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Letter: We shouldn't bail out Desert Hot Springs

Desert Hot Springs was in huge crime trouble several years ago with gangs from Los Angeles moving to the valley. Why didn't DHS recognize this problem and stop it before DHS had to throw huge amounts of dollars at the problem? Guess the local residents did not consider it a major problem until it affected them personally.

What kind of accounting practices does DHS have? These large deficits should have been tracked and report on a monthly basis to the mayor and City Council.

We know governments will spend all the money they receive in the current budget but do not forecast into the future and manage the budget accordingly. Shame on them.

Mayor Yvonne Parks should have been voted out because of her neglect of the fiscal crisis that DHS is in. What about the past city manager and the current head of the finance committee?

What about the salaries and pensions being paid to DHS employees? Is it in line with other governments?

We are taxpayers to California and Riverside County. Why should we bail out fiscal irresponsibility of DHS?

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