



Board Packet

JPA & VGPS Board of Directors Joint Meeting

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Friday, December 12, 2025

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JOINT MEETING MINUTES JPA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE & VISIT GREATER PALM SPRINGS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Hilton Palm Springs | Horizon Ballroom
400 E Tahquitz Canyon Way, Palm Springs, CA 92262
8:30 am – 10:00 am

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:37 a.m. by Waymond Fermon, JPA Chair, at the Hilton Palm Springs in Palm Springs, CA.

Roll Call

The roll call is recorded on the following page.

SEPTEMBER 26, 2025

JPA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ROLL CALL		PRESENT	ABSENT
CITY OF INDIO	Waymond Fermon, Council Member, Chair	x	
	Elaine Holmes, Council Member		
CITY OF LA QUINTA	Linda Evans, Mayor, Vice Chair	x	
	Steve Sanchez, Council Member		
CITY OF CATHEDRAL CITY	Nancy Ross, Mayor	x	
	Raymond Gregory, Council Member		
CITY OF COACHELLA	Dr. Frank Figueroa, Council Member	x	
	Denise Delgado, Mayor Pro Tem		
CITY OF DESERT HOT SPRINGS	Gary Gardner, Mayor Pro Tem	x	
	Daniel Pitts, Council Member		
CITY OF INDIAN WELLS	Brian Penna, Council Member	x	
	Dr. Toper Taylor, Council Member		
CITY OF PALM SPRINGS	Jeffrey Bernstein, Council Member	x	
	Ron deHarte, Mayor		
CITY OF PALM DESERT	Jan Harnik, Mayor	x	
	Evan Trubee, Mayor Pro Tem		
CITY OF RANCHO MIRAGE	Ted Weill, Mayor	x	
	Lynn Mallotto, Mayor Pro Tem		
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE	V. Manuel Perez, Supervisor, 4th District	x	
	Joaquin Tijerina, Economic Dev. Mgr.		

VGPS BOARD OF DIRECTORS ROLL CALL		PRESENT	ABSENT
Rolf Hoehn, Chair - Indian Wells Tennis Garden		x	
Peggy Trott, Vice Chair - Kimpton Rowan Palm Springs		x	
Aftab Dada, Treasurer - Hilton Palm Springs Resort		x	
Kate Anderson, Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians			E
Lorraine Becker, Cabot's Pueblo Museum		x	
Sejal Bhakta, Hampton Inn & Suites, Palm Desert and Indio		x	
John Bolton, Oak View Group		x	
Celeste Brackley, The Line & Saguaro Hotels		x	
Gary Cardiff, Cardiff Limousine & Transportation		x	
Kenny Cassidy, Acme House Company		x	
Jay Chesterton, Fantasy Springs Resort Casino			E

Dermot Connolly, La Quinta Resort & Club	X	
Tim Ellis (Emeritus), Ellis Hospitality Services	X	
Eddy Estrada, Smarter Property Management	X	
David Feltman, VRON Palm Springs		E
Shannon Gilbert, The Ritz-Carlton, Rancho Mirage	X	
Mark Girton, Goldenvoice & Empire Polo	X	
Rob Hampton, Palm Springs Convention Center	X	
Dan Johnson, Grand Hyatt Indian Wells Resort & Villas	X	
Jerry Keller, LULU California Bistro	X	
Patrick Klein, The Shops on El Paseo	X	
Kelly McLean, Poppy	X	
Nusrat Mirza, JW Marriott Desert Springs Resort & Spa	X	
Allen Monroe, The Living Desert	X	
Lee Morcus (Emeritus), Kaiser Restaurant Group		E
Liz Ostoich, FARM and Tac/Quila Palm Springs		E
Brad Poncher, Homewood Suites by Hilton La Quinta	X	
Greg Purdy, Palm Springs Aerial Tramway	X	
Tim Pyne, Renaissance Esmeralda Resort & Spa	X	
Saverio Scheri, Agua Caliente Casinos		E
Bob Schneider, Desert Consulting	X	
Ankit Sekhri, Two Bunch Palms	X	
Barb Smith, Eventis Destination Services	X	
Boris Stark, Palm Desert Vacation Properties		E
Ebony Stinson, Doubletree Golf Resort	X	
Joe Tormey, CSU San Bernardino Palm Desert Campus		E
Doug Watson, Strategy Innovation Co.		E
A quorum was reached: 28 BOD and 10 JPA.		

STAFF/ATTORNEY

Scott White, President and CEO
Brian Kelty, VP, Finance and Administration
Colleen Pace, CSMO
Davis Meyer, VP, Government & Industry Relations
Julie Sinclair, Director of Corporate Communications
Lauren Bruggemans, Dir. of Sust. & Cmty. Engagement
Samuel Thompson, Director of Indian Wells Tourism
Stefanie Kilcoyne, Director of Technology & Operations
Sarah Goslin, Exec. Asst. & Board Admin
Bruce T. Bauer, Legal Counsel
Todd Burke, VP Communications

Joyce Kiehl, Director of Communications
Bob Wilson, Brand Communications Specialist
Sean Smith, Director of Economic Development
Gary Orfield, Director of Tourism Development
Emily Heggernes, National Sports Sales Manager
Yvonne Gonzalez, Destination Experiences Coord.
Rebecca Kirkpatrick, Analytics Manager
Jorge Rodriguez, Accounting Manager
Gary Forsythe, Dir. of Palm Springs Tourism
Erica Abarca, Community Development Manager

AGENDA ITEMS

1. **JPA Chair, Waymond Fermon, called the meeting to order at 8:37 a.m.**
2. **JPA Chair, Waymond Fermon, led the Pledge of Allegiance.**
3. **JPA Chair, Waymond Fermon, queued the playing of the tribal land acknowledgment video.**
4. **The Clerk of the Board conducted Roll Call. A quorum was reached.**
5. **JPA Chair, Waymond Fermon, asked whether there were any changes to the agenda. Hearing none, the agenda was confirmed.**
6. **JPA Chair, Waymond Fermon, called for public comment.**
 - a. No public comment on record. No members of the public requested to speak. Public comment was closed.
7. **Approval of Minutes (All Vote) -**
 - a. **The JPA Executive Committee and VGPS Board of Directors Joint Meeting Minutes dated June 27, 2025, were presented for approval.**
 - i. JPA Chair Fermon asked for changes or abstentions. No changes or abstentions. JPA Chair Fermon asked for a motion. Linda Evans with the City of La Quinta made a motion to approve. Dan Johnson with Hyatt Indian Wells seconded. No abstentions. There was no further discussion, and the minutes were approved based on the roll call at the beginning of the meeting.
8. **Consent Calendar (JPA Vote) -**
 - a. **The Warrants and Demands dated June 2025, July 2025, and August 2025 for Pacific Premier Bank were presented for approval.**
 - i. JPA Chair Fermon asked for changes or abstentions. No changes or abstentions. JPA Chair Fermon asked for a motion. Jeffrey Bernstein with the City of Palm Springs made a motion to approve. Linda Evans with the City of La Quinta seconded. The Warrants and Demands were approved based on the roll call vote at the beginning of the meeting.
9. **Presentations were done by City of Indian Wells Council Member, Dr. Toper Taylor, on the Clean Air Coalition, and Riverside County 4th District Supervisor's Senior Policy Advisor, Grace Garner, and CVAG's Executive Director, Tom Kirk, on the Dust Mitigation and AQMD update.**
 - i. Dr. Taylor presented on behalf of CoachellaValleyCleanAir.org, highlighting that the valley has some of the nation's unhealthiest PM10 particulate matter concentrations, a problem worsened by Tropical Storm Hillary. He positioned his organization as an action-oriented advocate needed to push past years of discussion and find tangible solutions, requesting the board's support by lending its logo to the cause.
 - ii. Supervisor V. Manuel Perez and Grace Garner, Senior Legislative Analyst in his office, along with Tom Kirk, Executive Director of the Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG), provided an update on ongoing efforts related to air quality and dust mitigation. Kirk noted that CVAG has been leading regional coordination and advocacy with the South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) to advance this work. The update highlighted AQMD's elevation of the issue as a priority and outlined current initiatives, including expanded monitoring using video technology, coordination among multiple agencies, and a Dust Summit scheduled for November 6th. The update also referenced health impacts on residents across the region, including agricultural workers.

