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## City of Blythe Applauds Riverside County DA Mike Hestrin for Joining the "Save Chuck" Movement

BLYTHE, August 31, 2023 — The City of Blythe is delighted to announce that Riverside County District Attorney Mike Hestrin has officially pledged his support to the "Save Chuck" movement, aimed at preserving the Chuckawalla Valley State Prison. This collaboration between the city and DA Hestrin's office marks a significant milestone in ensuring the continued operation of this vital correctional facility.

The Chuckawalla Valley State Prison has played a crucial role in our community for many years, providing employment opportunities, <u>contributing to the local economy</u>, and maintaining public safety. The facility has not only offered career pathways to our residents but has also engaged in various community outreach programs, exemplifying its commitment to the betterment of Blythe and the surrounding region.

Riverside County DA Mike Hestrin's decision to support the "Save Chuck" movement underscores his dedication to upholding the values of justice, public safety, and community welfare. His commitment to protecting victims' rights and ensuring that justice is served has been a cornerstone of his tenure.

In a statement, DA Hestrin emphasized his commitment to the cause: "As District Attorney, my foremost responsibility is to ensure the safety of our community and to uphold the rights of victims. The Chuckawalla Valley State Prison plays a crucial role in achieving these goals by providing a secure environment for inmates and contributing to the overall safety of our region. I am proud to stand with the City of Blythe and the 'Save Chuck' movement to preserve this essential facility."

Mayor DeConinck expressed his appreciation for DA Hestrin's dedication: "We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Riverside County District Attorney Mike Hestrin for his unwavering support of the 'Save Chuck' movement. His commitment to public safety and victims' rights aligns perfectly with our mission to preserve the Chuckawalla Valley State Prison. This collaboration demonstrates our shared values and determination to ensure the well-being of our community."

The City of Blythe is actively engaging with various stakeholders, including state legislators, community leaders, and concerned citizens, to highlight the invaluable contributions of the Chuckawalla Valley State Prison. Together, they aim to secure widespread support for the facility's continued operation.



The "Save Chuck" movement has <u>garnered significant momentum</u>, with local businesses, residents, a <u>movie producer</u>, and organizations united behind the cause. Alongside the support of Riverside County DA Mike Hestrin, this movement is poised to make a lasting impact that resonates far beyond the Chuckawalla Valley.

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