

**Public Comments for Suggestions and Ideas Regarding Community Spending Priorities for Potential Lithium Revenue
Public Comment Period March 1, 2023 – April 30, 2023**

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3/1/2023	Lanny Foote	General	When the regulations are developed, obviously they should be in a non-legal format, but, addition, there should be an absence of bureaucracy influence as well, as many examples of comments as can be visibly included in the notice. You get more comments and engage more people that way.
3/1/2023	Jess R. Nunez	Infrastructure	As a lifelong resident of Imperial County I would like to see infrastructure projects be priority. We have some of the worst roads in the state. We have bridges that need repairs. I do not want to see that money fund new or existing bureaucracies. I don't want that money going to non profits that have overhead. Roads and bridges. We have too much traffic and too many two lane roads. For instance, Forrester road will eventually need to be four lanes. That is an example. Nobody is entitled to that money. Infrastructure affects everyone daily.
3/2/2023	Kevin Smith	General	I think the tax you set up is exactly the opposite of what it should be and it actually penalizes greater production. It should be a flat percentage so that is the price of lithium rises your revenue will rise and if it falls the tax will fall. Don't kill the goose that is about to lay that golden egg.
3/2/2023	Chris Meier	Infrastructure	Please spend some of these proceeds on our county roads. They are deplorable! Have any of you gone out and driven on county roads lately? I used to be so impressed with the roadways here in IC. Now you can't go out for a drive without encountering patches and potholes. S27 (Keystone) from McConnell to S32 hasn't seen any improvements in years and is a jarring experience! While I'm at it, why wasn't Mitchell's Camp Road included in the Walter's Camp/3 Slashes project? Everyone at Mitchell's Camp pays some form of County taxes. The majority of Walter's Camp residents pay camp fees NOT taxes. Thank you for your consideration.
3/2/2023	Rob Zimmer	Salton Sea Company support	My company Spectrum Advertising is a strong advocate for Imperial County with an emphasis on the Salton Sea. I have been facilitating outreach and have created much attention for the Salton Sea. Please consider supporting my efforts to help build advocacy for our area. \$1,000 per month would help communityspectrum.org tremendously.
3/3/2023	Enola Berker	Medical/Health	It is with great urgency that I ask you to consider the Medical Infrastructure of Imperial Valley. Adding to it's population we must have an increase in services to allow timely access to health care

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			<p>be it well care or urgent care. We are an underserved region with many challenges to our health care systems currently.</p> <p>I ask that you please earmark a fair share of Lithium Tax Dollars to Healthcare,</p>
3/10/2023	Trueprotag	Community/Rec Public Trans Housing	<p>money should be placed into offering recreational activities for adults and older teens and into public transportation. Quality of life should be improved for the valley , we are all so stressed and it would be good for some to find a safe and fun place that isn't at least an hour away. housing thats actually accessible would be great! bringing fun to the valley is what we need.</p>
3/10/2023	Victor Zazueta	Community/Rec	<p>QUALITY OF LIFE: ARTS AND CULTURE</p> <p>The county should use funds from lithium extraction to create a community arts center similar to what has been created in the Los Angeles area and in other communities in our vicinity. (https://culturela.org/cultural-centers/)</p> <p>A community arts center could start small and build capacity. I could be located in county property or historical district and include arts equipment for printmaking, printing presses, etching presses and silkscreening. Teachers could be hired locally or internationally (Mexicali) to teach.</p> <p>Here are some examples of community arts centers in California and Mexicali:</p> <p>https://www.breadandsaltsandiego.com/about (Logan Heights)</p> <p>https://culturela.org/cultural-centers/ (Los Angeles)</p> <p>https://www.huntingtonbeachartcenter.org/education.html (Huntington Beach)</p> <p>https://www.rcaaarts.org/ (Riverside)</p> <p>https://www.mexicoescultura.com/recinto/66166/centro-estatal-de-las-artes-ceart-mexicali.html (Mexicali)</p> <p>https://proyectocalle13.org/ (Mexicali)</p>
3/10/2023	Betty Bergfalk	Community/Rec Public Services Infrastructure	<p>These are my suggestions for use of the potential tax revenue generated by the Lithium Valley.</p> <p>I live at Fountain of Youth Spa RV Resort on Spa Rd. near Hwy 111. Just a few miles from us is the community called Bombay Beach. It used to be a thriving community. However, it has turned into an area of few residents living in less than minimum standard mobile homes. Many buildings are still standing, but have been gutted by weather, fire, and vandalism. There used to be a fire</p>

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3/10/2023	Craig Adams	Environment General	With the push for green energy from our government, can you assure the people of Imperial Valley will be safe from those pollutants, i.e. Lithium.

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3/13/2023	Susana Salgado	Infrastructure Community/Rec Medical/Health	The revenues should be used as follows: 1. Improve the infrastructure in Imperial County. I.e. the county roads need to be repaved. The roads have been damaged by the farm , commercial and personal vehicles. Many potholes and crumbling roads. Also many of shopping areas do not maintain their parking areas and pavement s. 2. Demolish and rebuild the Fair Grounds. The buildings our old , there is mold and dirty . The Grandstand needs to be totally replaced and become more accessible to the disabled. The grandstand are also unsafe. Further, The bathrooms our disgusting. 3. Grants to the cities to remodel the downtown areas in their city. 4. Build more recreational areas for our children and grandchildren. There is no place for them to go in the summer. An aquatic center would be nice as well as a state of the art sport centers. 5. Educational grants for our children or provide educational opportunities for our kids. 6. Ensure that our hospitals have the resources needed to provide adequate healthcare for our community. Further, have individuals who can competently manage the hospitals. 7. Finally, improve the landscape of the county. And remove graffiti asap. Please don't blow this opportunity.
3/13/2023	Gordielockspunk	Infrastructure Community/Rec	Fix El Centro's tore up roads, plant more trees and add another community pool
3/20/2023	(name unrecognizable)	Education Community/Rec	Train all the people who couldn't study a career then they will have more opportunities for jobs so as to not force parents to go outside of their area to look for work and leave their children behind. Recreational parks are also needed in the community. <i>(Translated from Spanish)</i>
3/20/2023	Virginia Hernandez Diaz	Community/Rec Public Services	Park for children. Urgent security because the abandoned town (Niland) is very insecure. <i>(Translated from Spanish)</i>
3/20/2023	Ruben Hernandez	Public Services	Police security urgently. <i>(Translated from Spanish)</i>
3/20/2023	Mireya Ramirez	General	Agree with most of the Alternate Plan except think it should be 10% Imperial County Services & Administration and 10% for law enforcement & violence prevention.
3/20/2023	Victor Beas	General Community/Rec Public Services Infrastructure	In favor of lithium development because believes it will bring many opportunities for everyone. Based on the proposal that the County has for the distribution of taxes, believes that the concepts are not well defined and the distribution is not appropriate according to the priorities and needs of the community. 50% for Administration, Services and Infrastructure should be separated in each

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			of the terms with their respective percentage. Doesn't want only 10% for infrastructure and services and 40% for administration of very high salaries for office work. Should be clearer how the 50% is going to be used. Unsure what "Quality of Life" means and how or where it will be applied. Hopes the county administration analyzes better for the benefit of the majority and those most in need. <i>(Translated from Spanish)</i>
3/20/2023	Melanie Echeverria	Education	Local tax sharing proposal is too vague. Residents need more specification of where and what the money will be used for. Should allocate more towards education since college/university opportunities are limited in Imperial County.
3/20/2023	Martha Ponce	Reduce utility payments and gas tax	I am hereby writing to you to present my comment, which is the following. I have lived in the city of Brawley for 10 years and in this time I have realized that the taxes on utility payments are too high and the services are too high. For example in the payment of water: taxes are paid for transportation when those pipes have already been paid for years. For all the owners of land or houses, we are always being charged and even so there are contaminants in the water. I pay my taxes regularly and I see that there is no improvement, for example, the streets and public lighting on my street have been dark since I have lived there. If the taxes are going to be used to improve the Imperial Valley, what we owners pay in property, electricity, water, and gas taxes should be reduced. The pandemic affected us too much, it was fair that we pay less taxes of all. <i>(Translated from Spanish)</i>
3/20/2023	Yuridiana Zamudio	Education Medical/Health Housing Environmental	More support in schools, not only k-12 but also for university students. Child care support. Health system. Housing. Environmental justice (energy and paving).
3/20/2023	Manuel Ruiz	Community/Rec Infrastructure	I am a resident of Heber and I am the father of a family. I consider that it would be important to use a percentage of the lithium tax to improve the cities of the valley. Heber is a community that needs the support of the county, it is a connection between two of the largest cities in the county and its limited size on the main road (Dogwood Road) has already claimed lives by not being wide and safe enough. As well as the problem with Pitzer Street that is blocked and prevents access to that neighborhood for which many problems have already arisen. One of the priorities should be to create more green areas and parks so that families can enjoy and live healthily. This should be of the utmost importance to our leaders and to listen to the demands of the people who ask for a greener valley.
3/20/2023	Blanca Robles	Medical/Health	In my opinion the distribution of the taxes should be distributed among the most needed cities and based on our healthcare system now that El Centro Regional as closed the delivery department our Brawley hospital is over crowded and we local residents have a bigger trouble of getting our

