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**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**  
THE HONORABLE MAYOR  
NIEVES RIEDEL

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September 7, 2024

Mayor Douglas Nicholls  
Chairman Martin Porchas  
Chairwoman Sherry Cordova

RE: Greater Yuma Port Authority

Dear Mayor Nicholls, Chairman Porchas, and Chairwoman Cordova:

The City of San Luis at its next Council Meeting of September 13, 2023, will be considering withdrawing from the Greater Yuma Port Authority. In September of 2000, the City of San Luis joined with the City of Somerton, the County of Yuma, and the Cocopah Indian Tribe in an intergovernmental agreement to form the Greater Yuma Port Authority (“GYPA”). Currently the members of GYPA include the City of San Luis, the City of Yuma, Yuma County and the Cocopah Indian Tribe.

GYPA was founded with the purposes of 1) constructing operating and maintaining and international port of entry in coordination with Federal agencies; 2) establishing and maintaining a foreign trade zone or expansion zone; 3) acquiring land in an economically depressed area and encouraging businesses to locate there; 4) providing employment opportunities for low-income residents and improving economic conditions in the area; and 5) improving the flow of transportation in and around the area.

Almost a quarter century later, GYPA has finished developing the last acreage under its control. The port of entry has been built. Businesses have located in the industrial park developed by GYPA. And transportation elements have been developed. As Mayor, I am appreciative of our governmental partners in this endeavor.

Pursuant to Section 5.5 of the Fourth Amended and Restated Bylaws of GYPA, any member may at any time voluntarily withdraw and be entitled to repayment without interest of the member’s capital contribution, payable over a three-year term. (A withdrawing member may elect to remain as a non-voting member in accordance with the provisions of Section 5.5).

The City of San Luis has several competing needs for capital improvements, and it is unclear that it is in the City's best interest that it continues to invest in GYPA now that the mission for which it was founded has been accomplished. Hence, consideration of the matter of possible withdrawal and a return of the capital contribution.

Again, I am grateful for our partners and this excellent example of how governments in Yuma County can work together. It is hoped that this spirit of cooperation can continue in future endeavors.

Sincerely,



Nieves Riedel  
Mayor of the City San Luis, Arizona

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