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County Officials Meet with Assemblymember Garcia at State Capital

SACRAMENTO, CA – On Wednesday, while attending the California State Association of Counties Annual Legislative Conference in Sacramento, District 2 Supervisor Luis Plancarte and County Executive Officer Miguel Figueroa met with Assemblymember Eduardo Garcia to discuss the Imperial County and how the County and Assemblymember's office can continue to communicate and collaborate to serve all those that live, work, and study in our region.

"Assemblymember Garcia has always been open and willing to work with County Administration and Board of Supervisors to address local issues as we collectively work towards building a better future for our county and region," stated Supervisor Plancarte, "and I am confident that meaningful and real actions will come from this discussion from both the County and State."

In an effort to find possible resolutions and mitigate negative impacts for those impacted by the recent fire at Desert Shores Trailer Park, the Assemblymember agreed to meet with County officials and affected trailer park residents to address their concerns and find ways to help improve their current living conditions and environment.

Garcia also provided confirmation that he and State Senator Ben Hueso are fully in support of securing \$80 million in funding for the STEM facility at the San Diego State University – Brawley campus. The County of Imperial and Assemblymember Garcia are both committed to see this opportunity serve as the training facility for the incoming workforce for lithium extraction and geothermal development.

In addition to discussing the anticipated lithium and geothermal workforce, both discussed the recent activity surrounding Lithium Valley. The County of Imperial looks forward to working with the State of California in supporting the entrepreneurial industries seeking to develop lithium, geothermal, and battery technology while also ensuring long-term inclusion of all stakeholders to provide an equitable community benefit for all.

"It was an honor to welcome Supervisor Plancarte to our Capitol office, allowing us the chance to reaffirm and strategize ways to advance our local legislative priorities. We highly value our policy collaboration with the County of Imperial and the Board of Supervisors and look forward to building on our success delivering historic state investments to the region and maximizing opportunities to uplift our community," shared Assemblymember Eduardo Garcia.

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