10. JPA Executive Committee Items (JPA Vote)

- a. **The JPA Executive Committee was presented with the proposed 2026 Meeting Dates for approval.**
 - i. Gary Gardner with the City of Desert Hot Springs made a motion to approve. Jeffrey Bernstein with the City of Palm Springs seconded. No abstentions. The City of La Quinta was not present to vote. There was no further discussion, and the 2026 Meeting Dates were approved based on the roll call at the beginning of the meeting.
- b. **The JPA Executive Committee was presented with Resolution No. JPA 2025-008 – Air Service Reserve for approval.**
 - i. Dr. Frank Figueroa with the City of Coachella made a motion to approve. Jeffrey Bernstein with the City of Palm Springs seconded. No abstentions. The City of La Quinta was not present to vote. There was no further discussion, and Resolution No. JPA 2025-008 was approved based on the roll call at the beginning of the meeting.
- c. **The JPA Executive Committee was presented with Resolution No. JPA 2025-009 – Retiree Health Plan for approval.**
 - i. Jan Harnik with the City of Palm Desert made a motion to approve. Brian Penna with the City of Indian Wells seconded. No abstentions. The City of La Quinta was not present to vote. There was no further discussion, and Resolution No. JPA 2025-009 was approved based on the roll call at the beginning of the meeting.
- d. **The JPA Executive Committee was presented with Resolution No. JPA 2025-010 – Motor Vehicle Lease for approval.**
 - i. Jan Harnik with the City of Palm Desert made a motion to approve. Dr. Frank Figueroa with the City of Coachella seconded. No abstentions. The City of La Quinta was not present to vote. There was no further discussion, and Resolution No. JPA 2025-010 was approved based on the roll call at the beginning of the meeting.

11. VGPS Board of Directors Items (VGPS Board Vote)

- a. **The VGPS Board of Directors was presented with the proposed 2026 Meeting Dates for approval.**
 - i. Peggy Trott made a motion to approve. Celeste Brackley seconded. No abstentions. There was no further discussion, and the 2026 Meeting Dates were approved based on the roll call at the beginning of the meeting.
- b. **The VGPS Board of Directors was presented with Resolution No. BOD 2025-002 – Air Service Reserve for approval.**
 - i. Kenny Cassidy made a motion to approve. Peggy Trott seconded. No abstentions. There was no further discussion, and Resolution No. BOD 2025-002 was approved based on the roll call at the beginning of the meeting.
- c. **The VGPS Board of Directors was presented with Resolution No. BOD 2025-003 – Motor Vehicle Lease for approval.**
 - i. Peggy Trott made a motion to approve. Tim Pyne seconded. No abstentions. There was no further discussion, and Resolution No. BOD 2025-003 was approved based on the roll call at the beginning of the meeting.
- d. **The VGPS Board of Directors was asked to approve Nusrat Mirza with JW Marriott Desert Springs Resort for the open Secretary position on the Board of Directors.**
 - i. Tim Pyne made a motion to approve. Shannon Gilbert seconded. No abstentions. There was no further discussion, and Nusrat Mirza was approved as the new Secretary of the VGPS Board of Directors based on the roll call at the beginning of the meeting.
- e. **The VGPS Board of Directors was asked to approve David Putnicki with Hotel PASEO for the open VGPS Board of Directors TBID Hotel seat.**
 - i. Celeste Brackley made a motion to approve. Patrick Klein seconded. No abstentions. There was no further discussion, and David Putnicki was approved for a Board of Directors seat based on the roll call at the beginning of the meeting.

12. CEO/President's Report

- a. **Scott White**
 - i. Air Service:
 1. New routes to Santa Rosa on Alaska, Austin on Delta, Chicago Midway on Southwest, Newark on United, and Charlotte on American. However, this was tempered by a projected significant decline in airline seat capacity from Canada for the upcoming November to April season.
 - ii. Canada Travel:
 1. I will be going to Canada in November with Visit California. We continue to invest in Canada and let them know they are welcome in Greater Palm Springs. Palm Springs had "Palm Springs Loves Canada" banners along Palm Canyon Drive earlier this year, so we've encouraged the other cities to also recognize the importance of Canadian visitors, whether it's banners or another visual. Our team is going to be putting together some opportunities for businesses to put window clings and different things to really say to the Canadians that are coming back that they are very welcome here. A change in the exchange rate would also help.

- iii. Amateur Sports Facility:
 - 1. There is a continued push for a \$75 million amateur sports facility to drive tourism during the summer months. We could do a sports and entertainment district to help support or backstop the debt, to take some of the risk off of the cities.
- b. **Sean Smith**
 - i. **Economic Development:**
 - 1. Our new dedicated website, liveworkgps.com, and monthly newsletter, "Thrive and Shine," have been launched to attract business relocation and expansion and to share noteworthy events, programs, activities, and items of importance to Greater Palm Springs Economic Development.
 - 2. We have approved our economic development media plan, which will be centered on the industries that have been initially identified as having a strong opportunity for growth in our valley. We will be targeting individuals in positions to make decisions on the location, relocation, and expansion of businesses.
- c. **Davis Meyer**
 - i. Visitor & Resident Data:
 - 1. An ongoing visitor intercept study shows high visitor satisfaction. A new resident sentiment survey revealed that support for responsible short-term rentals (STRs) has increased to 86%, and STRs are not considered a top community issue.
 - ii. The team graduated another cohort of the successful Passport to Leadership program this summer, which is a six-week initiative for high school seniors to explore careers in the local hospitality and tourism industry.
 - iii. Champions of Hospitality is coming up on November 20th at the Palm Springs Convention Center
 - iv. Palm Springs Pride Parade is on November 9th – VGPS is participating.
 - v. VGPS Partner Holiday Party is on December 18th at our office.
 - vi. Congratulations to Lauren Bruggemans on making it to the final round of the RAP Foundation Nonprofit Desert Fast Pitch.
- d. **Todd Burke**
 - i. Summer media engagement for June through August included 24 media in market, 270 published articles, and 130 media content.
 - ii. We hosted more than 60 trade and media representatives in New York City to highlight the new non-stop flights.
 - iii. Todd and Julie Kawaguchi from the Tourism Development team attended a Visit California trade and PR mission in India, where he met with more than 45 tier 1 and tier 2 media.
- e. **Colleen Pace**
 - i. Welcomed Gary Forsythe, new Director of PS Tourism.
 - ii. IGLTA is being hosted in Palm Springs, October 21-25, with 504 people registered so far.
 - 1. The VGPS Partnership team is hosting a student summit before the convention, October 17-19, which includes tours, workshops, and guest speakers.
 - 2. The VGPS PR/Comms team and the Palm Springs Bureau of Tourism are hosting pre and post-FAMs for about 30 media, with curated experiences.
 - iii. The VGPS Sales team is exceeding all goals, with strong future bookings indicating a return to longer booking windows. A focus on off-peak seasons and the sports market has yielded significant new business. Our new sports sales manager, Emily Heggernes, has helped us book 3,000 new room nights this year so far, and just this week secured a three-year contract for a dance and cheer group that will bring 4,000 room nights per year.
 - iv. Showed summer recap video with performance highlights. The summer marketing campaigns were highly effective, achieving a 42% arrival lift (per Arrivalist, the program VGPS uses that measures advertising effectiveness), well above the industry benchmark.
 - v. Our fall campaign, "Escape Your Ordinary", was relaunched with refreshed assets.
 - vi. "Escapes", a new six-part content series supporting the unique and extraordinary experiences you can have in the destination, will launch in the fall.
 - vii. A new digital campaign we are working on with Lonely Planet will launch later this fall.
 - viii. We are launching our international campaigns in the UK, Ireland, Germany, Mexico, France, and Canada.
 - ix. Unveiled a portion of our new booth at ASAE in August. Met with 245 meeting planners and we're working on 12 leads as a result of the show.
 - x. The annual Event Services Celebration, where we recognized 16 outstanding event professionals within our community, took place at the end of July/beginning of August, and was very successful.
 - xi. A reminder to experience Spa Month before it ends. We have over 100 deals on the website for Spa Month, which ends at the end of September.

