerely,



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*CCA EJ* is a long-standing community based organization with over 40 years of experience advocating for stronger regulations through strategic campaigns and building a base of community power. Most notably, *CCA EJ*'s founder Penny Newman won a landmark federal case against Stringfellow Construction which resulted in the 'Stringfellow Acid Pits' being declared one of the first Superfund sites in the nation. *CCA EJ* prioritizes community voices as we continue our grassroots efforts to bring lasting environmental justice to the Inland Valley Region.

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