

RESOLUTION AGAINST PROPOSED SITLA / SOLAR FIELD LEASE IN THE TOWN OF BLUFF

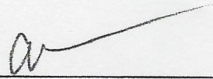
Whereas, The Town of Bluff is Utah's newest municipality, incorporated August 31, 2018; and
 Whereas, The Town has been meeting weekly to build our general plan, town ordinances and infrastructure; and
 Whereas, The public health, safety and welfare of Bluff citizens depends on a well planned town; and
 Whereas, other Utah citizens, and our guests from around the world come to Bluff for recreation, and beauty; and
 Whereas, a proposed Solar field lease of ONE THOUSAND ACRES in the town of Bluff's Gateway entrance to our Town would spoil the undeveloped nature of Bluff; and ,
 Whereas, The Bluff Town Council believes this 1000 acre lease would hurt Bluff's future economic viability; and.
 Whereas, The Bluff Town Council passed a 6 month moratorium on accepting ANY industrial or commercial applications for development in order to protect our citizens from unwanted, harmful development; and
 Whereas, The ground disturbing activities on the 2 square mile proposed field could likely result in erosion and runoff into Spring, Cottonwood, and Cow Canyons...as well as Bluff proper, including Bluff Dwellings Units, the historic Cow Canyon Trading post, and Bluff's farm; and
 Whereas these pristine canyons are filled with archeology, ruins, and cultural sites of those that live here now, and those that have passed our way; and
 Whereas, The proposed leasing site is in the original Bears Ears National Monument boundaries; and
 Whereas, The Bears Ears boundaries will likely include this land in the future; and
 Whereas Time is not of the essence; NOW

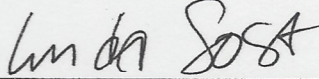
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF BLUFF, UTAH:

- SECTION 1.** The Bluff Town Council does not support this proposed project.
- SECTION 2.** The Bluff Town Council requests San Juan County vote NOT to support the lease.
- SECTION 3.** The Bluff Town Council requests that SITLA deny the lease request for the reasons listed above.
- SECTION 4. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become effective upon passage.

APPROVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BLUFF, UTAH, ON THIS 12th DAY OF March, 2019 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Town Council Member Hook	<u>X</u>	___	___	___
Town Council Mayor Leppanen	<u>X</u>	___	___	___
Town Council Member Murray	___	___	___	<u>^</u>
Town Council Member Sayers	<u>X</u>	___	___	___
Town Council Member Sosa	<u>X</u>	___	___	___

Mayor: 
 Mayor Ann K. Leppanen

Attest: 
 Town Recorder Linda Sosa

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