

YOUR VOICE

How about real choice?

Re: "Rancho Mirage residents win under city power plan," July 3 Your Turn column by Ted Weill The Rancho Mirage Energy Authority offers customers the choice of 50% carbon-free energy, but "customers may also opt up to 100% renewable energy choice, Premium Renewable Choice, for a slightly higher cost."

Shouldn't those of us who cannot tell the difference between renewable and nonrenewable energy be able to opt up to 100% nonrenewable energy choice for slightly lower cost? If customers can pay for the privilege and virtue-signaling of using only carbon-free energy shouldn't we be compensated for shouldering the responsibility and guilt of using carbon-laden energy.

Also, apparently the energy I am now receiving from RMEA is already less than 50% carbon-free since "the Rancho Mirage City Council has opted up all 160 municipal meters in the city to the Premium Renewable Choice." Seems that I am already getting

more than my share of the nonrenewable energy with no compensation at all.

Jim Butts, Rancho Mirage

Thank you, La Quinta

I wish to commend the city of La Quinta for the work done in conjunction with its 5-year Pavement Management Plan and for seeking community input on future bike lanes.

I, along with other bike enthusiasts, participated in that meeting in February 2017; and they listened!

I am pleased to report that while riding on a recently completed section on Avenue 52 between Jefferson and Washington streets I noticed manhole covers moved out of the bike lane. A seemingly insignificant matter (with little notice by a much heavier car), but provides a wonderfully smooth ride for bikers.

Mary Settle, Palm Desert

Save the iconic Town & Country Center

I am writing to support the inclusion of the previously historically protected (and formally accepted

by the city) Town & Country Center in the 1090 settlement deal between Grit Development and the city of Palm Springs.

The property is iconic, historically important and a serious piece of our celebrated architectural heritage. Its restoration and preservation would offer a lovely segue between our new downtown design, the Palm Springs Art Museum and the Agua Caliente's proposed development on the other side.

Catharine Gribbel-Beautyman, Portland, Maine, and Palm Springs winter resident

T& CC could be our crown jewel

I urge the City Council to include in the Town & Country Center in the 1090 claims settlement being offered the city by Grit Development.

As owner of Palm Springs Mod Squad, I see daily how Modernistas from around the globe make their architectural pilgrimage to see our Desert Modern architecture.

Palm Springs is known worldwide for our architecture. The Town & Country Center is one important piece

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that needs to be saved.

The inclusion of this Class 1 Historical Site in the 1090 settlement and its revitalization would make it the crown jewel of our new downtown.

Kurt Cyr, Palm Springs