

## LETTERS

### A 'savvy, gutsy' move

I think what Ms. Denise Roberge did with her storefront window on El Paseo was the biggest advertising success around. It brought people from both sides of the political spectrum to view her storefront.

Whether I agree with her politics or not I support her First Amendment right of free speech and freedom of expression.

Only a strong, savvy and gutsy woman would do what she did with her storefront.

*Joyce Virtue, Rancho Mirage*

### California priorities?

Re: "California governor, lawmakers to get 4% raise," June 22 AP story No wonder the homeless are dying in the streets. Nobody really gives a damn about them.

This entire article is absolutely disgusting.

*Marvin K. Gamson, Palm Desert*

### Build new arena outside town

The concept of a 300,000-square-foot, 20,000-seat arena in downtown Palm Springs is alarming. The scale and location of such a facility is flat-out wrong for a town of this size.

The infrastructure does not exist to accommodate the thousands of cars likely to descend on downtown for sold-out events. We have a foretaste of the impact each December when the Festival of Lights occurs. Imagine that on a regular basis. One also has to wonder where all of these concert-goers will park.

The arena, as proposed, does not belong downtown. A more appropriate location would be on the outskirts of Palm Springs, where there is more open land and easier access to I-10.

*Wayne Taylor, Palm Springs*

### It's the traffic, stupid

So, the tribe wants to change our peaceful way of life by bringing Los Angeles traffic to Palm Springs. And local businesses are thrilled?

Have they thought about all the regular customers they will lose because parking and traffic will be impossible? Do they realize the tribe will try to steer as many people as they can next door to their casino, leaving few people for local business?

*Richard Talmy, Palm Springs*

### Include Town & Country Center in settlement

As a commercial real estate broker in Palm Springs

for over 14 years, I strongly support the concept of Town & Country Center as part of the settlement with Grit Development.

This property has been deliberately neglected by the current owners to the point of becoming a blighted property in a prime downtown location. The current negotiations are an ideal time to include this property as part of the settlement.

This property is a Class I historic site and needs to be in the hands of a developer who appreciates the significance of that and will thoughtfully preserve the building's integrity. This is a city that celebrates architecture and we should not take any chances with the future of Town & Country Center.

I am in awe of the joy I see on the faces of the thousands of people who attend Modernism Week, and the social life that revolves around architecture and design here. I hope the City Council recognizes that and takes responsibility for saving this immensely significant property remaining to be preserved for all who visit and live in Palm Springs.

*Mark Spohn, Palm Springs*

### Visitors want a restored T& CC

I own a business in Palm Springs located in an historic site. I often ask my out of town customers what brought them here and the answer is often the beauty of the desert, the weather, as well as the wonderful architecture that the city has to offer.

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Preserving the history of our city and its architecture is essential for keeping people wanting to visit our beautiful and diverse Palm Springs.

The Town & Country Center is a gem and should be restored and brought back to its glory. It will be a beacon of mid-century light connecting uptown to downtown.

Please include the T& CC in the 1090 settlement.

*Tomoko Jones, with Eric Bovy, Palm Springs*