

Ridgecrest Report – Research Team and Contributors

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DoD Serious Issues (20 pages). Includes 10 pages of testimonials against the casino from former NAWCWD and NAWS commanding officers, four former Technical Directors, Military Leaders, Retired Admirals, Security Officer, and the Kern County Sheriff. Additional testimonials from high-level DoD employees, Engineers & Specialists, Doctors, Business Owners, Teachers, Churches and Pastors, Community Leaders, Nurses and Teachers.

DoD Serious Issues. Local testimonials against the casino in the DoD section of comprehensive report (page 60):

David Shipley, George and Carolyn Bertrand, Ed and Carol Jeter, Mark Pahuta, Mike Bramson, Dylan Riley, Dakota Sinclair, Tim LaFromboise, Mark Stockbauer, L.L. Doig, Bill and Beth Sumners, Jeff Scott, Denali St. Amand, Lyn Whitcomb, Ronald Porter. (**Disclaimer:** The views expressed by individuals in this report are personal opinions and do not in any way reflect any position of NAWCWD.)

100+ concerned citizens of Ridgecrest who researched, participated, and provided content at public meetings:

Participants included: distinguished local citizens from business and industry, community college, medical professionals, school administrators, realtors, bankers, and DoD employees. Others included church members, parents, and recovering addicts. **Data from 100+ OUTSIDE authors.** Entire report completely referenced.

Just a few local base and community leaders, doctors, dentists, and business owners opposing the casino. Plus...800+ citizens said NO during a two-weekend petition in 2016

Former NAWCWD / NWC Commanders & Tech Directors	Doctors, Business Owners, Teachers, Businessmen
CAPT Mark Storch, USN (Ret. Former Commander NAWCWD and Commanding Officer, NAWS China Lake)	Dr. Michael Bachman (DDS)
Burrell W. Hays, NWC Former Technical Director	Dr. Pedro Farinha (MD)
William B. Porter, NWC Former Technical Director	Dr. Brian Danielsson (DDS)
Gerald R. Schiefer, NWC Former Technical Director	Henry Frolich (RPT, owner Ridgecrest Physical Therapy)
Sterling Haaland, NWC Executive Director	George & Carolyn Bertrand (Bertrand Enterprises)
NWC / NAWCWD Base & Military Leaders (Active & Ret.)	Norm Stephenson (Realtor, GRI)
David Shipley (NAWCWD security officer)	Roger Loewen (business owner, Loewens)
Jack Latimer (Sr. Ops Rsch Analyst / Former Dir Intelligence)	David Haugen (business owner, Haugen insurance)
COL A.P. Camele, USMC (Ret. VX-9 avionics, Sr Mgr Bell Aero)	Lynn Baxendale (business owner, Baxendale's)
CMC (SCW) Jerry Morrison (USN Ret, WD mechanic, Supv)	Dylan Riley (co-founder, YouVee Solar LLC / engineer)
Robert (Bob) Corzine (NAWCWD Division Head)	John Perrige (owner, gen mgr sound enterprises – KSSI FM)
Richard S. Hughes (NWC/WD Sr. RF eng, designer, inventor)	Reid Baker (SSUSD supervisor / local businessman)
Dr. Sam Ghaleb (NWC/WD Senior physicist, author, educator)	Community Leaders, Nurses and Teachers
Dan Goriesky (NAWCWD engineer)	Jim Sanders (Former Mayor Pro Tem during initial MSA vote)
Stuart Fields (WD chief RF engineer, aircraft designer, pilot)	Lawrence / Jane Bird (coach, high school teacher / teacher)
Robert Cox (NWC/NAWCWD survivability and lethality analyst)	Susan L. Hennigan (local businesswoman / WD tech editor)
Gregg Schroeder (WD senior energetics engineer, designer)	Kathy Fields (educator, artist, activist for water use)
NAWCWD Specialists	Amy Goriesky (R.N. Kern County Public Health Dept.)
Cliff L.L. Doig (Former NWC/NAWCWD Command Historian)	Philip Misimer (Chemist, enviro/energy tech prgmmgr (CA)_
Lawson, Esq. (WD tech writer / USMC Vietnam vet. author)	Tabatha Weaver (adjunct prof. president local non-profit)
Mark Pahuta (WD Sr. videographer, photographer, author)	Churches: Pastors / Ministers/ Clergy
Barry McDonald (Former WD Rocketeer managing editor)	Majority of churches in town (15) representing the vast majority of the faith community in Ridgecrest are opposing the casino and pastors have signed and sent a letter to City Council.
John Daley (WD computer specialist, valley native)	
Rebecca and Dennis Sorge (NWC/NAWCWD tech info)	
Tracy Daley (WD specialist, Navy vet, Native American)	
Edward Middlemas (WD eleceng. / TV booster engineer)	
Matthew Doig (WD telemetry engineer / valley native)	

Verifiable Data. All facts, figures, and data can be verified via public records including official Council meetings, meeting agendas, official minutes, notices, video archives, citizen reports, economic analysis studies, City emails, written correspondence, and recorded public testimony. All sources identified, articles are referenced, and Internet links included.