- 13. Members of the JPA Executive Committee and VGPS Board of Directors provided updates on their cities and businesses.**
- a. Gary Gardner – DHS: DHS is participating in Doors Open California, which is a statewide celebration of architecture and historic buildings, at two locations (Cabot's and Rock House) for the month of September. Desert Nights on the Blvd - Art Eats & Beats will be held every Saturday night starting October 25th on Pierson.
 - b. Brian Penna – IW: Following up on Toper's presentation, cvcleanair.org is an additional voice for businesses and residents on our clean air issue. Also, the Indian Wells Golf Tournament takes place 10/2-10/5 at IW Golf Resort. The Grand Opening of the IW Players Course takes place on December 2nd.
 - c. Jeffrey Bernstein – PS: Oak View Group officially takes over the contract for the Convention Center on Sunday. We are also moving forward with \$125 million convention center modernization and connectivity. The airport plans continue, with heavy focus on customs. This week was groundbreaking for the new library and pickleball courts. Palm Springs Holidays takes place from November 15th to January 6th.
 - d. Jan Harnik – PD: The Measure G sales tax measure generated 6.9 million in the first quarter. October 10th street paving will be completed. Free concerts at Civic Center Park to continue soon. Ribbon cutting for 330 new apartment homes near CSU just took place. Join us on October 3rd for the Palm Desert State of the City at JW Marriott Desert Springs.
- 14. The next JPA/Board of Directors Joint Meeting date was announced, and a request for a volunteer venue to host the December meeting went out to the Board of Directors, as the location was not yet solidified.**
- a. Friday, December 12, 2025, at the TBD
- 15. The joint meeting of the JPA Executive Committee and VGPS Board of Directors was adjourned at 10:04 am by JPA Chair, Waymond Fermon.**

The complete Board Packet can be viewed on our website [here](#), and a direct link to the presentation is also available on our website [here](#).

Clerk for the Board:

Sarah Goslin, Executive Assistant & Board Administrator

VGPS Board of Directors Secretary:

Nusrat Mirza, Secretary

Approval Date:

VGPS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RESOLUTION NO. BOD 2025-004

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A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF VISIT GREATER PALM SPRINGS ("VGPS") ADOPTING THE UPDATED LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY PLATFORM FOR 2026

WHEREAS, Visit Greater Palm Springs ("VGPS") is a joint powers authority operating under the Joint Exercise of Powers Act (California Government Code Section 6500 et seq.), located in the County of Riverside, State of California; and

WHEREAS, VGPS is now and at all relevant times has been a duly formed and validly existing California joint powers authority and is further described in that certain amended and restated Joint Powers Agreement, dated January 20, 2016, executed by and between the VGPS Member Agencies defined therein (the "JPA Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, the VGPS Board of Directors ("Board of Directors") serves as the advisory body to the JPA Executive Committee on issues pertaining to VGPS in order to jointly encourage, promote and to do such other things as might be necessary to enhance, to the greatest extent possible, all aspects of the hospitality, convention and tourism industries in the Coachella Valley and to attract visitors to the area from a world-wide market, all to the benefit of the member organizations and their constituents; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has identified key priorities, including growing the tourism economy through targeted leisure marketing, attracting new meetings, conventions, and events, and driving demand during need periods for both leisure and group segments; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors reviews and updates its legislative platform regularly to ensure alignment with emerging policy issues, statewide regulations, and the evolving needs of the tourism, hospitality, and short-term rental sectors; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors is dedicated to research that measures impact and effectiveness, educating the community and homeowners about vacation rentals, and developing best practices in these areas. Regional collaboration remains a vital focus, especially in expanding air service and supporting new transportation options; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors is also committed to advancing diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI), sustainability, accessibility, cultural heritage, and workforce development; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors seeks to further strengthen its ability to track, analyze, and engage on legislative, budgetary, regulatory, and administrative issues at the state and federal levels that may impact VGPS programs, services, operations, and the regional tourism economy; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors desires to be proactive and involved in the governmental decision making processes directly affecting the above and legislative priorities impacting VGPS and adopt legislative advocacy priorities in the form of a legislative platform as identified in Exhibit "1"; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors now desires to adopt the updated Legislative Platform for 2026, as identified in Exhibit "1".

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Visit Greater Palm Springs Board of Directors as follows:

Section 1. RECITALS

The above recitals are true and correct and are hereby incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 2. LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY PLATFORM

The Visit Greater Palm Springs Board of Directors hereby adopts the legislative platform as set forth in Exhibit "1" hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption, effective December 12, 2025. This Resolution shall remain in full force and effect until rescinded by the Visit Greater Palm Springs Board of Directors by resolution.

Section 4. SEVERABILITY

The Visit Greater Palm Springs Board of Directors declares that, should any provision, section, paragraph, sentence, or word of this Resolution be rendered or declared invalid by any final court action in a court of competent jurisdiction or by reason of any preemptive legislations, the remaining provisions, sections, paragraphs, sentences, or words of this Resolution as hereby adopted shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 5. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING PROVISIONS

All provisions of any prior resolutions that are in conflict with the provisions of this Resolution are hereby repealed.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Visit Greater Palm Springs Board of Directors held on the twenty-sixth day of December 12, 2025, by the following vote:

AYES:

NAYES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Liz Ostoich
FARM and Tac/Quila Palm Springs

Brad Poncher
Hospitality Consulting

Greg Purdy
Palm Springs Aerial Tramway

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**Rolf Hoehn, Chair
Board of Directors
Visit Greater Palm Springs**

ATTEST:

Sarah Goslin, Clerk for the Board of Directors

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Bruce T. Bauer, General Council

**ATTACHMENT "1" TO
A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF VISIT GREATER PALM SPRINGS
ADOPTING THE UPDATED LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY PLATFORM FOR 2026**

Visit Greater Palm Springs Legislative Platform

Visit Greater Palm Springs (VGPS) is the official destination marketing organization representing the Coachella Valley, which includes the nine cities of Palm Springs, Desert Hot Springs, Cathedral City, Rancho Mirage, Palm Desert, Indian Wells, La Quinta, Indio, and Coachella, along with unincorporated areas of Riverside County. Established in May 1989 as a Joint Powers Authority, VGPS was created to stimulate the region's tourism economy. Today, it serves over 5,000 business partners, focusing on sales, marketing, and public relations efforts targeted at leisure travelers, as well as the meetings, conventions, and events markets.

Tourism is the cornerstone of the Greater Palm Springs economy, supporting one in four local jobs. In 2024, the area welcomed 14.5 million visitors who generated \$9.1 billion in total economic impact. These visitors not only support local businesses but also contribute significantly to public services through state and local tax revenues, amounting to an estimated \$897 million in 2024. This contribution translates to \$5,900 in tax savings for every local household.

Recognizing that the long-term success of the region requires a more resilient and diversified economy, VGPS embraces a broader role in economic development. In 2025, the Coachella Valley Regional Economic Development Strategy (CV Strategy), was developed in alignment with the updated Riverside County Economic Development Strategic Plan (EDSP). The CV Strategy outlines a roadmap for strengthening emerging industries, expanding workforce and education pipelines, supporting small business and entrepreneurship, and enhancing the region's competitiveness as a place to live, work, and visit. VGPS is committed to supporting this regional vision by ensuring the availability of a trained workforce, advocating for affordable and workforce housing, developing new and enhanced visitor experiences, improving sustainability practices, and expanding transportation access.

Under the guidance of its Board of Directors and member jurisdictions, VGPS has identified key priorities, including growing the tourism economy through targeted leisure marketing, attracting new meetings, conventions, and events, and driving demand during need periods for both leisure and group segments. VGPS is also dedicated to research that measures impact and effectiveness, educating the community and homeowners about vacation rentals, and developing best practices in these areas. Regional collaboration remains a vital focus, especially in expanding air service and supporting new transportation options. Furthermore, VGPS is committed to advancing diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI), sustainability, accessibility, cultural heritage, workforce development, and long-term economic diversification.

The purpose of this legislative platform is to guide VGPS in tracking and analyzing priority legislative, budgetary, regulatory, and administrative issues at the state level. It provides a framework for staff and lobbyists to navigate policy matters that could impact the operation and implementation of VGPS programs and services. This document is essential in shaping a state and regional strategy and developing a focused action plan to address the needs and priorities of VGPS and its member jurisdictions.

VGPS will engage in proactive advocacy by:

- Collaborating with state legislators and agencies to advance our legislative priorities.
- Participating in coalitions and partnerships that support shared goals in tourism, transportation, workforce development, and community development.
- Conducting outreach to local communities, businesses, and stakeholders to ensure broad support and alignment with our advocacy efforts.

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Tourism

The hospitality sector is the backbone of Greater Palm Springs' tourism-driven economy, supporting one in four local jobs. VGPS is committed to supporting hotels, short-term rentals, and other hospitality providers by advocating for a fair and reasonable regulatory environment and protecting the industry from policies, fees, or taxes that deter visitors or investment.