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3/21/2023	Isamay Pasillas	Medical/Health Education	Wants 20% of lithium tax allocated to Imperial Valley healthcare systems for Imperial County and the unincorporated areas such as Niland, Calipatria, Seeley, Westmorland, Bombay Beach, Heber, Poe Colonia and Winterhaven. Also wants to make Imperial County education system a priority to increase opportunities and career choices.
3/21/2023	Christian Torres	General	Advocating for Lithium Valley through the Lithium Valley Community Coalition. Recommend to keep this as transparent as possible. Have department heads describe outreach. Has heard road paving, and urban greening, but need to go beyond that for ideas. Re-think the system on how we do things here in Imperial. State mandates equity and our coalition tries to get equity built into projects. Recommend expanding definitions of the revenue buckets and develop into more concrete ideas. Outreach we have done indicate they are scared because of the high investment in administration, which means more office work. Want to prepare for more engagement from this coalition as a group. Suggest seeing infrastructure and administration separated.
3/21/2023	Jose Flores	Infrastructure Community/Rec	Comment about direct fence line communities that are underserved and overburdened. It was stated that Niland's median income is \$16,000 per year, which is 1/3 of the already low income compared to other areas in the County. Would like to see improvement of infrastructure, especially dirt roads. Infrastructure upgrades of roads, bridges, railroad and possibly an airport to help boost the economy. Also consider the focus on senior citizens and homeless citizens. It would be beneficial to have the County visiting these fence line communities. Like Salton City on April 4. Would like to look into installing fast EV chargers in our communities. State contacted me yesterday to say they will install four EV chargers at the public library and three other locations in the community.
3/21/2023	Eric Reyes	Environment Public Health	Concern on how it is not split up between Admin and infrastructure (draft model for revenue distribution). Would like to see subcategories included in the model. Want to make sure the sub categories guarantees monies in those categories, set a percentage amount. We need to help the youth and senior citizens of the community. You know we want to bring that thing quite a bit down (admin and infrastructure distribution). Id like to see more on air, land and water mitigation. You can make a separate department for that if you like, might be easier to track. Each community should have an opportunity to have air, land and water mitigations. Public

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			health should be a huge highlight as we move forward. We want to be part of the oversight committee.
3/21/2023	Fernanda Vega	General Infrastructure Public Trans Health/Medical Community/Rec	Concerning that one bar is very high in the draft model for revenue distribution. Want to emphasize that these things do need to be separated and categories are not very specific. I know this tax is supposed to go the fenceline communities, but none of that is being obvious. It would be amazing to focus on transportation especially with Bombay Beach only having one day a week to access the bus; they struggle to organize their day to include all errands in that time span (Salton City as well). Recommend a mobile medical van to assist citizens in transportation to their medical appointments. Invest in youth, there are no after school programs in Westmoreland. Keeping the youth connected and in mind, they may want to stay here and give back to their community.
3/21/2023	Dylan Charles	General Environment Fund Committee Workforce Education Community/Rec Infrastructure Medical/Health Public Services	Only way to kick our bad habit with fossil fuels is with batteries, specifically lithium ion batteries. Imperial Valley has been blessed with one of the largest lithium deposits. We need to decide if it is a blessing or a curse, whether we end the cycle of corruption, destitution, and poverty that has plagues our valley. I would like the money put into an independent environmental commission or investigation to determine what risk factors are associated with lithium extraction and make sure we are funding those risk factors. I want a local board established to determine where the money is going, I would be willing to sit on that board free of charge as this should not be sucking these resources. I want jobs in this valley (job training, job development). We need to train the local community to work at these places. We need to fund the transition for people from an agriculture based economy to an industrial/service based economy where people can make more money and support their families. We should be expanding downtown. We should fix homelessness and boarded-up buildings and beautify the areas and establish an old town area, make them thriving business hubs with jobs where people can be proud to go. We need to fund infrastructure, need to make it clear how much funding is going to infrastructure. Doesn't make sense to have administration and infrastructure in the same bucket, they should be separated and be clear as to where the money is going. Statistic, 1 in 5 elderly live in poverty, we are not doing anything about it. Nursing homes are abysmal, people are treated like garbage there, they are going hungry. Elderly should be taken care of. Police, we should have police expansion, better training and anti-corruption training (especially for the police in Calexico).
3/21/2023	Paedrin Fusco	General Community/Rec	Concern with ambiguity in the lithium tax proposal. Without clearly defined language on where funds will be allocated, residents of Bombay Beach and other communities directly affected by lithium extraction cannot proceed with confidence and reciprocity of this operation. Specifically concerned on lumping together of infrastructure and administration as reflected under the one

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			<p>percentage. I want to push for the examination of this ambiguity and express the urgent necessity to clearly define the allocation for each of these items. Speaking for Bombay Beach, we have so many community projects that would benefit from the fair and proper allocation of the lithium tax. Currently working on putting in a splash pad for the kids this summer, remodeling the kitchen in the community center, renovations to other district buildings, having the cooling center up and running before summer, and building up and launch of our emergency response unit. I want to see an outcome that will benefit all parties involved, emphasize transparency through defining language in the proposal.</p>
3/21/2023	John Hernandez	Public Trans Infrastructure Community/Rec Public Services	<p>I support the recommendation to have more input here. What people are saying here today really strikes home with where we are as a County. Add railroad tracks, move water, inner city falling apart. Need to integrate with IID. Integrated with the Ag community. Maybe put businesses downstairs and housing upstairs. What is the lack of integrated waste management system that's not working in Imperial County? Drove from Brawley to here, breaks my heart, all the mattresses, refrigerators, tires, and garbage being stacked up in unseen locations. Talk about north county, why do we look the other way on all that stuff out at Slab City? What is going to happen with all this e-waste that we are going to create? How many years are we into the solar projects, now some of that stuff is going to have to go somewhere, of course now the recycling of lithium and batteries. Environment needs to be a bigger chunk of this, more than I see here. Im sure if we have these public hearings and move them around, we can get people to be heard.</p>
3/21/2023	Sara Griffin	General Public Trans Education Housing Medical/Health Workforce Community/Rec	<p>I represent Imperial Valley Food Bank. Imperial County is a divided house. We like to divide things. There are five of you here, representing five different districts. High school rivalries keep us apart instead of together. We are sitting here with not a lot of money. \$4.5 million is not a lot of money. I know this because I built a building recently and it cost more than that. This isn't quite the God send we would like it to be. Its not going to solve all these issues. I want to suggest that you do not divide it. Recently I attended a workshop to develop your strategic plan. I commend you on this process because we need a plan. We need to be able to dream about this County and fully envision what it would look like if it were better for everyone and people want to come and join us. We have not been able to dream like that, because we could never afford it. In our session of talking, transportation issues were brought up, educational opportunities, the need for new business, housing for a growing economy, and some sort of fix to the countywide healthcare system. These are major issues that need major investment. My fear is that with this money, broken down into little pieces, will have very little impact in this County. The IV Food Bank serves over 20,000 people a month that would all benefit from large and impactful improvement to the transportation system, more housing choices, better education system, higher</p>

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			education, more jobs, and a solvent hospital system. So instead of dividing this money into tiny pieces, we suggest you put this money where your plan is. Use this money to make large and vast investments in the area of clean lithium battery powered transportation. We cannot call ourselves Lithium Valley if we are not using that technology. Incentives for affordable housing and the chance for home ownership, incentives for business development, with the agreement that the business stays in the Valley past the incentive period, improvements to local education to diversify majors so more young people will stay in the Valley, and whatever needs to be done to create one health hospital system for the betterment of all the people of Imperial Valley. If you decide not to go this way and divide it into little pieces, I hope you will include hunger.
3/21/2023	Reed McConnell	General Infrastructure	Im a resident of Bombay Beach. It is concerning to see administrative costs lumped in with infrastructure, it seems urgent to separate so we know how much money is going to infrastructure. There are so many infrastructure projects in the Valley, and its important to us to know that almost 50% of this revenue source isn't going to administrative costs.
3/21/2023	Michael Morales	Community/Rec Education Infrastructure Medical/Health Environment	I came out of curiosity to get more information and see whats going on. I want to see what the feelings of the community were with this lithium project. From what I hear, this lithium project is not a God send, it can be and it should be. We have a great opportunity here to be the pioneers of the lithium industry, Imperial Valley is fortunate that lithium is here and is in great demand. Why is the County twisting themselves into a pretzel trying to solve something when we don't need to put ourselves in that position. If the lithium industry if it becomes what it is cut out to be, which it has great potential, it will not only be a God send for us, but for the nation. We need to take it as that. We are willing to work with this industry, but want to take our fair share and make the County what we want it to be. Imperial County is an impoverished county, but that can change. You have the authority to make that happen. Id like to see representatives of Imperial County to stand their ground and ask from the industry for our fair share. We can have better schools, infrastructure, hospitals, education, and training. We are talking about lithium batteries. What is Imperial County going to so we can know or guarantee to the next generation that they will have a part of that technology of lithium development, lithium batteries. We need to think about our future generations. I grew up hearing we were going to solve the problem with the Salton Sea, and today we are still having the same talk back when I was five years old. Nothing has been done, a lot of red tape and environmental studies. We do have a great opportunity, but depends on what we will do with it. We don't know what mitigating factors we will have with health.
3/22/2023	Kim Hernandez	Community/Rec	There is real energy being taken from the sea that positively affects the residents that live along it's coast. These people will lose these benefits when the mining begins. These residents will be deprived of the benefits of the lithium due to this. I believe the residents so long as they have lived

