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California State Lands Commission

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Subject: Concerns Regarding Proposed purchase of Slab City for the purpose of a Community - Land Trust for Affordable Housing

Dear Commissioners of the California State Lands Commission,

We are writing to express concerns of the proposed purchase of Slab City, an off grid desert community located in imperial County, Ca, and the proposed establishment of a "Community Land Trust for affordable housing" intended by Slab City Community Group Inc. (SCCGI) and or its affiliated non-profit organizations, (S36 CLT & Salvation Mountain, inc)

We, the residents of Slab City, object:

We value our off-grid, self-governing community and its distinct culture. We strongly object to any attempts to impose an improper community land trust on Slab City.

Slab City has developed into a unique and self-sustaining community characterized by its off-grid lifestyle, individual autonomy, and artistic expression.

We have cultivated a culture that thrives on self-governance and respects the principles of personal choice and freedom.

It is essential to recognize and respect the rights and desires of the residents who have actively contributed to the establishment and preservation of Slab City's distinctive way of life.

We vehemently oppose any external interference or attempts to establish a community land trust without the consent and active participation of each person of the Slab City community.

Slab City's self-governing nature is a fundamental aspect of our identity, and any alteration to our governance structure must be undertaken with utmost care and consideration for the wishes and rights of tits residents.

We request that the California State Lands Commission carefully assess our objections and respect the autonomy of the Slab City community. We insist that decisions concerning the future of our community be made collectively by the residents themselves, without undue influence or interference from external entities.

Slab City's culture, self-governance, and artistic expressions must be preserved and protected.

In conclusion, we urge the California State Lands Commission to recognize the intrinsic value and significance of Slab City as an off-grid, self-governing community.

We implore you to uphold our autonomy and safeguard our rights as off grid residents of Slab City.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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