Support:

- Support legislation that promotes California as a premier destination for domestic and international travelers, with a focus on the unique offerings of the Coachella Valley.
- Support legislation that strengthens the existing assessment laws, including the Property and Business Improvement District Law of 1994, to protect against legal challenges.
- Support legislation that compels the collection of tourism business improvement district assessments by short-term rental platforms.
- Support legislation that gives cities and counties authority to create entertainment districts, expand hours for alcohol sales, maintain outdoor dining decks, or make other modifications to existing laws that support tourism.
- Support legislation that strengthens California's creative economy, arts, culture, design, film, and performance, recognizing these sectors as essential to the Coachella Valley's tourism competitiveness and year-round visitor economy.
- Support legislation or state programs that provide grants or incentives for development of new tourism-generating facilities such as sports facilities, cultural venues, entertainment districts, and outdoor recreation assets identified as regional priorities.
- Support continued reform of the Private Attorneys General Act (PAGA) to discourage frivolous litigation against hospitality, tourism, and small business operators, while preserving worker protections and compliance incentives.
- Support legislation that urges clarity and reasonable liability thresholds under the California Invasion of Privacy Act (CIPA) so that legitimate business practices, such as online marketing, booking platforms, and guest services, are not subject to excessive or abusive litigation.
- Support legislation that encourages legislation reducing "shakedown" or nuisance lawsuits that often target small and seasonal hospitality- and tourism-related businesses, helping ensure that tourism operators are able to focus on providing services rather than costly legal defense.

Oppose:

- Oppose legislation that would impose undue regulations or taxes on tourism-related businesses that could negatively impact the Coachella Valley's tourism economy.
- Oppose legislation that overburdens hotel or short-term rental operators or put them at a competitive disadvantage compared to other regions or states.
- Oppose legislation that would restrict local governments from enacting regulations around zoning or regulating hotels and vacation rentals.
- Oppose legislation that would create statewide assessments, fees, or taxes on hotels or short-term rentals.
- Oppose legislation that would further limit or delay development of tourism-related projects in the Coachella Valley, such as attractions, venues, and hotels.

Transportation and Infrastructure

Transportation access is crucial for sustaining and growing the local economy. VGPS prioritizes regional collaboration to expand air service, establish passenger rail service, and improve transportation options, ensuring visitors can easily access Greater Palm Springs and our workforce can easily traverse from their homes to their place of employment. Enhancing transportation infrastructure supports not only tourism but also the overall regional economy, making it a key focus for VGPS.

Infrastructure development is critical for sustaining the growth of the tourism industry in Greater Palm Springs. VGPS advocates for investments in infrastructure that enhance the visitor experience, support new and existing businesses, and improve the overall quality of life for residents. This includes everything from transportation networks to public amenities.

Support:

- Support legislation that improves transportation infrastructure, including roads, airports, and public transit systems, to better connect the Coachella Valley with surrounding regions.
- Support efforts to expand air service, rail service, and transportation options for visitors and residents to the Coachella Valley.
- Support legislation or efforts that accelerate the timeline for the Coachella Valley Rail Project.
- Support policies, programs, and funding for electric vehicle charging infrastructure.
- Support programs that leverage technology to improve mobility, increase goods movement efficiency, reduce emissions, and help to mitigate environmental impacts.
- Support legislation that expands the I-10 corridor west of the Coachella Valley to reduce traffic on business weekends or during events, including the addition of toll lanes.

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ECONOMIC DIVERSIFICATION & INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT

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FUNDING PRIORITIES

Funding for Programs Managed Directly by VGPS

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VGPS has identified certain projects and programs as key to the success and future economic development of the region and advocates in support of the partner agencies or local governments responsible for them:

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Four-Year University Campus in the Coachella Valley To advance educational opportunities, VGPS supports the development of a full four-year university campus. Potential funding sources include the California State University system, state educational bonds, and legislative appropriations. VGPS will work with the local educational community to secure these investments.

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JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. JPA 2025-011

A RESOLUTION OF THE JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY ("JPA") EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF VISIT GREATER PALM SPRINGS ("VGPS") ADOPTING THE UPDATED LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY PLATFORM FOR 2026

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WHEREAS, Visit Greater Palm Springs ("VGPS") is a joint powers authority ("JPA") operating under the Joint Exercise of Powers Act (California Government Code Section 6500 et seq.), located in the County of Riverside, State of California; and

WHEREAS, Visit Greater Palm Springs members ("VGPS Members") include the cities of Cathedral City, Coachella, Desert Hot Springs, Indian Wells, Indio, La Quinta, Palm Desert, Palm Springs, Rancho Mirage, and the County of Riverside; and

WHEREAS, the JPA Executive Committee recognizes that the growth of the tourism industry requires more than traditional sales and marketing, VGPS is also committed to diversifying the regional economy. This includes ensuring the availability of a trained workforce, providing affordable housing for that workforce, developing new and enhanced visitor experiences, improving sustainability practices, and enhancing transportation access.

WHEREAS, the JPA Executive Committee, under the guidance of its Board of Directors and member jurisdictions, has identified key priorities, including growing the tourism economy through targeted leisure marketing, attracting new meetings, conventions, and events, and driving demand during need periods for both leisure and group segments.

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WHEREAS, the JPA Executive Committee desires to be proactive and involved in the governmental decision-making processes directly affecting the above and legislative priorities impacting VGPS and adopt legislative advocacy priorities in the form of a legislative platform as identified in Exhibit "1."

WHEREAS, the JPA Executive Committee has decided to adopt this updated legislative platform for 2026 as identified in Exhibit "1."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the JPA Executive Committee, the governing body of Visit Greater Palm Springs, as follows:

Section 1. RECITALS

That the above recitals are true and correct and are hereby incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 2. LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY PLATFORM

The JPA Executive Committee hereby adopts the legislative platform as set forth in Exhibit 1 hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 3. SEVERABILITY

That the Executive Committee declares that, should any provision, section, paragraph, sentence or word of this Resolution or the Amended and Restated Plan be rendered or declared invalid by any final court action in a court of competent jurisdiction or by reason of any preemptive legislations, the remaining provisions, sections, paragraphs, sentences or words of this Resolution and Amended and Restated Plan as hereby adopted shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 4. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING PROVISIONS

That all provisions of any prior resolutions that are in conflict with the provisions of this Resolution are hereby repealed.

Section 5. EFFECTIVE DATE

That this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption. Effective December 12, 2025.

Section 6. CERTIFICATION

That the Clerk of the Executive Committee shall certify the roll call vote adopting this Resolution.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the JPA Executive Committee of Visit Greater Palm Springs held on December 12, 2025, by the following vote:

AYES:

NAYES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Waymond Fermon, Chair
Executive Committee
Visit Greater Palm Springs

ATTEST:

Sarah Goslin, Clerk for the Executive Committee

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Bruce T. Bauer, General Counsel

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Visit Greater Palm Springs Legislative Platform

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Tourism is the cornerstone of the Greater Palm Springs economy, supporting one in four local jobs. In 2024, the area welcomed 14.5 million visitors who generated \$9.1 billion in total economic impact. These visitors not only support local businesses but also contribute significantly to public services through state and local tax revenues, amounting to an estimated \$897 million in 2024. This contribution translates to \$5,900 in tax savings for every local household.

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The purpose of this legislative platform is to guide VGPS in tracking and analyzing priority legislative, budgetary, regulatory, and administrative issues at the state level. It provides a framework for staff and lobbyists to navigate policy matters that could impact the operation and implementation of VGPS programs and services. This document is essential in shaping a state and regional strategy and developing a focused action plan to address the needs and priorities of VGPS and its member jurisdictions.

VGPS will engage in proactive advocacy by:

- Collaborating with state legislators and agencies to advance our legislative priorities.
- Participating in coalitions and partnerships that support shared goals in tourism, transportation, workforce development, and community development.

- Conducting outreach to local communities, businesses, and stakeholders to ensure broad support and alignment with our advocacy efforts.

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Tourism

The hospitality sector is the backbone of Greater Palm Springs' tourism-driven economy, supporting one in four local jobs. VGPS is committed to supporting hotels, short-term rentals, and other hospitality providers by advocating for a fair and reasonable regulatory environment and protecting the industry from policies, fees, or taxes that deter visitors or investment.

