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Dear Mayor,

On behalf of Eisenhower Health, we would like to thank you for your ongoing commitment to the health and safety of our community. Your support has long made it possible for Eisenhower to serve as the region's leading health center, and we are deeply grateful for your partnership.

Eisenhower's Trauma Center (the Larson Trauma Center) became official in October 2022, and in less than three years, we have already treated more than 5,000 trauma cases. The volumes are significant, and both Riverside County and regional health officials have expressed how pleased and impressed they are with the quality of care and rapid development of our program. While our Trauma Center is currently designated as a Level IV facility, the growing demand and demonstrated need have made it clear that we must now take the important step of upgrading to a Level III and soon after a Level II Trauma Center. This transition will ensure that Indian Wells residents and visitors, as well as families throughout the Coachella Valley, have timely access to the highest standard of life-saving care when minutes matter most.

To achieve this critical upgrade, Eisenhower Health must invest in:

- **Highly Trained Personnel**
Around-the-clock trauma surgeons, subspecialists, and critical care staff, ensuring immediate availability of expert care at any hour
- **Specialized Equipment**
Advanced imaging and surgical technology that allows for immediate diagnosis and treatment of complex injuries
- **Expanded Space**
Dedicated trauma bays and operating room capacity to handle multiple critical patients simultaneously

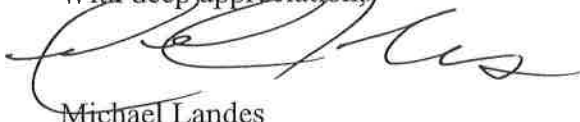
The total project cost is significant, and while Eisenhower is making a substantial investment, we are also seeking support from our community partners and philanthropic donors to bring this vision to life.

We respectfully request that the City of Indian Wells consider a contribution of \$1 million toward this vital initiative. Your investment would directly strengthen emergency preparedness and trauma care for Indian Wells residents and the entire Coachella Valley. Most importantly, it will help save lives.

We would welcome the opportunity to present additional details and answer any questions you may have. We would also welcome the opportunity to share information on other projects vital to the health and safety of our community. Should the Council wish to learn about these initiatives, in addition to the Trauma Center upgrade, we would be happy to provide further details.

Thank you for your leadership, and your consideration of this request to help us provide world-class trauma care for the people we all serve.

With deep appreciation,



Michael Landes
President
Eisenhower Health Foundation



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