



Letters of Support for Transit Mix's HRR application

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Dear Amy:

Attached please find letters of support for Transit Mix's HRR application from Colorado Springs City Council President Pro Tem Jill Gaebler, City Councilmember Merv Bennett, and State Board of Education Member Joyce Rankin. Joyce's letter was mailed also, but I'm told it has not yet appeared online, so I attach a copy here.

Please shoot me a note with any questions. Thanks.

Best,

Daniel Cole

3 attachments



Councilmember Merv Bennett Letter of Support.pdf

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Councilmember Tom Strand Letter of Support.pdf

65K



State Board of Education Member Joyce Rankin Letter of Support.pdf

124K

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To Whom It May Concern:

As a member of the Colorado State Board of Education, I urge the Mined Land Reclamation Board to approve Transit Mix Concrete Company's application for a permit to open a quarry on the privately-owned Hitch Rack Ranch in southwestern El Paso County.

In 1909, the State of Colorado reserved mineral rights on Hitch Rack Ranch. Accordingly, the Colorado State Land Board last year approved a royalty rate of approximately \$0.50 per ton of granite Transit Mix extracts. At that rate, Transit Mix projects that royalty payments to the state would exceed \$20 million over the life of the project.

Because these more than \$20 million in royalties would flow directly into the State School Fund, I take great interest in the success of Transit Mix's application. Granting Transit Mix its permit would bolster our neighborhood schools by \$20 million without a tax increase.

The mill levy overrides on local ballots across Colorado demonstrate a general consensus that Colorado's schools are underfunded. If voters are willing to increase school funding even at the expense of a tax increase, imagine how enthusiastically the public would greet a proposal to increase school funding by \$20 million without one.

A quarry at Hitch Rack Ranch is in the best interests of taxpayers and schoolchildren alike. For that reason, I wholeheartedly support Transit Mix's application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joyce Rankin". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Joyce Rankin