

# Email from Bill Cook sent to veterans

**Attached** was a list of cities, VFW and AL posts, and other organizations that were persuaded to support Gypsum Canyon.

Begin forwarded message:

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**Subject:** Extraordinary Veteran Unity-- Yields Extraordinary Results

Cemetery team,

The phenomenal support for our coalition is literally breathtaking. We always believed that if the veteran community and its supporters could ever find an issue that it could speak with one voice about; nothing could stop us. YOU HAVE PROVEN THIS ASSUMPTION TO BE ABSOLUTELY TRUE !!!!

When you view the new list of supporters below you will see for yourself how our military training regarding working and supporting each other to accomplish a mission has paid off !!!

We would never have dreamed that we would have made such progress in such a short period of time...! As you will see below, over half of the cities representing approximately two million OC residents have joined as supporters of pursuing the Gypsum Canyon site (note: OC's total population is 3.2 million). We expect that the remaining cities will be on board in the next 30 days. There are not words that can describe our appreciation to the wonderful community groups and elected officials who have stepped up to support us.

Currently county officials are meeting with engineers, land use experts, legal teams, and elected officials regarding site planning and preparation. The additional \$20 million for construction and site preparation has been formally budgeted and held in reserve. We believe the selection of a cemetery construction consultant by the County is imminent.

We are strong, united and progressing to our objective at a rapid speed. Let's continue to remain united and we will take this hill !!!

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