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			there for six months or more in those areas should be compensated. Every resident over the age of 18 should receive a significant amount of those tax dollars directly. A lot of these areas are low income and deserve to be considered as far as how this is going to affect them. Bombay Beach will be most affected if the water goes down. You could significantly change lives by investing in the individual residents AS WELL AS a generous donation to our community center, emergency response unit and The American Legion.
3/23/2023	Paul Solek	Infrastructure	My suggestion would be to re-pave Beal Road from the RR tracks in Niland to Canal Road. I would get the Defense Department to subsidize the paving as they use it to access the Marine Corps bivouac area on the Naval Gunnery Range. The road must support heavy truck/HUMVEE traffic. The trucks haul all sorts of trailers and artillery pieces. I don't know when the current road was built but I have to believe it was not designed to support the heavy weights it currently does.
4/4/2023	Cecilia Menta	Medical/Health Community/Rec Workforce	Involved in the lithium process since it began. Ive listened to community issues and problems. Im very worried about what could happen with lithium, from what I read in newspapers. Been hearing about health issues that could happen. Ive been listening, What economics will come to the cities? When is it actually coming to our city (Salton City)? I wish our comments and questions will be answered, I want to know how workforce will increase.
4/4/2023	Lilian Garcia	General	Need to comply with the Act for Spanish speakers. Calenergy has a pilot project to extract lithium, community does not know. Senate Bill 797, how will tax be allocated? SB 797 will review and oversee fund distributions. There is a geothermal exploratory well in Salton City, managed by Ormat.
4/4/2023	Daniela Flores	Oversight Plan	I hear the residents' concerns, risks associated, needs, and that our County needs to support industry. Spending plans, they asked about concerns in the community, room for improvement, learn to be part of discussions. Improve the process. Public comment period was 30 days, changed to 60 days; want to extend the comment period to learn about SB 797 to share with the community. SB 797 is the oversight for spending plan. Support. Sometimes funds don't make it to communities. Want an oversight plan. What mechanisms will be used to implement priorities?
4/4/2023	Art Gurtz	Environment	Aware that in the north county, there are problems. Problems cost money, unsure where the money will come from. Look at the big picture. Water and air – we need both to survive. Must have adequate water supply and good quality air. Both are dying. We need a plan to restore the Salton Sea and air.
4/27/2023	Scariano0501	Education Housing	Allotments should be made for education and affordable housing projects.

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4/27/2023	Bianca Encinas	Education Workforce Community/Rec Medical/Health	As someone who was born and raised in El Centro, and recently moved back after 14 years living in world class cities, I am sad to see the quality of life in Imperial County is not living up to its potential. I would love to see the tax dollars from Lithium valley projects go towards empowering our public education resources in support of a stronger quality of life. I'd love to see our our public schools thrive with smaller class sizes and more teachers; putting resources in place to educate job seekers on how to find higher paying jobs remotely. I'd love to see efforts being put to grow and foster stronger community engagement. I'd be grateful to see access to health care that treats members of our community with respect and care, in a timely manner, and allocation of resources for education so our community knows when to reach out to their general practitioner, urgent care provider, or emergency room team. I'd love to have more access to helping people where they are so our community can thrive.
4/27/2023	Chava.zpy	Community/Rec	The Lot on the corner of Clark rd.and Manurl Ortiz Ave. Was supposed to be a Park with trees ..benches...and swings/ gungle gyms for kidsbut we re still waiting....good investment for Fam.
4/29/2023	Merci	General Environment Community/Rec Workforce Keep money local Housing	<p>STAND WITH IMPERIAL COUNTY NOT FOR IMPERIALISM</p> <p>I think the county should vote on putting a moratorium in place until the county and the community are well versed, consulted, and advised on managing a size and scale of the proposed energy developments growth strategy. The county has already demonstrated their lack of capacity to serve the needs of their communities and the incredible lack of community engagement throughout the region as well as a lack of transparency with in these reports raises a lot of red flags. My concerns as well as others from the community will be posted in the paper and other news outlets, following this submission.</p> <p>As a local from the area, who's family resides there, a public servant and a utility scale energy developer I have the credibility as an SME and am the lead community engagement director working with native communities on a 1.5 GW portfolio - I have all the technical knowledge and deep understanding of the industry standards and what it takes to engage, communicate and inform communities on utility scale energy development and will do what I have to to ensure these projects are developed equitably, transparently and with the support from all the communities that will be impacted.</p> <p>After reviewing the planning document coming to the region posted on the website, all they have is a plan for an environmental impact report, which is not an assessment or review.</p>

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			<p>This is why some places and their communities decline certain types of development - because it'll weigh too much on their infrastructure - if a big industrial building comes in, is there enough fire, police, you know, medical services for the amount of workers that are coming in? How many people think it'll take to run those geothermal plants? If there's time, like, what does it take to take one? So it says geothermal plants like a 50 MW plant are between 700 and 860. Employees. So we are talking about 7,000-10,000 jobs.</p> <p>Right now, the statistics of the county show that, the people, people that move to Imperial County, move here because they can afford it. At this point, it's affordable, but for some of them barely, because the industries here don't have high paying jobs.</p> <p>So, you know, in a lot of places across the country. You know, it's been a trend to outprice the local residents who are essentially the long term community members - which destabilizes the community because now you're seeking help building or you know, our fabrics and the community. Because now you're losing those who helped build it, the fabrics of the community.</p> <p>use the example of Palm Springs - I'm sure there's a huge difference, when you go over to that county and how most people can't afford to live there</p> <p>- a lot of people that work in those resorts probably are transplanted, or they commute from other places. So you become what they call a bedroom community, because everyone is commuting from somewhere else. That leads to things like increases in crime, increases in some of these very problematic things and cost as well.</p> <p>If people don't live there, they don't pay taxes, like the people who set up communities and set long term single family households pay a good amount of taxes for the services that improve the county such as fire, police, all those things. And you can't do that if everyone is just commuting in or renting from your community limits. It's like an economic spiral. There's a limited amount of resources and now the county is trying to decide what to spend the revenues on. Even if they have money, the priority usually starts with, you know, quality of life and services first.</p> <p>So, when people come in and they demand a level of service, they impact that service, meaning that, like, they get the first in line. So, the richer neighborhoods are usually better protected and</p>

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			<p>one poorest. Comparing this to gentrification, it's like what happened in Hawaii? Priced out of paradise? People found the value in renting out their homes and all of a sudden, you're no longer using homes to be a part of the community, it's just to rent out to everyone else.</p> <p>You have so many people that are displaced, that need better housing options. And the first thing they look at those not that because they're not looking for low rent, they're looking for the most amount of money they can charge. So they rent outside, yes or who have limited options, and they charge them a lot to do that. One of the reasons Navajos, like other tribal nations, don't like those housing projects, is because it rarely ever solves the local housing need.</p> <p>What is the growth plan in the area? because bringing people from outside that then they live there and don't contribute to taxes - will still result in a shortage of adequate housing and squeeze out the most vulnerable very fast..</p>
4/30/2023	Nellie Perez Gloria Saiza Anna Garcia Diana Juarez Irene Bulong	Water rates Housing Infrastructure Community/Res Education Workforce	<p>The NorthEnd Alliance 111 is a non-profit community organization based in Niland. Our mission is to amplify the voice and visibility of the northend communities of Imperial County for a better quality of life. Our organization was formed to work together with other agencies, organizations, and county resources to revitalize the communities of the northend of the County by increasing the voice and visibility of those most impacted by the challenges of the region and historically excluded from decision making and problem solving.</p> <p>As you decide on potential uses of the Lithium Tax Revenue, please consider the following suggestions and specific ideas on what we feel would benefit our community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Lower Residential Water Rates ● Affordable Homes ● Rental Housing ● Development of Office and Retail Space ● Civic Center That Includes a Library as the Cornerstone, Community Building, Conference Center, Senior and Youth Centers, Public Park With Gardens, Pavilions, and Outdoor Stage ● Vocational Training/Job Center