Support:

- Support legislation that promotes California as a premier destination for domestic and international travelers, with a focus on the unique offerings of the Coachella Valley.
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Oppose:

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Visit Greater Palm Springs Legislative Platform

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Tourism is the cornerstone of the Greater Palm Springs economy, supporting one in four local jobs. In 2024, the area welcomed 14.5 million visitors who generated \$9.1 billion in total economic impact. These visitors not only support local businesses but also contribute significantly to public services through state and local tax revenues, amounting to an estimated \$897 million in 2024. This contribution translates to \$5,900 in tax savings for every local household.

Recognizing that the long-term success of the region requires a more resilient and diversified economy, VGPS embraces a broader role in economic development. In 2025, the Coachella Valley Regional Economic Development Strategy (CV Strategy), was developed in alignment with the updated Riverside County Economic Development Strategic Plan (EDSP). The CV Strategy outlines a roadmap for strengthening emerging industries, expanding workforce and education pipelines, supporting small business and entrepreneurship, and enhancing the region's competitiveness as a place to live, work, and visit. VGPS is committed to supporting this regional vision by ensuring the availability of a trained workforce, advocating for affordable and workforce housing, developing new and enhanced visitor experiences, improving sustainability practices, and expanding transportation access.

Under the guidance of its Board of Directors and member jurisdictions, VGPS has identified key priorities, including growing the tourism economy through targeted leisure marketing, attracting new meetings, conventions, and events, and driving demand during need periods for both leisure and group segments. VGPS is also dedicated to research that measures impact and effectiveness, educating the community and homeowners about vacation rentals, and developing best practices in these areas. Regional collaboration remains a vital focus, especially in expanding air service and supporting new transportation options. Furthermore, VGPS is committed to advancing diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI), sustainability, accessibility, cultural heritage, workforce development, and long-term economic diversification.

The purpose of this legislative platform is to guide VGPS in tracking and analyzing priority legislative, budgetary, regulatory, and administrative issues at the state level. It provides a framework for staff and lobbyists to navigate policy matters that could impact the operation and implementation of VGPS programs and services. This document is essential in shaping a state and regional strategy and developing a focused action plan to address the needs and priorities of VGPS and its member jurisdictions.

VGPS will engage in proactive advocacy by:

- Collaborating with state legislators and agencies to advance our legislative priorities.
- Participating in coalitions and partnerships that support shared goals in tourism, transportation, workforce development, and community development.
- Conducting outreach to local communities, businesses, and stakeholders to ensure broad support and alignment with our advocacy efforts.

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Tourism

The hospitality sector is the backbone of Greater Palm Springs' tourism-driven economy, supporting one in four local jobs. VGPS is committed to supporting hotels, short-term rentals, and other hospitality providers by advocating for a fair and reasonable regulatory environment and protecting the industry from policies, fees, or taxes that deter visitors or investment.

Support:

- Support legislation that promotes California as a premier destination for domestic and international travelers, with a focus on the unique offerings of the Coachella Valley.
- Support legislation that strengthens the existing assessment laws, including the Property and Business Improvement District Law of 1994, to protect against legal challenges.
- Support legislation that compels the collection of tourism business improvement district assessments by short-term rental platforms.
- Support legislation that gives cities and counties authority to create entertainment districts, expand hours for alcohol sales, maintain outdoor dining decks, or make other modifications to existing laws that support tourism.
- Support legislation that strengthens California's creative economy, arts, culture, design, film, and performance, recognizing these sectors as essential to the Coachella Valley's tourism competitiveness and year-round visitor economy.
- Support legislation or state programs that provide grants or incentives for development of new tourism-generating facilities such as sports facilities, cultural venues, entertainment districts, and outdoor recreation assets identified as regional priorities.
- Support continued reform of the Private Attorneys General Act (PAGA) to discourage frivolous litigation against hospitality, tourism, and small business operators, while preserving worker protections and compliance incentives.
- Support legislation that urges clarity and reasonable liability thresholds under the California Invasion of Privacy Act (CIPA) so that legitimate business practices, such as online marketing, booking platforms, and guest services, are not subject to excessive or abusive litigation.
- Support legislation that encourages legislation reducing "shakedown" or nuisance lawsuits that often target small and seasonal hospitality- and tourism-related businesses, helping ensure that tourism operators are able to focus on providing services rather than costly legal defense.

Oppose:

- Oppose legislation that would impose undue regulations or taxes on tourism-related businesses that could negatively impact the Coachella Valley's tourism economy.
- Oppose legislation that overburdens hotel or short-term rental operators or puts them at a competitive disadvantage compared to other regions or states.
- Oppose legislation that would restrict local governments from enacting regulations around zoning or regulating hotels and vacation rentals.
- Oppose legislation that would create statewide assessments, fees, or taxes on hotels or short-term rentals.
- Oppose legislation that would further limit or delay development of tourism-related projects in the Coachella Valley, such as attractions, venues, and hotels.

Transportation and Infrastructure

Transportation access is crucial for sustaining and growing the local economy. VGPS prioritizes regional collaboration to expand air service, establish passenger rail service, and improve transportation options, ensuring visitors can easily access Greater Palm Springs and our workforce can easily traverse from their homes to their place of employment. Enhancing transportation infrastructure supports not only tourism but also the overall regional economy, making it a key focus for VGPS.

Infrastructure development is critical for sustaining the growth of the tourism industry in Greater Palm Springs. VGPS advocates for investments in infrastructure that enhance the visitor experience, support new and existing businesses, and improve the overall quality of life for residents. This includes everything from transportation networks to public amenities.

Support:

- Support legislation that improves transportation infrastructure, including roads, airports, and public transit systems, to better connect the Coachella Valley with surrounding regions.
- Support efforts to expand air service, rail service, and transportation options for visitors and residents to the Coachella Valley.
- Support legislation or efforts that accelerate the timeline for the Coachella Valley Rail Project.
- Support policies, programs, and funding for electric vehicle charging infrastructure.
- Support programs that leverage technology to improve mobility, increase goods movement efficiency, reduce emissions, and help to mitigate environmental impacts.
- Support legislation that expands the I-10 corridor west of the Coachella Valley to reduce traffic on business weekends or during events, including the addition of toll lanes.
- Support funding and implementation of the Coachella Valley's middle mile broadband project and the programs to assist with last-mile connections that bridge the digital divide in the Coachella Valley.

- Support efforts by the California Department of Transportation, Riverside County Transportation Commission, San Diego Association of Governments, and the San Bernardino Association of Governments to implement congestion projects identified in the Inland Empire 8 Multimodal Corridor Plan that increase mobility to and from the CVAG region, including increased funding for bypass roads, bridges, and transportation improvements in the pass area.
- Support efforts that streamline project delivery, build local capacity, such as additional technical assistance, and provide increased flexibility to innovate and strategically invest funds to meet local needs.
- Support regional efforts to increase passenger rail service between Los Angeles and the Coachella Valley, including funding opportunities and actions by the Facilitate Equitable Deals task force to improve coordination and collaboration with Union Pacific Railroad (FED-UP).
- Identify programs and support legislation that provide funding for clean energy, energy efficiency, decarbonization, and green building programs.
- Monitor actions related to the 1934 Agreement of Compromise between Imperial Irrigation District and the Coachella Valley Water District and support Coachella Valley Energy Commission efforts to achieve a permanent service option and governance structure between Coachella Valley stakeholders and IID post-2033.
- Support legislation that streamlines environmental review and reduces project delays for large-scale infrastructure and transportation projects identified as regional economic development priorities.

Oppose:

- Oppose legislation that cuts transportation funding or that could hinder regional connectivity or reduce the quality of infrastructure supporting the tourism economy.
- Oppose program guidelines that use transit-oriented development standards, such as the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities program, that disproportionately favor large urban centers and do not reflect the reality of growth and development in the Coachella Valley.

Workforce Development and Education

A trained workforce is essential for the continued success of Greater Palm Springs' tourism industry. VGPS is focused on workforce development initiatives, including TEAM GPS, to ensure a skilled labor pool that meets the needs of local businesses. This priority also includes advocating for affordable housing to support the region's workforce.

Support:

- Support legislation that expands workforce training funding for targeted industry clusters identified in the Economic Development Strategy (e.g., healthcare, advanced manufacturing, creative industries, clean energy, technology), ensuring Coachella Valley residents have access to high-skill, high-wage pathways.
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institutions.

