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**Re: SAFER Comment
Addendum for the Portola Springs Residential Project
Planning Commission Agenda Item 7.a (Feb. 17, 2026)**

To the Palm Desert Planning Commission and Senior Planner Fernandez:

This comment is submitted on behalf of **Supporters Alliance for Environmental Responsibility ("SAFER")** regarding the Portola Springs Residential Project (PP25-006, EA25-0006, TTM39307), which proposes a 156-unit single-family residential community, at the southwest corner of Frank Sinatra Drive and Portola Avenue ("Project"), scheduled to be heard as Agenda Item 7.a at the Planning Commission's February 17, 2026 meeting.

SAFER objects to the City's reliance on an Addendum to the previously-adopted mitigated negative declaration ("2022 MND"). Under CEQA, an addendum is not appropriate because the Project is not within the scope of the 2022 MND and there is new information available since certification of the 2022 MND indicating new significant impacts and/or the availability of new mitigation measures. Furthermore, the Addendum fails to consider the Project's cumulative impacts with the recently approved Catavina Residential Project. SAFER requests that the Planning Commission refrain from taking any action on the Project at this time and, instead, direct staff to prepare an initial study for the Project, followed by a project-specific EIR or negative declaration as required by CEQA.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brian B. Flynn".

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