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Employment Opportunities ● Outdoor Fitness Park/Splash Pad ● Food Pantry/Resource Center ● Controlled Crossing on Highway 111 ● Niland Cleanup and Beautification <p>Thank you for the opportunity to present our ideas and most importantly our vision for Niland.</p>
4/30/2023	Christian Torres, Comite Civico del Valle	General Oversight process Community/Rec Affected Comm. Environment Public Services Housing Medical/Health Education	<p>Comite Civico del Valle (CCV) submits this letter as public comment on the proposed expenditure plan for the lithium extraction tax revenue established by SB125 as signed by Governor Newsom in 2022. As presented by the County of Imperial, the plan is not reflective of community needs or justice for the areas that will be directly and indirectly affected by the extraction of lithium.</p> <p>Our concerns below highlight the closed-door process that we have historically been served with in Imperial County that should be addressed now in the early stages of this once-in-a-lifetime economic opportunity for our communities.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Creation of the expenditure plan with little-to-no public participation in a situation where a public resource is being extracted for the profit of private entities. As we have noted previously, the community benefits programs established previously (i.e. solar agriculture benefits) by the County of Imperial have not benefited the communities in need and that should be addressed in this expenditure plan. 2. Community benefits do not outline how it will prioritize the directly affected communities of the lithium extraction industry. The communities that are fenceline to the geothermal and lithium mineral resources are the most vulnerable to impacts on their health and environment. Residents in these areas have asked since the lithium extraction tax was put in the public sphere how they will see those benefits, and they were given assurances from Supervisor and Lithium Valley Commissioner Ryan Kelley that at least 30% would be honored for the directly affected communities. The directly affected communities are listed below: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Bombay Beach. b. The City of Brawley. c. The City of Calipatria. d. Niland. e. The City of Westmorland. 3. The lack of oversight in the plan is a major concern not just for us, but also for other

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			<p>advocates and community leaders who have followed the process by which Lithium Valley and our communities are placed in now. Without a proper oversight process there are no guarantees that future Board members will adhere to the needs outlined in this community benefits plan for the long term. It may lead to conflict and a delay of funding for community rehabilitation and investments that are needed across the Imperial Valley and more so in the directly affected communities. A proper oversight committee made up of multiple stakeholders should be outlined so that transparency is present in the community benefits this tax revenue is funding. The oversight process should also be co-designed with community input as an exercise to establish trust between all stakeholders.</p> <p>4. The broad categories established by the County are not descriptive enough for the community to understand what the community benefits will be spent on.</p> <p>a. Administration and Infrastructure. While it is true that infrastructure in the Imperial Valley does need support and investments, a broad category that could potentially have half of the revenue dedicated to it should have more details than just administration and infrastructure as its description. A breakdown of what administrative costs it would fund is needed as well as the priorities for infrastructure identified so that they line up with community needs, not County obligations. Good practice should be to start with a 3% administrative rate and adjust accordingly if needed.</p> <p>b. Environmental Mitigation and Protection. Addressing the environment is a key measure that should be taken by this community benefits program as the industry that will generate this tax revenue will affect what is already a problematic environment in the Imperial Valley. The air, water, and wildlife of the North end and adjacent to the Salton Sea are already suffering grave circumstances due to the inaction in addressing the climate disaster of the receding Salton Sea. While projects are underway and 20% of the overall lithium extraction tax will be ultimately going to fund Salton Sea projects/maintenance, there is more to be done in the communities whose environmental health is already disproportionately affected. Lessons learned by the County's air district should be leveraged for community participation in addressing their most pressing environmental concerns and how it is affecting the lives of those living in problematic areas.</p> <p>c. Public Safety. This category needs to be addressed as a real concern of more</p>

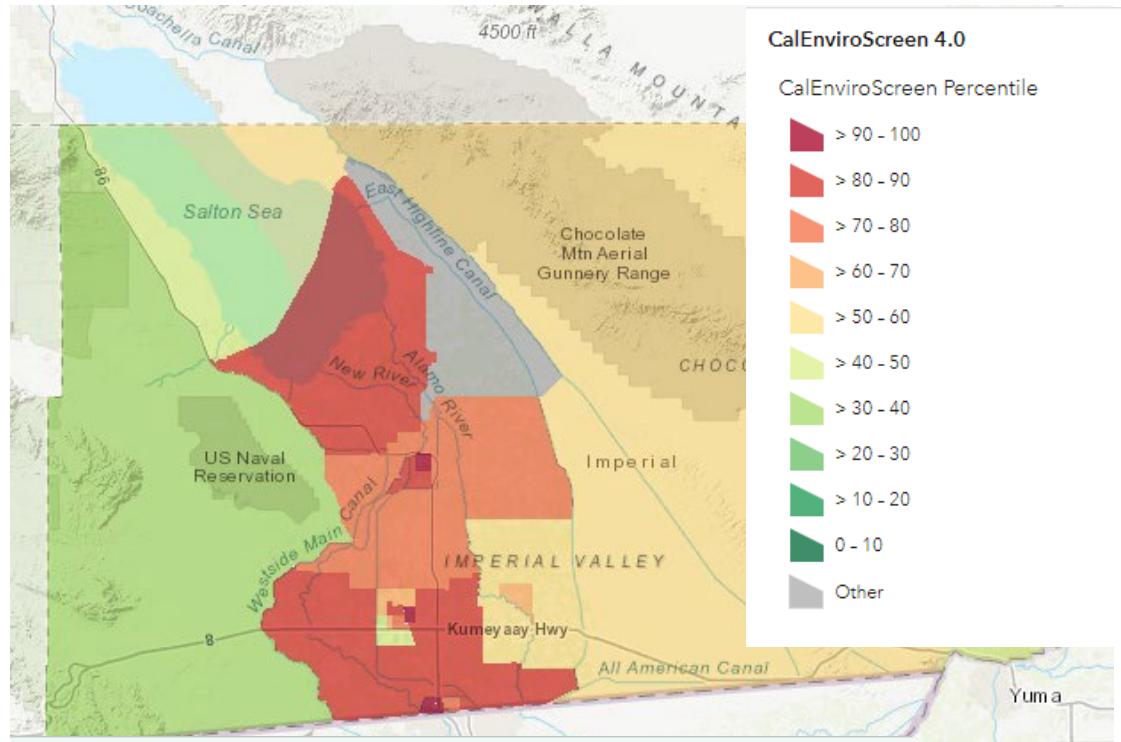
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			<p>funding for policing. There should be considerations for other avenues of spending other than hiring additional law enforcement officers. With other strategies for public safety being employed by innovative communities across the US, we have an opportunity to also enjoy the benefits of trained specialists that can deescalate situations to free up the bandwidth of police to handle serious threats.</p> <p>d. Quality of Life (Education, healthcare, arts & culture, recreation, housing).</p> <p>i. Education. Investments in the education of students of the Imperial Valley is a good consideration, but it needs to be expanded beyond what we have seen in the County's scholarship programs from other benefits programs. We need to reverse the "brain drain" that happens in the Imperial Valley where individuals have to leave because of lack of opportunities in education and post-education.</p> <p>ii. Healthcare. Lack of access to healthcare is a major concern that is top of mind across all of the Imperial Valley. With a looming threat of our healthcare districts collapsing, there needs to be measures taken to not only address access but also ensure that we have a public health system whose primary concern is the health of our community and not the bottom line. Investments in healthcare should look to public partnerships where our healthcare districts are adequately prepared for future growth of the Imperial Valley and any crises that could occur.</p> <p>iii. Housing. An increased population expected to rise in the Imperial Valley with the boom of Lithium Valley industries should be worrisome for us all because there is a scarcity of affordable housing. Already suffering from negative economic markers, the fact that many across the Imperial Valley already cannot afford to own a home and housing developments is not being invested in by the industries that will need us, there needs to be a concerted effort to address those concerns quickly. If there is nowhere for current and future community members of the Imperial/Lithium Valley, then we may not see our community flourish due to not having the space made for them.</p> <p>e. Cities and unincorporated towns. This area of investment should outline the</p>

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			<p>30% of funds for projects within the directly affected communities. It should also create guidance on how the indirectly affected areas will also be able to receive/tap into the remaining 70% of community benefits to address longstanding issues that have plagued health, environment, and quality of life for their communities.</p> <p>The concerns that we outline above should be addressed in future drafts of the community benefits program expediently. With the looming development of the lithium extraction industry over the next couple of years, a well-designed, community-informed, and ready-to-go plan should be priority to ensure the Imperial Valley community takes a leadership role in how the public patrimony can ensure communities benefit in the use of its resources. What we believe is a better and more justifiably equitable plan for community benefits from this resource can be found in the comment letter submitted by our partners at IV Equity and Justice, on behalf of members of the Lithium Valley Community Coalition, which gives a more balanced view on benefits and how it addresses the inequities across the most disadvantaged communities of the Imperial Valley and specially Lithium Valley. Ultimately, the County cannot use these special taxes, allocate them to generic city services, and claim that they are community benefits. This is proto-typical top-down decision making that has not benefited the community. Benefits--as determined by the community through a transparent process--is a critical component to a genuine community benefits package. So too, the community must be at the table when it comes to routine monitoring and enforcing any community benefits package.</p>
4/30/2023	Imperial Valley Equity and Justice Coalition, Comitè Civico Del Valle, San Diego & Imperial Counties Labor Council, Our Roots Multicultural Center, Calexico	General Infrastructure Environemnt Education Workforce Community/Rec Housing Medical/Health	<p>The undersigned submits this letter as public comment to provide input on how the Imperial County Board of Supervisors will be spending any lithium tax revenue generated from lithium extraction taking place in Imperial County. As we've learned, the Salton Sea has one of the world's largest reserves of lithium which is instrumental to lithium-ion batteries and clean energy. The world demand for lithium is expected to grow as much as tenfold in the next decade and the domestic supply of lithium around the Salton Sea has the potential to unleash billions in economic opportunity in Imperial Valley where the Salton Sea is located. In 2022, Governor Newsom signed SB125 which included the creation of the Lithium Extraction Tax which establishes a tax for every metric ton of lithium produced with 20% to the Salton Sea restoration efforts and 80% of the revenue going to Imperial County, with 30% to directly impacted communities of the north county. Our coalition's goal is to ensure that disadvantaged communities are represented in an equitable manner and have decision making power in matters involving natural resources found in our communities. We are committed to advancing environmental health for communities who</p>