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- Support policies that allow community colleges to offer bachelor's degrees if that degree in that program is not available through a nearby 4-year university.
- Support state efforts to expand childcare access, recognizing that limited childcare capacity is a barrier to workforce participation in tourism and other key sectors.

Oppose:

- Oppose legislation that reduces funding for workforce development or limits access to education and training opportunities within the Coachella Valley.
- Oppose policies that disqualify tourism or hospitality-related career training from funding or other program opportunities.

Sustainability, Accessibility, & Social Inclusion

VGPS is dedicated to promoting sustainability practices that protect Greater Palm Springs' natural environment while supporting economic growth. Ensuring accessibility for all visitors is a key priority for VGPS. This includes advocating for improvements that make the region more welcoming and navigable for individuals with disabilities. By focusing on accessibility, VGPS aims to create a more inclusive destination that meets the needs of all travelers. This priority includes efforts to reduce the tourism industry's carbon footprint, promote responsible resource use, and ensure that the region remains an attractive destination for future generations.

Support:

- Support legislation that incentivizes businesses, through cost savings, rebates, or other means, to adopt sustainability practices, including initiatives that promote water conservation, renewable energy adoption, and sustainable land use.
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Oppose:

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Support:

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9/11/2025	V00073--Brandini	64284	1,925.00	Check
9/11/2025	V01447--C & G Concrete Construction	64285	1,980.00	Check
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9/11/2025	V00678--Desert Promotional & Embroidery, LLC	64287	25.67	Check
9/11/2025	V00157--Destination Analysts	64288	23,600.00	Check
9/11/2025	V00692--Eric Scott Caplan	64289	101.50	Check
9/11/2025	V01503--Escape The Festival LLC	64290	4,088.00	Check
9/11/2025	V00195--Fired Up Culture	64291	6,654.00	Check
9/11/2025	V01020--Giselle Woo	64292	850.00	Check
9/11/2025	V01445--Granicus LLC	64293	26,028.75	Check
9/11/2025	V00259--Image360	64294	97.75	Check
9/11/2025	V01505--International Fraternity of Delta Sigma Pi	64295	3,288.00	Check
9/11/2025	V00274--JNS Media Specialist	64297	272,548.93	Check

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9/11/2025	V00405--Parker Palm Springs	64304	6,225.63	Check
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9/11/2025	V00480--Shields Date Garden	64307	240.00	Check
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9/18/2025	V00115--City of Rancho Mirage	64320	44,493.66	Check

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9/18/2025	V00159--Destination PSP	64322	39.88	Check
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9/18/2025	V00692--Eric Scott Caplan	64325	18.75	Check
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9/18/2025	V01048--Lulu California Bistro	64327	985.18	Check
9/18/2025	V01133--Malibu Colony PCH Property, LLC	64328	20,000.00	Check
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9/18/2025	V01177--Pre-Paid Legal Services Inc dba Legal Shield #	64333	406.00	Check
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9/18/2025	V00810--Superbloom Group LLC	64335	574.99	Check
9/18/2025	V01462--The Foundation of Palm Springs Unified School District	64336	2,500.00	Check
9/18/2025	V00854--The Lincoln National Life Insurance Company #	64338	5,096.45	Check
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9/18/2025	V00607--UPS Supply Chain Solutions, Inc.	64339	2,777.99	Check
9/18/2025	V00642--Xpress Graphics	64340	318.06	Check
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9/22/2025	V00859--So Cal Arena Company, LLC #	ACH9/22/25	150,000.00	EFT
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9/23/2025	V00843--Tina Turntables	64342	375.00	Check
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9/25/2025	V01345--Ameritas Life Insurance Corp.	64343	6,728.56	Check
9/25/2025	V00819--Baker Tilly US, LLP	64344	540.00	Check

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9/25/2025	V01132--Coachella Valley Garden Service, Inc.	64346	1,450.00	Check
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9/25/2025	V00146--Desert Adventures Red Jeep Tour & Events	64350	1,300.00	Check
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9/25/2025	V00703--Hilton Palm Springs	64354	3,000.00	Check
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9/25/2025	V00274--JNS Media Specialist	64357	1,150.00	Check
9/25/2025	V01514--Joshua Tree National Park Association	64358	1,441.56	Check
9/25/2025	V00309--Lin Lines Inc.	64359	3,802.65	Check
9/25/2025	V00351--MMGY Global, LLC NJF	64360	1,500.00	Check
9/25/2025	V00377--ODP Business Solutions, LLC	64361	25.46	Check
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9/25/2025	V01511--TravelClassics.com Inc. #	64364	8,000.00	Check
9/25/2025	V00607--UPS Supply Chain Solutions, Inc.	64365	665.09	Check
9/25/2025	V00642--Xpress Graphics	64366	222.08	Check
9/25/2025	V01042--Zash Snacks LLC	64367	375.00	Check
9/26/2025	V01448--Aura Booth	64368	5,450.00	Check

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9/30/2025	V01159--Visit USA Committee Germany e.V. #	42906	550.00	EFT
9/30/2025	V00628--Visit USA Committee/ France #	42907	1,505.00	EFT
Total for Operating			1,568,746.30	



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10/2/2025	V00713--Jan C Harnik	64385	100.00	Check
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10/2/2025	V01306--Memoria Films Inc.	64390	8,500.00	Check
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10/2/2025	V00349--MJMeetings, LLC	64392	2,500.00	Check
10/2/2025	V01368--Nancy Lee Ross	64393	100.00	Check
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10/2/2025	V00800--Vacation Rental Compliance	64402	5,000.00	Check
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10/2/2025	V00642--Xpress Graphics	64405	385.66	Check
10/2/2025	V00161--Destinations International Foundation	64406	25,000.00	Check
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10/10/2025	V00094--CDW Government	64447	222.20	Check
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10/10/2025	V00259--Image360	64456	776.48	Check
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10/10/2025	V01348--Thompson Palm Springs	64472	1,112.98	Check
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10/23/2025	V00933--California Special District Association	64509	2,381.00	Check
10/23/2025	V00122--Coachella Valley Water District	64510	248.79	Check
10/23/2025	V01325--County of Riverside Office of Economic Development	64511	10,000.00	Check
10/23/2025	V00141--CVB REPS	64512	2,360.00	Check
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10/23/2025	V01515--Drag & Fly Tours Inc	64516	1,800.00	Check
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10/23/2025	V01523--ISNING, LLC	64521	500.00	Check
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10/23/2025	V01531--Kimberly Sanchez	64523	475.00	Check
10/23/2025	V00365--National Tour Association	64524	2,362.50	Check
10/23/2025	V00377--ODP Business Solutions, LLC	64525	486.73	Check
10/23/2025	V01524--Osano, Inc., A Public Benefit Corporation	64526	6,500.00	Check
10/23/2025	V01346--Pitney Bowes Bank Inc Purchase Power	64527	747.58	Check
10/23/2025	V00480--Shields Date Garden	64528	224.85	Check
10/23/2025	V01529--The LGBTQ Community Center of the Desert	64529	2,250.00	Check
10/23/2025	V01156--Thick As Thieves Inc.	64530	447.93	Check
10/23/2025	V00578--Travel Unity, Inc.	64531	10,414.23	Check
10/23/2025	V00587--Truly Nolen	64532	102.00	Check
10/23/2025	V00597--Uline	64533	258.52	Check
10/23/2025	V00607--UPS Supply Chain Solutions, Inc.	64534	466.49	Check
10/23/2025	V00642--Xpress Graphics	64535	159.61	Check
10/27/2025	V00890--OMMAC Ltd. #	44674	4,833.89	EFT
10/27/2025	V01350--Empower#	7.0773E+11	15,613.08	EFT
10/27/2025	V01350--Empower#	7.0773E+11	9,062.17	EFT
10/27/2025	V01361--Benefit Plans Administrative Services, LLC #	ACH10/27/25BPA	1,150.00	EFT
10/27/2025	V00835--Medical Air Services Association (MASA) #	ACH10/27/25MASA	313.00	EFT
10/30/2025	V00867--Brown & Bigelow, Inc	64536	1,077.79	Check
10/30/2025	V01527--Covet Boutique Inc	64537	2,136.00	Check
10/30/2025	V01111--Desert Autism Foundation	64538	2,500.00	Check
10/30/2025	V01510--Diane Przepiorski	64539	98.16	Check
10/30/2025	V01515--Drag & Fly Tours Inc	64540	2,320.50	Check

