

Jewish National Fund through its Blueprint Negev campaign – a consensus campaign of every mayor and government official in the Negev – is bettering the lives of all of the Negev’s residents through a thoroughly vetted plan. Project Wadi Attir will benefit the 10,000 residents of Hura and influence another 10,000 in the surrounding areas. JNF is planning an urban central park and river walk in Rahat for the benefit of its 80,000 residents, and our park and entranceway in Segev Shalom that benefits the 10,000 people that live there shows that not only do we have the desire to help this population, we are doing it. If you would like to contribute to the betterment of the Bedouin population, go to www.jnf.org. The NGOs and individuals who signed onto this petition did not contribute to the advancement of the quality of life of these residents; rather they seem to spend their time petitioning against those who are.

Our Blueprint Negev campaign includes the mayors of the Eilat Regional Council, the Arava Regional Council, the municipalities of Be’er Sheva, Yerucham, Dimona, Arad, and Ofakim, as well as many of the kibbutzim and moshavim. There have been many court cases in Israel that have ruled in favor of the Bedouin. It seems that the signers of this petition only think laws and justice are good if the verdict is in their favor. That is an insult to the people of Israel who fight every day to maintain democracy, even as they are surrounded by undemocratic neighbors. We are proud of Israel’s vibrant judicial system.