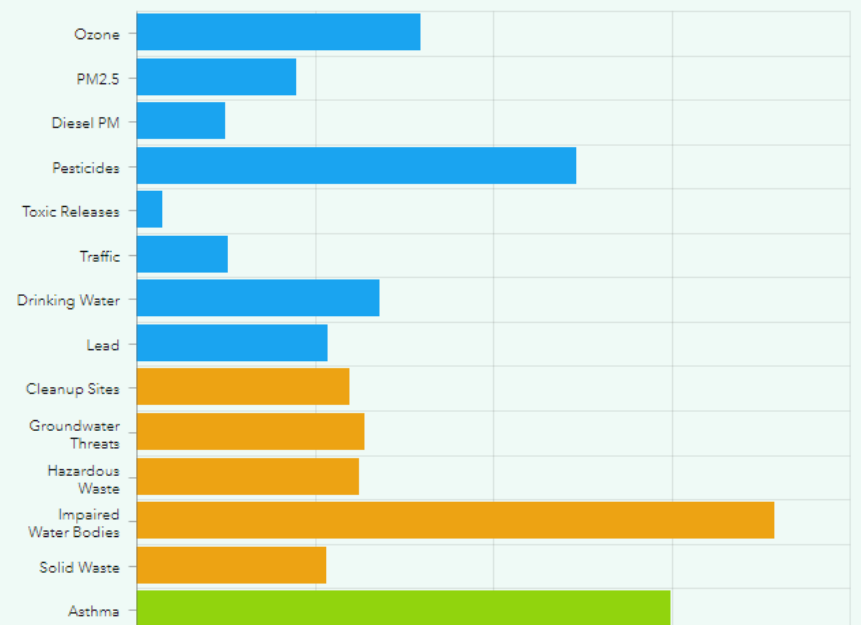
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	Wellness Center, Sure Helpline Center, Raul Navarro City of Calipatria Resident, Maria Nava-Froelich Community Advocate, Gilberto Manzanarez Community Advocate		<p>have suffered disproportionate health and social inequities from ongoing environmental injustice issues like high air, water, and land contamination and lack of quality employment and higher education opportunities. Our coalition has been monitoring and advocating for equitable investments from any revenue generated from the lithium extraction tax since the initial convenings of community stakeholders over 2 years ago.</p> <p>First, the Board must ensure public input, transparency, and accountability in all of its decision-making processes regarding tax revenue expenditures, by directly engaging with stakeholders in the process. The Board of Supervisors has only held two public facing workshops and despite the majority of the community Speaking Spanish, the County of Imperial did not provide professional interpretation services. This is inadequate and inaccessible for the historically marginalized communities most severely impacted. Second, our organizations recommend the Board of Supervisors target its usage of lithium tax revenue in the following categories, as proposed by the Equitable Lithium Tax Plan. Given existing disparities, we urge the Board of Supervisors to bring equity in an equitable spending plan that addresses existing disparities in our community:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Local Community Sharing: Directly and Indirectly Impacted Communities ● Imperial County Services and Administration ● Infrastructure: Transportation, Waste Management and Energy ● Environmental Justice: Air, Land, & Water Mitigation ● Early Childhood Education and Development, K-12, Higher Education, Workforce Development ● Build Environment: Green Space, Recreation, Affordable Housing, Healthcare ● Violence Prevention ● Other categories/the above is not an exhaustive list <p>Key indicators demonstrating the need for equitable investments:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="795 1102 1927 1385"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="795 1102 1318 1187">Spending Priority</th> <th data-bbox="1318 1102 1927 1187">Disparities/inequities demonstrating the need for investment</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="795 1187 1318 1385"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Infrastructure: Transportation, Waste Management and Energy (https:// www.healthyplacindex.org/) </td> <td data-bbox="1318 1187 1927 1385"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Only 3.9% in Imperial County have an active commute to work via transit, walking, or cycling, compared to 8.9% state average ● </td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Spending Priority	Disparities/inequities demonstrating the need for investment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Infrastructure: Transportation, Waste Management and Energy (https:// www.healthyplacindex.org/) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Only 3.9% in Imperial County have an active commute to work via transit, walking, or cycling, compared to 8.9% state average ●
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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Early Childhood Education and Development, K-12, Higher Education, Workforce Development (https://sauld-america.org/health-equity-report-card/?geoid=05000US06025) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The second highest unemployment rate in the nation at 14.8%, compared to the 3.6%, nationally. 30.27% of persons aged 25 and older do not have a high school diploma (or equivalency) Median household income is \$47,622 24.09% of individuals are living with income below the Federal Poverty Level. Poverty creates barriers to access including health services, healthy food. 16,529 of children aged 0-17 are living in households with income below the Federal Poverty Level.

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Build Environment: Green Space, Recreation, Affordable Housing, Imperial Valley Healthcare System 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Imperial County has the State's highest COVID-19 mortality rate ● 0.01% area is covered by tree canopy/greenery, compared to the national average of 19.3% of the area ● In 2020, there was one primary care physician (PCP) per 3,900 in Imperial County, compared to one PCP per 1,200 in the state of California average. ● Imperial County has healthier community conditions than only 1.8% of other California Counties. ● In order to afford the average-priced 2-bedroom home in Imperial County, a person would have to work 84.82 hours per week at average wage, compared to 62.74 per week, the CA average.
<p>CalEnviroScreen 4.0 helps identify California communities that are most affected by many sources of pollution, vulnerable to pollution's effects. An area with a high score is one that experiences a much higher pollution burden than areas with low scores.</p>				

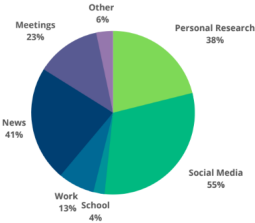
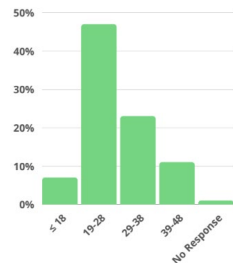


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			<p>Finally, we respectfully urge the Board of Supervisors to choose the path of equity and economic justice by prioritizing lithium tax revenue for purposes to address inequities in directly impacted communities, infrastructure in transportation, environmental justice, workforce development and education across all levels, the built environment like affordable housing and the healthcare system, and other needs to make the most impact for community members. We urge the Board of Supervisors to incorporate these recommendations in its decision making regarding the lithium tax revenue spending priorities.</p>
4/30/2023	Daniela Flores, Imperial Valley Equity and Justice Coalition	General Infrastructure Housing Community/Rec Education Workforce Environment	<p>On behalf of the Imperial Valley Equity and Justice Coalition, I am submitting this letter as public comment to provide input for equitable spending priorities in the allocation of lithium tax revenue generated as outlined by SB 125 legislation signed by Governor Newsom. With the creation of the Lithium Extraction Tax which establishes a tax for every metric ton of lithium produced with 80% of the revenue going to Imperial County and 20% to the Salton Sea restoration efforts, the County is to facilitate community-driven decision making for how the 80% of the tax revenue is to be spent.</p> <p>Our coalition was organized to challenge long-standing injustices that fueled a disparate COVID-19 impact in Imperial County, California's most non-white county which has the state's highest COVID-19 mortality rate. In a county with the second highest unemployment rate in the nation at 14.8%, compared to the 3.6% nationally, we are committed to building local leadership, expanding capacity and reach, and leading initiatives that reduce inequities among historically excluded communities like farmworkers and Spanish speaking communities. Our coalition has maintained lithium development as a key priority in our work and community engagement. Together, with other community residents and community partners like Comite Civico Del Valle, we have been a consistent voice elevating community concerns and areas of inquiry/interest as it relates to lithium development at key stakeholder engagements with local, state and federal agency representatives.</p> <p>We believe that our community has a once in a lifetime opportunity that can only be realized through accountability, transparency, and a community engagement effort that centers equity and accessibility. Our community members have been historically excluded from having a seat at the table and our coalition is determined to end that practice by valuing and honoring the lived experience of those most impacted by lithium development and environmental injustice. To honor that practice, our coalition conducted a countywide survey to ask residents to share their input on spending priorities for the usage of lithium tax revenue. Residents expressed strong support for most of the tax revenue to be spent in transportation infrastructure, affordable</p>

