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**Coachella Valley Elected Officials and Regional Leaders Join CIC Effort  
As Deadline Approaches to Place Infrastructure Proposal on June Ballot**  
*Grassroots Effort Intensifies with United Appeal to Leaders in Sacramento to Provide Funds  
for Clogged Freeways, Water Systems, Flood Control, Overcrowded Schools*

COACHELLA VALLEY – With the March 10<sup>th</sup> deadline to place measures on the June ballot just three days away, elected officials, labor and business leaders from the Coachella Valley joined forces with the California Infrastructure Coalition (CIC) today to urge Legislative leaders and the Governor to continue their efforts to put forth a much-needed bond package to address California’s aging infrastructure before the voters at the June 6<sup>th</sup> Primary election.

“We’re here today to talk about infrastructure investment which is as important here in Palm Desert as it is in every region of the state,” said Mayor Pro Tem of Palm Springs Dick Kelly. “That fact alone is remarkable. How many issues can you name that are equally important in Palm Desert, as they are way up in Humboldt County, as important here as they are in San Francisco?”

“It doesn’t matter where you live – the lack of funding for infrastructure is holding us back as a state,” said La Quinta City Council Member Terry Henderson. “Three days is not a lot of time. But we are encouraged that progress has been made over the past few days in Sacramento to reach a bi-partisan agreement for a June infrastructure package.”

“Counting today, there are only three days until the March 10 deadline to place measures on the June ballot. It’s an extraordinarily tight timeline,” said Chris McKenzie, Chair of CIC and executive director of the League of California Cities. “But we know that every year, at the end of the legislative session, our leaders demonstrate an extraordinary capacity to get the job done before the conclusion of the session. This is no different. We have confidence that it can be done.”

Joe Mulleneaux, Business Representative of Operating Engineers Local 12, noted, “We know our Legislative leaders – Senator Don Perata and Speaker Nunez -- and Governor Schwarzenegger have been working hard to solve our infrastructure problems.

“We thank them for what they’ve done so far. We hear that they are talking, and that they’re getting closer to some agreements. That’s exactly what we’re asking for,” Mulleneaux added.

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California Business Roundtable  
Association of California Water Agencies  
California School Boards Association  
America Public Works Assoc., California Chapters  
American Society of Civil Engineers, California Sections  
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“We’re not asking for the moon. We’re asking for a funding package by March 10 that will build the infrastructure we need for the next generation,” said California School Board Association Member Barbara Tooker. “Our message to our state leaders is this: Thank you. Thank you for your hard work. Now, let’s get it done!”

Today’s news conference is the fourth in a series of events that are part of the CIC’s countdown campaign, “10 Days to Take Care of the Next Generation,” which began March 1<sup>st</sup> and counts down the days remaining until the March 10<sup>th</sup> deadline to place measures on the June primary ballot. The campaign includes a series of newspaper ads and intensive efforts through grassroots advocacy and the news media to educate state elected leaders on the immediate need for an infrastructure proposal.

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*The California Infrastructure Coalition is a broad-based, non-profit organization whose mission is to build support for dedicated and consistent sources of funding sufficient to sustain California’s vital infrastructure facilities and systems. Please visit our website at [www.calinfrastructure.org](http://www.calinfrastructure.org) for more information.*