



# CITY OF INDIO

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June 8, 2009

Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger  
Governor of the State of California  
State Capitol, First Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

I am writing in support of Granite Construction Inc. for consideration as a recipient of the 2009 Governor's Environmental and Economic Leadership Award. Granite is a highly regarded company that makes important contributions to infrastructure development. Moreover, Granite is a construction industry leader in addressing environmental priorities.

Granite's accomplishments include:

- Incorporation of environmental principals as integral factor in its business practices and operations.
- Implementation of vigorous recycling activities that reduce pressure on our land fills and add value to public works projections throughout the state.
- Aggressive programs to reduce emissions for both on and off road vehicles and equipment.
- Promotion of new technology, such as warm mix asphalt to lower both emissions and energy consumption.
- Restoration of land at work sites to advance conservation and community goals.

Rather than resist environmental requirements, Granite has embraced the challenges of reducing green house gases, controlling air emissions, protecting water quality and safeguarding our natural resources. Day in and day out, Granite engages in programs to protect and enhance environmental quality in the communities where it operates throughout California and across the country.

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As mayor of the City of Indio, California and as someone who is concerned with both improvement of our transportation infrastructure and protecting the environment, I am pleased to recommend Granite Construction for this award. If you have any questions regarding this recommendation, please don't hesitate to contact me at 760-391-4016.

I thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'MF', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Melanie Fesmire  
Mayor

cc: Council

Glenn D. Southard, City Manager

Robert Edwards, Environmental Programs Coordinator