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			<p>housing, youth development, workforce development, and overall built environment for our county. Given the findings from our survey, we are recommending the following categories are included. This is not an exhaustive list. Funds should not be deposited to the general fund, instead they should be deposited to a specific account for lithium tax revenue.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 30% - Local Community Sharing: Directly and Indirectly Impacted Communities ● 3% - Imperial County Services and Administration ● 15% - Infrastructure: Transportation, Waste Management and Energy ● 15% - Environmental Justice: Air, Land, & Water Mitigation ● 10% - Early Childhood Education and Development, K-12, Higher Education, Workforce Development ● 12% - Build Environment: Green Space, Recreation, Affordable Housing, ● 10% - Imperial Valley Healthcare System/Health Equity ● 5% - Violence Prevention <p>We urge the Board of Supervisors to incorporate these recommendations in its decision making regarding the lithium tax revenue spending priorities.</p>
4/30/2023	Daniela Flores	General	<p>Starting in July 2022, Imperial Valley Equity and Justice Coalition conducted the Lithium Valley Community Survey, a countywide survey asking residents regarding how they want lithium tax revenue to be spent. We disseminated the findings of the community survey to document the communities priorities for public use and allocations of future tax revenue from the lithium development. Our coalition developed a fact sheet and PowerPoint presentations with key information. Moreover, our coalition presented the findings of this survey at the state's Lithium Valley Commission meeting on Wednesday, July 20, 2022 from the Westmorland satellite location. Below, we include 126 public comments from anonymous community residents, including their residence, age, and direct quotes from the survey. In addition to the direct public comments, we include two exhibits, indicating the distribution of the age of respondents and the source of where they receive their information regarding lithium development.</p>

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			<p>Where do people get their Lithium information from?</p>  <p>Age of Respondants</p>  <p>https://calexicochronicle.com/2022/07/22/survey-results-people-want-to-learn-basics-of-lithium/ Note: 126 comments listed individually in this table.</p>
	1 Bombay Beach 50	Community/Rec Environment	Help with our communities and repair the salton sea.
	2 Bombay Beach 37	Community/Rec	Put it back into our poverty ridden communities and enrichment activities for the kids, especially in bombay beach & slabs
	3 Bombay Beach 42	Infrastructure	Yes. For more infrastructure for the rural communities that seem to be forgotten about when it comes ti.e to share funds within the county
	4 Brawley 41	Community/Rec Water issues Food Bank	I think it's more than just the community in general. This impacts the north end greatly (specifically Calipatria and Niland) and I believe they should be prioritized. It's often ignored by government and community advocates alike. They were already sold lies when they brought that prison in. I'd like to see money go to community programs in Calipatria and Niland - parks, community center. I'd also like to see money go towards helping them with their water issues. In addition, I'd like to see the Food Bank get some of that money, specifically to help those in need in the north end. Food insecurity is too big a problem down there. The small population there gets ignored because they are just that...small. But they are part of this county and should be treated equitably and fairly
	5 Brawley 46	Education Medical/Health Education Environment	Fund educational programs at secondary and postsecondary levels in careers such as Healthcare, Teaching, Public Safety and Construction trades. Expansion of community based organizations to support environmental impacts and sustainability.

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	6 Brawley 28	Community/Rec Medical/Health	Taxes should be used for community and health services that are usually on the chopping block for budget cuts
	7 Brawley 22	Community/Rec Education	It should be used to improve community resources, improve schools, and should go towards helping low income families
	8 Brawley 30	Infrastructure	Infrastructure
	9 Brawley 22	Infrastructure Community/Rec	Basic infrastructure and community programs
	10 Brawley 50	Infrastructure Housing Medical/Health	The north end should be updated - infrastructure, roads, housing, business-, medical, etc the. The rest of the valley should be aided as well.
	11 Brawley 34	Education Small Business	Schools and small business
	12 Brawley 22	Community/Rec Infrastructure Salton Sea	90% back into the community infrastructure and community projects. 10% to Salton sea mitigation projects
	13 Brawley 32	Infrastructure Community/Rec Education Workforce Medical/Health Small Business	Imperial county should keep the 100% of the collected tax. Industry will also use the region infrastructure and services, therefore all collected taxes should be kept in imperial county. Moneys should be used for direct community benefits; road infrastructure, lighting, pathways, educational programs, workforce development, public health services, local business incentives for North end. Calipatria, Niland, and Bombay beach should be prioritized to receive benefits from the collected moneys.
	14 Brawley 48	Infrastructure	Roads and bridges, infrastructure
	15 Brawley 61	Community/Rec Education	Youth programs and centers, children's programs - activities, training, exercise, educational
	16 Brawley 21	Infrastructure Medical/Health Public Trans	I believe the lithium tax should be used to build infrastructure in the valley like better hospitals and better, more reliable means of public transportation.
	17 Calexico 30	Infrastructure Environment Community/Rec Education Housing Medical/Health	-Imperial County Services and Administration (15%) -Infrastructure: Transportation, Waste Management and Energy (15%) -Environmental Justice: Air, Land, & Water Mitigation (15%) -Law enforcement and Violence Prevention (5%) -Local Community Sharing: Directly and Indirectly Impacted Communities (30%)

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			<p>-Early Childhood Education and Development, K-12, Higher Education, Workforce Development (10%)</p> <p>-Build Environment: Green Space, Recreation,</p> <p>-Housing, Imperial Valley Healthcare System (10%)</p>
	18 Calexico 17	Housing	I think the tax money collected can be used to create more housing and expand the valley.
	19 Calexico 31	Infrastructure Workforce	To generate more job opportunities and better roads/infrastructure of the valley
	20 Calexico 25	Communities/Rec Environment	<p>El dinero se deberia de usar para las comunidades, areas de recreación y mas areas verdes arboles etc,. El dinero tambn deberia de ser usado para restablecer los ecosistemas a sus alrededores.</p> <p>(Translated) The money should be spend on the communities, recreational areas, more green areas, trees, etc. The money should also be spend to reestablish the ecosystems and their surroundings.</p>
	21 Calexico 29	Environment Salton Sea Education	I believe tax revenue from lithium extraction should be used for projects that help address environmental concerns within the imperial valley including, but not limited to, air quality concerns from the receding Salton Sea, water quality improvement projects for the New River, urban island heat mitigation projects, etc. Additionally, I believe tax revenue should be used to provide job training opportunities for local residents and, either the expansion of the Imperial Valley College, or the creation of an additional institution of higher education.
	22 Calexico 26	Education Community/Rec	For education, parks and recreation
	23 Calexico 29	Infrastructure Housing Public Trans	Reinvested back into communities in the form of infrastructure, affordable housing, effective public transportation.
	24 Calexico 22	Infrastructure Public Services	Investments into infrastructure and public services.
	25 Calexico 28	Community/Rec Public Services Housing	<p>I feel like our valley needs to beautify and should help bring back our “dead” valley back to life. Siento que también sufrimos de mucho homelessness y estando en una ciudad con altas temperaturas deberíamos de tener mas refugios o “cool zone” areas para nuestra comunidad. Igual siento que es importante traer más affordable housing porque es tan difícil encontrar estudios o apartamentos en especial porque hay mucha gente buscando moverse pero no muchas opciones</p>

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			(Translated) I feel that we also suffer from a lot homelessness and being that we live in a city that raises to high temperatures we should have more shelters or cooling zones for our community. I feel it is important to bring more affordable housing, it's difficult to find studios or apartments when there is so many people moving and not many options.
	26 Calexico 34	Infrastructure Community/Rec	Street work, community centers
	27 Calexico 23	General	I do not have faith in the Calexico Council to use the taxes money for good
	28 Calexico 39	Infrastructure	The money should go to help infrastructure and the people. The county doesn't need more administrative funds, and if they got the funds they wouldn't spend them correctly, look at all the county roads now even with the gas tax I place.
	29 Calexico 35	Community/Rec Education	Invest in the community, beautify the cities, improve downtown, clean up parks, do community events, invest in extracurricular like arts and sports and the library. Improve the schools.
	30 Calexico 47	Community/Rec	I hope some goes to the arts.
	31 Calexico 28	Community/Rec Infrastructure Education	Improving roads, funding libraries/education and parks
	32 Calexico 30	Community/Rec Infrastructure	I would like to see a community benefits agreement that would allow for the growth and expansion of community services that directly help with capacity of staff and infrastructure with an emphasis on at risk communities especially like the unincorporated areas of Bombay Beach etc. In addition, I would like to see programs and research to provide assessments and avenues for our community members to actively participate and be engaged in the development and implementation of said decisions.
	33 Calexico 25	Community/Rec Infrastructure Housing	affordable housing, housing assistance programs for houseless reduction, parks and recreation, remodeling downtown areas
	34 Calexico 30	Community/Rec Infrastructure Housing	Majority of the money needs to go to community projects and health mitigation, & less to infrastructure.
	35 Calexico 26	General	The proposed spread of the tax distribution is questionable and not productive to the community.
	36 Calexico 18	Community/Rec Infrastructure	Rebuilding streets, buildings, and making recreational facilities to make profit in Calexico.

