

Images of massive Gaylord hotel released

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Backers of the proposed Gaylord Hotel and Convention Center project in east Mesa have released new renderings showing what the project might look like.

The rendering shows the huge, 1500 room, \$1 billion hotel with architecture suggestive of the "Mission" style one might see in Santa Barbara or other southern California cities. But that architecture is set down in the midst of east Valley desert with a golf course adjoining and the Superstition Mountains in the distance.

The drawings were included in a four-page color pamphlet in support of Proposition 300, which must be approved by Mesa voters for the project to go forward. Election Day is March 10.



Backers of the project say it will bring 8,000 construction jobs, 4,000 permanent jobs, \$12 million in construction fees for Mesa and \$5.5 million annually in sales taxes.

A variety of Mesa leaders including Mayor Scott Smith and council members Dina Higgins and Scott Somers have come out in support of the project.