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10/30/2025	V01126--Ellen Friedberg Pirosh dba Quality Massage Therapy and Skin Ca	64541	900.00	Check
10/30/2025	V00179--Enterprise	64542	1,391.72	Check
10/30/2025	V00193--Financial & Insurance Conference Professionals	64543	1,810.00	Check
10/30/2025	V01445--Granicus LLC	64544	320,500.00	Check
10/30/2025	V01537--Holden	64545	1,163.40	Check
10/30/2025	V01124--Kathryn Eger Strong	64546	1,000.00	Check
10/30/2025	V01048--Lulu California Bistro	64547	448.54	Check
10/30/2025	V00351--MMGY Global, LLC NJF	64548	2,100.00	Check
10/30/2025	V00398--Palm Springs International Film Society or PSIFS	64549	117,500.00	Check
10/30/2025	V01540--Palm Springs Plaza Theatre Foundation	64550	21,000.00	Check
10/30/2025	V00913--PJ's Desert Trophies & Gifts	64551	2,807.59	Check
10/30/2025	V00843--Tina Turntables	64552	1,000.00	Check
10/31/2025	V00124--Colonial Life Premium Processing #	ACH10/31/25Col	6,539.32	EFT
10/31/2025	V00492--SITE(Society for Incentive Travel Excellence)#	ACH10/31/25SITE	440.00	EFT
Total for Operating			2,316,384.42	



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Warrants and Demands

The following pages reflect the payments issued for the period of November 1, 2025 through November 30, 2025 from Pacific Premier Bank.

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Scott White, President/CEO
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Brian Kelty, Vice President, Finance and Administration
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Rolf Hoehn

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Chair, Board of Directors



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11/3/2025	V01437--Rove Marketing Inc. #	45070	49,356.00	EFT
11/3/2025	V00622--Vision Service Plan (CA) #	ACH11/3/25 VSP	1,105.41	EFT
11/3/2025	V00799--Divvy Account	ACH11/03/25 Div	215,311.57	EFT
11/4/2025	V00918--BMI Publishing Ltd #	45383	4,090.00	EFT
11/4/2025	V00056--BASIC Benefits #	ACH11/4/25Basic	248.50	EFT
11/4/2025	V01548--General Motors Financial Company, Inc.	ACH11/4/25GM	2,125.21	EFT
11/4/2025	V01512--Richard Meyers	Voided - 64371	-750.00	EFT
11/6/2025	V01345--Ameritas Life Insurance Corp.	64553	6,586.16	Check
11/6/2025	V00640--Windmill City Screen Printing	64554	4,762.54	Check
11/6/2025	V00057--BASIC PVR	64555	7,355.74	Check
11/6/2025	V01539--Cecilia Negrete	64556	3,631.00	Check
11/6/2025	V00873--Connect Worldwide	64557	4,833.44	Check
11/6/2025	V01090--CrushCrush Promos	64558	752.76	Check
11/6/2025	V00830--Desert Arc Shredding & Recycling	64559	45.00	Check
11/6/2025	V01515--Drag & Fly Tours Inc	64560	1,178.10	Check
11/6/2025	V01192--Elbi Clean LLC	64561	4,140.00	Check
11/6/2025	V01077--Encore Group (USA) LLC	64562	9,272.14	Check
11/6/2025	V01538--Fill it Forward	64563	1,293.52	Check
11/6/2025	V00194--FIND Food Bank	64564	240.00	Check
11/6/2025	V00195--Fired Up Culture	64565	6,654.00	Check
11/6/2025	V00699--Greg Archer	64566	300.00	Check
11/6/2025	V01544--International Gay & Lesbian Travel Association Foundation, Inc.	64567	906.14	Check
11/6/2025	V01541--It Refills, LLC	64568	250.00	Check
11/6/2025	V01526--ITI Digital, LLC	64569	13,000.00	Check
11/6/2025	V00309--Lin Lines Inc.	64570	583.54	Check
11/6/2025	V01306--Memoria Films Inc.	64571	1,500.00	Check
11/6/2025	V01249--Mission Hills Country Club, Inc.	64572	2,010.00	Check
11/6/2025	V00351--MMGY Global, LLC NJF	64573	2,100.00	Check

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11/6/2025	V00412--Petty Cash	64574	281.30	Check
11/6/2025	V00448--Renaissance Esmeralda Resort & Spa	64575	3,463.69	Check
11/6/2025	V01512--Richard Meyers	64576	750.00	Check
11/6/2025	V00480--Shields Date Garden	64577	240.00	Check
11/6/2025	V00604--United Way of the Desert	64578	62.00	Check
11/6/2025	V00800--Vacation Rental Compliance	64579	5,000.00	Check
11/6/2025	V01171--Impact Through Golf Foundation	64580	100,000.00	Check
11/6/2025	V01350--Empower#	697694235684	14,624.89	EFT
11/6/2025	V01350--Empower#	697694235685	9,218.98	EFT
11/6/2025	V01361--Benefit Plans Administrative Services, LLC #	ACH11/6/25BPA	1,150.00	EFT
11/6/2025	V00089--CalPERS Fiscal Services Division #	ACH11/6/25CalPE	125,743.06	EFT
11/7/2025	V00706--My Little Flower Shop	64581	4,136.50	Check
11/7/2025	V01177--Pre-Paid Legal Services Inc dba Legal Shield #	ACH11/7/25Legal	427.95	EFT
11/10/2025	V00056--BASIC Benefits #	ACH11/10/25Basi	43.16	EFT
11/12/2025	V00460--Sage Checks & Forms	ACH11/12/25Sage	434.12	EFT
11/12/2025	V01515--Drag & Fly Tours Inc	Voided - 64540	-2,320.50	EFT
11/13/2025	V00044--AT&T Mobility	64582	1,168.42	Check
11/13/2025	V00078--Burrtec Waste & Recycling Svcs	64583	254.34	Check
11/13/2025	V01132--Coachella Valley Garden Service, Inc.	64584	5,435.00	Check
11/13/2025	V01267--Codex Creation Committee	64585	5,000.00	Check
11/13/2025	V00665--Crystal Harrell	64586	300.00	Check
11/13/2025	V00179--Enterprise	64587	253.85	Check
11/13/2025	V01445--Granicus LLC	64588	661.50	Check
11/13/2025	V00274--JNS Media Specialist	64589	13,833.33	Check
11/13/2025	V00309--Lin Lines Inc.	64590	123.03	Check
11/13/2025	V01128--Northeast Convention & Visitors Bureau Representatives	64591	600.00	Check
11/13/2025	V01385--PlayInnove, LLC	64592	2,000.00	Check
11/13/2025	V00879--Rappi Palm Springs	64593	474.00	Check

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11/13/2025	V00500--Southern California Edison	64594	1,597.59	Check
11/13/2025	V00574--TPX Communications	64595	5,224.17	Check
11/13/2025	V01303--Varsity Spirit	64596	23,885.00	Check
11/13/2025	V00120--Coachella Party	64597	6,942.50	Check
11/13/2025	V00944--Destinations International	64598	28,154.00	Check
11/14/2025	V01545--La Jolla Shores Nails & Spa #	ACH11/14/25	400.00	EFT
11/14/2025	V01073--Give Smart US, Inc. #	ACH11/14/25Gift	2,700.00	EFT
11/14/2025	V00835--Medical Air Services Association (MASA) #	ACH11/14/25MASA	327.00	EFT
11/14/2025	V00492--SITE(Society for Incentive Travel Excellence)#	ACH11/14/25SITE	15,000.00	EFT
11/17/2025	V01361--Benefit Plans Administrative Services, LLC #	ACH11/17/25BPA	70,573.19	EFT
11/17/2025	V01350--Empower#	ACH11/17/25Emp	117,240.68	EFT
11/17/2025	V00770--Slovak Baron Empey Murphy & Pinkney LLP #	ACH11/17/25Slov	9,521.26	EFT
11/20/2025	V00073--Brandini	64599	2,918.60	Check
11/20/2025	V00076--Bright Event Rentals	64600	3,954.38	Check
11/20/2025	V00867--Brown & Bigelow, Inc	64601	610.52	Check
11/20/2025	V01080--CV Strategies	64602	4,500.00	Check
11/20/2025	V00174--Eight4Nine Restaurant	64603	19,108.52	Check
11/20/2025	V00692--Eric Scott Caplan	64604	391.00	Check
11/20/2025	V01286--Good Vibes Sound Bath	64605	3,600.00	Check
11/20/2025	V00274--JNS Media Specialist	64606	659,334.41	Check
11/20/2025	V01550--Limo Today	64607	638.00	Check
11/20/2025	V00743--Mel Bell Photography	64608	2,700.00	Check
11/20/2025	V01208--Mure Browning dba Atrium Apothecary Inc.	64609	362.50	Check
11/20/2025	V00377--ODP Business Solutions, LLC	64610	172.16	Check
11/20/2025	V01096--Palm Springs Convention Center Managed by AEG	64611	47,683.23	Check
11/20/2025	V00397--Palm Springs Hospitality Association	64612	5,000.00	Check
11/20/2025	V00695--Palms to Pines Printing & Promotional Products	64613	1,896.22	Check
11/20/2025	V00913--PJ's Desert Trophies & Gifts	64614	2,807.59	Check