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	37 Calexico 23	Community/Rec Infrastructure	By helping improve the towns economy to allow more development in areas such as an expansion of business and public recreational areas that are design for our hot climate desert aka shade prone areas that will benefit the community. Along with that the possibility of implementing more natural flora into this town.
	38 Calexico 60	Infrastructure Environment Health/Medical	Para infraestructura, medio ambiente, salud. (Translated) For infrastructure, environment, health.
	39 Calexico 22	Medical/Health Education Workforce Community/Rec	The money should be used for an expansion of resources for the community, such as mental health help, creative outlets for the youth, higher wages, more programs for elders and the unemployed etc.
	40 Calexico 34	Infrastructure	It should be used to help the valley's infrastructure
	41 Calexico 15	Workforce Education Community/Rec Infrastructure	I think the tax money collected from Lithium Valley should be used to improve government worker salaries, as the low wages of teachers has been an issue in Calexico for years. I also believe this money should be spent on improving quality of life for everyone, as seeing change and improvement in their cities will motivate people to stay informed and participate in their community.
	42 Calexico 15	Community/Rec	Used within the community
	43 Calexico 18	Community/Rec	I think the money should be used in a way that is not only helpful for the imperial valley as a whole but also the little things within the valley and to make it a better and memorable place.
	44 Calexico 27	Education Community/Rec	It should be spent on the people of Imperial Valley. On education, youth programs, relief fund for working people, parks, infrastructure for SDSU-IV in Calexico NOT JUST BRAWLEY. The university needs a cafeteria for it's students and more graduate studies majors for students to stay in the valley & develop their talents and skills.
	45 Calexico 21	Environment	To help with pollution and environmental problems since the Imperial Valley has really poor air quality.
	46 Calexico 26	General	As long as the community knows what, where, and how the city council will use it for.
	47 Calexico 18	Community/Rec	We should use the money towards athletic areas such as new and improved soccer fields as well as creating entertainment around Calexico that will deter teenagers and kids from leaving Calexico and having fun elsewhere that is making Calexico lose millions and millions of dollars each year that Calexico really needs.

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	48 Calexico 22	Community/Rec Environment Public Transit	Community driven project and rehabilitation options for the community. Multiple giant parks for the valley to enjoy and have some fresh air. Lungs for our environment like Central Park is for NYC. It should also include an additional form of public transport through a lithium powered alternative. Like rail bus or car pool lithium community cars.
	49 Calexico	Environment Workforce Businesses	I think it should go to schools. Also to bring more businesses to the Imperial Valley that can help generate more jobs.
	50 Calexico 30	Infrastructure Education Public Trans	Electric Vehicles infrastructure, better roads, better educational programs, electric public transportation
	51 Calexico 16	Housing Businesses	Taxes should be focused on housing and commercial business
	52 Calexico 16	General	I think it should be used carefully
	53 Calexico 16	Community/Rec	Quality of life
	54 Calexico 16	Community/Rec	Invest some of the money into recreational things for the community. In Calexico there aren't many good basketball courts other than the 2nd street court.
	55 Calexico 14	General	i think it should be used to pilot the geothermal way to extract the lithium
	56 Calexico 15	General	I am not sure.
	57 Calexico 33	Infrastructure Education Community/Rec Medical/Health Environmental	Taxes from lithium extraction can benefit IV by funding infrastructure, school, community healthcare and environmental justice projects. It can pay for county road maintenance, bike lane installations, classroom upgrades, urban greening/community garden/tree planting, and rural health services.
	58 Calexico 15	Infrastructure Education	I think tax money should be used to best our community like fixing roads or helping better education systems.
	59 Calexico 14	Education	I think it would be used partially for the project but I think there's corrupt people everywhere, and also for the schools but people running the schools aren't very honest either.
	60 Calexico 16	Businesses	I believe bringing businesses to the valley is something that should be prioritized. Especially in Calexico, I have noticed that businesses don't survive very long. They Valley needs new opportunities in order to thrive.
	61 Calexico 15	Education Workforce	I think it should be used to improve the programs of the community such as stem programs and to give more funding for job opportunities for the people that

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			aren't going to apply to 4 year universities. This money will help improve the life quality of the people in the valley in several ways such as the job qualities and wages.
	62 Calexico 16	Community/Rec	To make more places such as parks or community centers where sports can be played and exercise equipment to reduce the amount of obesity in the valley since it is not okay have 5 jack in the boxes in one city
	63 Calexico 33	Public Transit Community/Rec	Public transit (to rely less on cars), public cooling stations, eco parks, more tree canopies, reflective paint for asphalt (to fend off heat), anything to make the Valley a livable place for the next 10 years.
	64 Calexico 63	Infrastructure	Proper repair of county road around the region.
	65 Calexico 17	Housing Environment Infrastructure Businesses	We need to keep investing into housing as well as programs to help with the air quality in the valley. While, our house prices are not the highest in the state we are seeing an increase in house and rental prices. We need mass production of affordable housing as most of our residents are low income and are being priced out and forced to move to Mexicali or Arizona. We also need to invest into making sure that we have clean air. We have a crisis with asthma here in the valley which is why we need to work with the city Mexicali to make our air more breathable. If we can continue to provide cheap housing then more people are going to want to move here. This will bring jobs and more money to fix our roads and create small businesses.
	66 Calexico 19	Environment Education Medical/Health Community/Rec Housing Public Services	Environmental programs for the health of our community, schools, IV College, SDSU IV, hospitals, community programs, housing, public safety.
	67 Calexico 16	General	It should be used to speed up the process of constitution work in the Valley
	68 Calexico 23	Education Infrastructure Medical/Health Public Services Workforce	<p>infraestructura escolar, programas de ayuda mental para personas con uso de substancia y personas sin hogar, free parking spaces, mejores condiciones para trabajadores del campo/infraestructura en los fields con aire acondicionado y baños decentes no mobiles</p> <p>(Translated) School infrastructure, mental health programs for substance abuse and homeless persons, free parking spaces, better work conditions for field workers, field infrastructure with air conditioner and decent bathrooms no portables.</p>

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	69 Calexico 24	Infrastructure Community/Rec Education Public Services Medical/Health	<p>Mejorar la infraestructura pública como calles en mal estado, banquetas que están sobrepuestas una sobre otra representando un peligro, implentar campañas para crear más espacios verdes en áreas descuidadas involucrando a la comunidad para crear union entre los habitantes del Valle Imperial. Lanzar entrenamientos para profesores en todos los niveles escolares para que estén capacitados para saber como reaccionar ante una situación con estudiantes como problemas de aprendizaje, ataques de ira, padeciimientos crónicos de cualquier índole.</p> <p>(Translated) Better the public infrastructure, such as streets in poor condition, sidewalks that are not level and present a danger, implement more campaigns to create more green spaces in neglected areas and involve the Imperial Valley community to do it. Train teachers of all grade levels to be capable to face student learning problems, anger attacks, and chronic illnesses.</p>
	70 Calipatria 21	Community/Rec	Cleaning up Calipatria and Niland specifically!!!!
	71 Calipatria 60	Infrastructure Workforce Environment	fixing the roads, in the north end. Work force training, welding classes and the like. And definitely for environmental concerns.
	72 Calipatria 23	Housing Education	More housing near the northern towns (calipat, niland, Brawley) and more school funding
	73 Calipatria 18	Economy Housing Infrastructure	Personally, having attended meetings with our Assembly member and Senator, I have come to understand the Lithium Valley project. I believe the money allocated to local municipalities should be used for economic stimulation, housing, and of course the many individual projects the cities may be conducting. All in all, I believe that the lithium companies should and will give back to our communities, especially those directly affected.
	74 Calipatria 65	Repay tax payer Salton Sea - None	Any taxes collected should be just that necessary to repay any taxpayer funds directly expended to facilitate lithium production. No money should be spent on mitigation of the shrinking Salton Sea as that has been the legal responsibility of the State of California since 2003.
	75 Calipatria 49	Infrastructure Pay County staff Businesses Water Community/Rec	Improve infrastructure, pay County staff better, make Imperial Valley more attractive to outside businesses, help north end families by providing resources, help Calipatria get away from private water treatment, it's too expensive
	76 Calipatria 67	Community/Rec	In your community
	77 Calipatria 51	Water	Water plant in Calipat.

