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**IMPERIAL CITY COUNCIL
 AGENDA ITEM**

SUBJECT: CONSENT: Ratification of Letter of Support Sent to Governor Newsom Regarding Lithium Extraction Excise Tax	
DEPARTMENT INVOLVED: City Manager's Office	
BACKGROUND/SUMMARY: Whereas the County of Imperial requested legislative action in support of AB208/SB 125- Lithium Extraction Excise Tax. Whereas the State Assembly and State Senate passed AB208 and SB 125, sending the bill to Governor Newsom's desk for signature. On June 29, 2022, Mayor Dale sent a letter urging Governor Newsom to sign AB208/SB 125 into law, requiring the Lithium Industry to pay their fair share to the communities, such as Imperial, that their operations will impact.	
FISCAL IMPACT: N/A	ADMIN SERV INITIALS _____
STAFF RECOMMENDATION:	DEPT. INITIALS _____
MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION: Approve ratification supporting AB208/SB 125 Legislative Action.	CITY MANAGER'S INITIALS <u>ab</u>
MOTION:	
SECONDED:	APPROVED () REJECTED ()
AYES:	DISAPPROVED () DEFERRED ()
NAYES:	REFERRED TO:
ABSENT:	_____



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June 29, 2022

The Honorable Governor Gavin Newsom
State of California
1021 O Street, Suite 9000
Sacramento, CA 95814

Please Sign AB 208/SB 125 – Industry Paying Their Fair Share For Communities and Infrastructure

Honorable Governor Gavin Newsom,

I write to you today to express our support for the Lithium Extraction Excise Tax Proposal (AB 208/SB 125). The proposed tax is less than 1% of the value of the minerals being extracted from beneath our communities. Since industry is relying on the infrastructure and community workforce to extract and transport the minerals they are collecting – **it is only right they pay their fair share for the impacts they will inevitably create.**

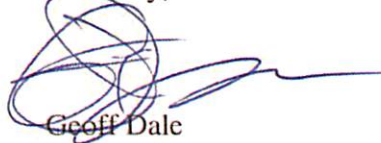
As a matter of fact, it is the two smaller producers who are opposing the proposed tax, when the larger company involved, Berkshire Hathaway, has not taken an oppose position and is not lobbying against the bill.

Meanwhile, the tax revenue is absolutely critical to Imperial County, our City and our neighboring communities. It is our hope Governor, that you will sign this piece of legislature to further support much-needed local infrastructure, public services and community enhancement projects. In addition, it will provide a dependable funding stream for the State's Salton Sea restoration efforts.

It is only fair that the City of Imperial and Imperial County communities benefit from its local resource, as it is our region that will be impacted by these operations.

Again, I thank you for your support of our region and urge you to sign AB 208/SB 125, the Lithium Extraction Excise Tax Proposal. Thank you for your consideration. Should you have any questions, please contact me at gdale@cityofimperial.org.

Sincerely,



Geoff Dale
Mayor



CC: Katherine Burnworth, Mayor Pro-Tem
Robert Amparano, Councilmember
Karin Eugenio, Councilmember
James Tucker, Councilmember