

Community Focus Statement H: Strive for greater independence and self-government.

Action Statement H.1: Reestablish the Joshua Tree Municipal Advisory Council to more specifically address the issues affecting the community.



Benchmark: At the direction and discretion of the Board of Supervisors, the Joshua Tree Municipal Advisory Council is reestablished.

Champion: Volunteer group or person or can be identified by the community

Estimated Cost: Variable.



Webpage for the Bloomington Municipal Advisory Council

In 2013, the Joshua Tree Municipal Advisory Council merged into the Morongo Basin Municipal Advisory Council at the request of Supervisor Ramos. The Morongo Basin Municipal Advisory Council is an advisory body of local citizens, representing nine unincorporated communities: Copper Mountain Mesa, Desert Heights, Flamingo Heights, Joshua Tree, Landers, Morongo Valley, Pioneertown, Wonder Valley, and Yucca Mesa. Although many of these communities face similar issues, Joshua Tree has determined that reestablishing its own Municipal Advisory Council is important. A community-based advisory council would

provide Joshua Tree a way of gathering input on matters of concern that relate specifically to Joshua Tree, including fire, parks, street lighting, health and welfare, roads and flood control, and community planning and development. The group's purpose would be to seek resolution and consensus to problems in the community and act as an advisor to the County Board of Supervisors. Municipal Advisory Committees can only be formed at the discretion of the Board of Supervisors.

Action	Action Leader	Timeline	Resources
1. Meet with Supervisorial District staff to discuss the potential for reestablishing the Joshua Tree Municipal Advisory Council	Champion, Joshua Tree Chamber of Commerce, local community leaders	Month 1	OPRs guidance on Municipal Advisory Councils https://www.opr.ca.gov/docs/Municipal_Advisory_Councils.pdf
2. If supported by the District 3 Supervisor, contact residents and organize a volunteer Municipal Advisory Council.	Champion with Joshua Tree Chamber of Commerce, local community leaders	Month 1	Establishing a Municipal Advisory Council http://codes.findlaw.com/ca/government-code/gov-sect-31010.html
3. Select a leader to serve as chair who will provide leadership to the committee and be a point of contact.	Joshua Tree Municipal Advisory Council	Month 2	
4. Once the Municipal Advisory Council members have been determined, establish a meeting time and location and procedures for reporting to the County Board of Supervisors.	Joshua Tree Municipal Advisory Council, County Board of Supervisors	Months 3 – 5, On-going	