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	78 Calipatria 33	Education Housing Public Trans Community/Rec	Classes for the local to acquire jobs within this project; Maybe more housing opportunities, with local pricing Transportation buses to jobs within this project for our Locals Schools projects sponsored by new project for our community Local = Calipatria and Niland
	79 Calipatria 25	Environment Public Services	Helping houseless population, feeding hungry, planting trees.
	80 Coachella 49	General	I think the lithium project should not proceed at this time.
	81 El Centro 34	Housing Public Services	Housing for homeless, as well as resources to improve their lives.
	82 El Centro 27	Community/Rec	A significant percentage should be used for improvements of quality of life for our communities, as well as for local community sharing. The influx of tax revenue could have great potential in changing life for the better in the Imperial Valley - if used in an efficient and conscious manner.
	83 El Centro 28	Community/Rec Education Workforce	I'd like to see those funds be used to improve infrastructure, improve education and help our youth with employment/educational services.
	84 El Centro 45	Community/Rec Environment	Improve quality of life and environmental mitigation NOT for public safety-it would just be mismanaged for police departments
	85 El Centro 22	Infrastructure Community/Rec	Infrastructure in Imperial Valley is severely lacking. I would like to see funds going towards improving our communities roads, derelict buildings, as well as put towards more effective community outreach for underserved peoples.
	86 El Centro 36	Community/Rec	Parks and outdoor activities
	87 El Centro 34	Infrastructure Medical/Health Education Housing Public Services	Infrastructure for quality of life - healthcare, schools, housing, roads, public services
	88 El Centro 28	Infrastructure Education Community/Rec Workforce	Better city infrastructure, improvement to our schools, parks, and other community facilities, investment in job development
	89	Community/Rec	Helping with Salton Sea's recession and more funding towards things such as parks, pools, etc.

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	El Centro 21	Salton Sea	
	90 El Centro	Community/Rec	Parks and swimming pools
	91 El Centro 27	Public Trans Infrastructure Housing Community/Rec Environment Education Workforce	<p>Should be used to invest in public transportation infrastructure and routes for the valley and maybe a trolley system from Calexico to El Centro, Imperial and Brawley and Calipatria using the existing railroad lines. But overall better routes, faster routes and more frequent routes for the older and poorer people who rely on it for work, school and medical appointments. Definitely regional connectivity with Salton City and Niland areas to help them get to better services. Used to build affordable housing in the north county and parks/facilities in Calipatria/Niland and Brawley. Community owned apartment complexes for farm workers, lithium workers and general north county residents. Investing in building community food stores or coop grocery stores up there. Would love to see the money used to restore natural habitat in the valley for the desert. So native plant sales/plantings in the cities to reduce water usage and improve habitat quality. Start nursery programs to increase shade in the north county and around the valley with native trees and shrubs. Should be used for classes/equipment/scholarship to help people pursue studying STEM to work for the lithium plants as well as the vocational training to train anyone who wants to do the other types of jobs necessary for the work. Invest in paid internship programs for these types of jobs and apprenticeship programs. Help pay for the books, supplies and equipment fees. Should be investing in cooling centers, energy saving projects on community owned land or for low income people homes to help them reduce electricity usage while staying cool in the future heat. Should definitely invest in community owned charging stations that allow all people to charge future EV vehicles at affordable rates and places for people to hang out, cool off, and learn. Like at the libraries or community centers. Should be used to invest in Coachella/Mecca area as well since they are affected by the air pollution by the Salton sea.</p>
	92 El Centro 43	Community/Rec	To better our county, bring programs for the youth, they need to experience better opportunities. We need to help our young generation.
	93 El Centro 39	Community/Rec	Improving quality of life here in the valley. Landscaping, shade trees, parks/facilities and walking/biking trails, kid activities, misting areas, etc
	94 El Centro 28	Community/Rec Education	For schools, day care centers and parks and recreations
	95 El Centro 31	General	Improve Imperial county
	96 El Centro 25	General	I agree with the percentage breakdown but I would suggest making environmental mitigation higher than 10%.

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	97 El Centro 35	Public Services	Enhance public safety services (fire, law, EMS, emergency management) for local jurisdictions directly impacted (i.e. north end cities and unincorporated communities).
	98 El Centro 45	Community/Rec Infrastructure	Desarrollo comunitario (Translated) Community development
	99 El Centro 21	Public Services	Creating shelters for homeless people. There is a lot of land around the Imperial Valley that can be used to create multiple shelters.
	100 El Centro 39	Medical/Health Infrastructure Housing Public Services	Medical assistance,infrastructure, fire station,post office,Salton Sea (surrounding areas) restoration,housing
	101 El Centro 70	Infrastructure Community/Rec Housing	First, keep it out of the hands of elected officials. Our elected officials are beholden to agribusiness regardless of ethnicity or race. I would like it used for mixed-use projects in local towns and cities that have seen their downtowns turned to wastelands. Bring affordable housing to downtowns, reuse historic buildings, and invest in public housing, art museums, and create subsidized artists studios and art projects that beautify our communities.
	102 Heber 23	Medical/Health Infrastructure Education Repay Tax Payer Housing Environment Workforce Community/Rec Businesses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Expanding medical services (ie another hospital/clinics, rehabilitation services, etc) -Investing in public infrastructure and transportation (better roads and lights, expanding transit services, etc) -Investing in public and higher education (funding STEM programs, scholarships, elementary to college pipeline,etc) -Creation of a permanent fund that would allocate revenue from lithium extraction to distribute in the form of annual dividend checks to Imperial Valley residents who have US citizenship/permanent residency and have lived in the Valley for a minimum of 5 years -Building affordable housing complexes -Investing in water conservation strategies to combat climate change induced drought -Increased funding to air pollution mitigation and monitoring services -Creating a countywide guaranteed jobs program -Expanding social services (elderly care/hospices, disability care, family justice, etc) -Reviving business hubs through increased economic development and micro business loans
	103 Heber 32	General	50% to infrastructure and administration is too much. Be transparent with how much of that 50% will go to wage increases, paid meetings with food and beverage, or how many new positions will be required to "administer" Imperial county.
	104 Holtville 23	Infrastructure Housing	Commonwealth Infrastructure: Environment, Housing, Medical Access, Transportation, Funding for Community Non-Profits

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		Medical/Health Non-profits	
	105 Holtville 25	Community/Rec	Community programs, financial assistance, cooling centers, etc
	106 Holtville 36	Education	Swap the %10 for public safety to instead go to early childhood education. This includes child care, scholarships for it, as well as a generous swath for secondary education scholarships.
	107 Holtville 22	Education	Education
	108 Holtville 60	infrastructure	Arregló de calles valle imperial (Translated) Fix the streets in the Imperial Valley
	109 Holtville 23	Community/Rec	Better parks for kids, having an inclusive and accessible parks.
	110 Holtville 16	Education Community/Rec Environment	The usage of tax money collected from Lithium Valley should go towards the protection of education, quality of life aids, and environment protection. With the lack of flowing information in the community, a prosperous education will enrich the capability of understanding and analyzing community issues for those who will be taking control soon enough. Furthermore, the protection of the environment will ensure the interest of local investors and consequently maintain an excellent quality of life for Imperial Valley people.
	111 Holtville 21	Education Businesses Housing Community/Rec	Schools + Local businesses + shelter/resources/housing for the homeless + affordable housing in general
	112 Holtville 24	Housing Community/Rec	The quality of life in the communities of the Imperial Valley needs to be improved massively. I would like to see the funds provided from the proposed taxes alleviate the housing issue in the Imperial Valley and reduce the amount of homeless people living in the communities of the Imperial Valley
	113 Imperial 32	Infrastructure	Infrastructure
	114 Imperial 27	Housing Education Public Services	Affordable housing, social/ legal services, schools
	115 Imperial 30	Infrastructure Community/Rec Education Housing Public Services	Infrastructure, roads, beautification of communities, arts, cultural center, elementary and high school programs that are not sports, housing for the houseless , homeless shelter, mens shelter, affordable rent &more apartments, better programs and therapy opportunities for disabled children and citizens
	116 Imperial 28	Community/Rec	Recreation for younger children

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	117 Imperial 21	Education Workforce	For increased educational and vocational training opportunities especially those that will allow local residents to be employed in jobs that are created near the salton sea.
	118 Imperial 41	Businesses	Support local businesses
	119 Imperial 23	Community/Rec	It should be used to give resources to the cities in the Imperial Valley.
	120 Imperial 34	General	25% for infrastructure, services, and administration of the county, 20% for environmental mitigation (including air and salton sea clean up), 10% for public safety, 20% for improvements in quality of life, 10% for local community sharing, and 5% for maintaining regional partnerships, 10% creating jobs
	121 Imperial 37	Community/Rec	Invest in water tolerant landscaping, increased focus on city/county clean up, modernized parks/playgrounds for families and youth
	122 Imperial 23	Environment	Contal de que ayude al Medio ambiente (Translated) As long as it helps the environment
	123 Imperial 35	Education Workforce	Invest in job training/education for people in the valley to get high wage jobs with 3 companies who will extract the lithium.
	124 Niland 22	Community/Rec Environment	Help homeless/create a homeless shelter, clean air action (many kids are being born with breathing issues)/climate change
	125 Salton city 52	Community/Rec Public Services Infrastructure	De las cosas que quisiera cambiar que nos tomen en cuenta como ciudad del valle imperial y se utilicen los impuestos en mejorar esta comunidad ya que son más chas nuestras necesidades porfavor ya somos muchos habitantes en mi comunidad y estamos listos para una mejor ciudad (Translated) Of the things I wish to change will be that they can take us seriously like a city of the Imperial Valley and that the tax are used to better this community since we have more needs, please, we are many inhabitants in my community, and we are ready for a better city.
	126 Seeley 56	Public Services Community/Rec	Public safety,more public swimming pools with swimming lessons, Indoor activities youth and adults, more entertainment for the valley @ a low cost!