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11/20/2025	V00445--Rand Larson & Associates Inc. dba Morningstar Productions	64615	750.00	Check
11/20/2025	V00597--Uline	64616	1,525.36	Check
11/20/2025	V01247--Unchained Group, LLC	64617	3,100.00	Check
11/20/2025	V00607--UPS Supply Chain Solutions, Inc.	64618	1,546.07	Check
11/20/2025	V01222--Wheel the World Inc	64619	15,000.00	Check
11/20/2025	V00642--Xpress Graphics	64620	210.38	Check
11/20/2025	V01042--Zash Snacks LLC	64621	188.50	Check
11/21/2025	V01373--I Plus Connect, Inc dba IConnect #	46584	750.00	EFT
11/21/2025	V01350--Empower#	7.00961E+11	15,747.13	EFT
11/21/2025	V01350--Empower#	7.00961E+11	8,765.64	EFT
11/21/2025	V01361--Benefit Plans Administrative Services, LLC #	ACH11/21/25BPA	1,150.00	EFT
11/24/2025	V01177--Pre-Paid Legal Services Inc dba Legal Shield #	ACH11/24/25Lega	484.80	EFT
11/25/2025	V00090--Associations West	64622	16,731.32	Check
11/25/2025	V00090--Associations West	64623	11,900.00	Check
11/25/2025	V00091--Canadian Meetings + Events Expo	64624	3,060.39	Check
11/25/2025	V01204--Capitol Advocacy, LLC	64625	10,000.00	Check
11/25/2025	V00093--Cardiff Limousine & Transportation	64626	13,046.78	Check
11/25/2025	V00119--Coachella Horse Park LLC	64627	50,000.00	Check
11/25/2025	V00122--Coachella Valley Water District	64628	287.58	Check
11/25/2025	V00129--Concur Technologies, Inc.	64629	1,434.00	Check
11/25/2025	V01080--CV Strategies	64630	10,852.50	Check
11/25/2025	V00886--Danae L Sheehan	64631	150.00	Check
11/25/2025	V00144--De Lage Landen Financial Services, Inc.	64632	268.30	Check
11/25/2025	V00146--Desert Adventures Red Jeep Tour & Events	64633	3,255.00	Check
11/25/2025	V00159--Destination PSP	64634	5,183.09	Check
11/25/2025	V00179--Enterprise	64635	4,520.50	Check
11/25/2025	V00692--Eric Scott Caplan	64636	1,691.25	Check
11/25/2025	V00206--Friends of the Desert Mountains	64637	2,000.00	Check

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11/25/2025	V01020--Giselle Woo	64638	500.00	Check
11/25/2025	V01332--Highway to Health Inc dba Worldwide Insurance Services LLC	64639	1,575.00	Check
11/25/2025	V01552--Jim Wise	64640	1,086.36	Check
11/25/2025	V00274--JNS Media Specialist	64641	6,233.50	Check
11/25/2025	V00723--Joshua Agle	64642	2,000.00	Check
11/25/2025	V01206--Las Vegas Expo Inc. dba LVE	64643	26,791.69	Check
11/25/2025	V00314--Living Desert	64644	5,873.75	Check
11/25/2025	V01324--Location Managers Guild International	64645	5,000.00	Check
11/25/2025	V01306--Memoria Films Inc.	64646	2,175.00	Check
11/25/2025	V00351--MMGY Global, LLC NJF	64647	2,453.14	Check
11/25/2025	V01312--Nespresso USA Inc.	64648	939.00	Check
11/25/2025	V01128--Northeast Convention & Visitors Bureau Representatives	64649	500.00	Check
11/25/2025	V00377--ODP Business Solutions, LLC	64650	13.78	Check
11/25/2025	V01346--Pitney Bowes Bank Inc Purchase Power	64651	701.01	Check
11/25/2025	V01554--Sabriena Abbre	64652	1,396.73	Check
11/25/2025	V01145--Unruly Creative Inc.	64653	850.00	Check
11/25/2025	V00609--US Travel Association	64654	49,675.00	Check
11/25/2025	V00612--Valley Office Equipment	64655	744.33	Check
11/25/2025	V01058--XIL Productions	64656	365.00	Check
11/25/2025	V00642--Xpress Graphics	64657	1,723.80	Check
11/25/2025	V00642--Xpress Graphics	64658	73.04	Check
11/26/2025	V00854--The Lincoln National Life Insurance Company #	ACH11/26/25Linc	5,163.11	EFT
11/26/2025	V00854--The Lincoln National Life Insurance Company #	ACH11/26/25Linc	5,293.16	EFT

Total for Operating 1,978,206.90

**Visit Greater Palm Springs
Statement of Activities - Actual vs Budget
As of September 30, 2025**

	YTD	YTD		
	9/30/2024	9/30/2025		
	Actual	Actual	Budget	Variance*
Revenue				
TBID - Hotels	\$ 3,063,998	\$ 3,166,086	\$ 3,068,336	\$ 97,750
TBID - Vacation Rentals	252,840	411,425	400,794	10,631
JPA Funding	766,451	725,046	712,221	12,825
City Marketing Partnerships	99,026	68,138	96,383	(28,245)
Tribal Voluntary	32,118	31,324	27,477	3,847
Partnership Fees	27,533	19,232	13,248	5,984
Advertising & Website Revenues	134,908	122,623	104,183	18,439
Joint Share Partnerships	29,850	34,985	14,100	20,885
Grants	125,576	0	0	0
Net Investment Income	495,769	417,527	325,011	92,517
Total Revenue	\$ 5,028,069	\$ 4,996,386	\$ 4,761,753	\$ 234,633
Expenses				
Labor - Wages	\$ 1,775,603	\$ 1,707,561	\$ 1,837,633	\$ (130,071)
Labor - Taxes & Benefits	662,471	720,293	811,298	(91,006)
Marketing Production	50,381	89,984	92,750	(2,766)
Media Placement & Digital Marketing	2,555,647	2,377,499	2,617,329	(239,830)
Collateral Material	10,691	11,094	15,375	(4,281)
Familiarization Trips	119,229	147,071	160,149	(13,078)
Tradeshows / Sales Missions	326,768	390,674	436,976	(46,302)
Travel & Lodging	14,557	7,174	20,925	(13,751)
Special Promotions & Representation	858,184	519,765	638,136	(118,371)
Collection Fees	11,604	19,630	20,040	(409)
Event Hosting	137,075	185,003	182,350	2,652
Research	145,335	360,242	233,106	127,136
IT - Information Technology	47,536	95,987	55,375	40,612
Professional Fee	169,456	148,145	146,425	1,720
Overhead-Supplies-Utilities-Fees	491,187	489,670	510,502	(20,832)
Capital Outlay	19,148	0	102,000	(102,000)
Total Expenses	\$ 7,394,872	\$ 7,269,792	\$ 7,880,369	\$ (610,577)
Total Revenues Less Expenses	\$ (2,366,803)	\$ (2,273,406)	\$ (3,118,616)	\$ 845,210

* Notes for Budget Variances > \$100k

Labor Costs

This is a timing variance. Actual payroll verses budget allocation method differs slightly. Payroll costs are expected to align with budget at fiscal year end.

* Notes for Budget Variances > \$100k (continued)

Media Placement & Digital Marketing

This is a timing variance. Billing for some advertising expenses have not been received.

Special Promotions & Representation

This is a timing variance. Martiz marketing agreement being finalized. Meet the Mentor programming shifted to second quarter.

Research

Partial timing variance. Paid invoices were budgeted later in the fiscal year.

Other drivers were Rove Implementation costs and survey data for economic development (J Wallins and Key Data).

Capital Outlay

Vehicle was leased instead of a cash purchase