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Assembly Member Isaac G. Brown, 55th District
Chair of the Natural Resources Committee
1020 N Street, Suite 164
Sacramento, CA 95814

SUBJECT: AB 571 (Quirk-Silva) CEQA: Exemption: Gypsum Canyon Veterans Cemetery
Notice of Support (As Introduced 2/12/2025)

Dear Assembly Member Brown,

The City of Laguna Niguel is pleased to support AB 571 (Quirk-Silva), which would exempt from the requirements of CEQA any activity or approval necessary for the completion of the Gypsum Canyon Veterans Cemetery in the County of Orange until January 1, 2030.

The City of Laguna Niguel has been a longstanding proponent of developing a Veterans Cemetery in Orange County. An estimated 105,000 veterans reside in Orange County, making it the largest county in California without a Veteran's Cemetery. The City of Laguna Niguel and its residents have a proud tradition of supporting our veterans. The City hosts an annual Veterans Day and Memorial Day Ceremony, honoring our veterans and recognizing those who have made the ultimate sacrifice. The City's commitment to our veterans is further illustrated through our Laguna Niguel Military Support Committee. Founded in 2007, the Military Support Committee has raised funds to support our service members and their families.

We encourage the Assembly Committee on Natural Resources to approve AB 571, exempting the Gypsum Canyon Veteran's Cemetery from CEQA requirements, allowing for a streamlined permitting and planning process to save taxpayer funds and expedite the development. For these reasons, the City of Laguna Niguel is pleased to support AB 571 (Quirk-Silva). Should you have any questions about our position, please contact Kevin O'Connor, Management Assistant, at koconnor@cityoflagunaniguel.org.

Sincerely,

Ray Gennawey
Mayor

Cc: Assembly Committee on Natural Resources
Assembly Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs
Laguna Niguel City Council