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October 2, 2015

Ms. Mona Miyasato, CEO  
Santa Barbara County  
105 E. Anapamu Street  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

RE: Government-To-Government Negotiations

Dear Ms. Miyasato:

Now that the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians (Tribe) has met with two representatives of the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors (BOS) on September 24, 2015, we would like to reiterate the request by the Tribe for a formal response to that Cooperative Agreement first delivered to the BOS on June 1, 2011.

We are somewhat in disbelief that former CEO Chandra Wallar did not forward to any member of the BOS the Tribe's term sheet (containing the \$1 million a year for 10 years payment-in-lieu of taxes/"PILT") which the Tribal Chairman personally delivered to her on April 20, 2011.

As you may recall, Supervisor Farr and Supervisor Adam who attended the meeting on September 24, 2015, both specifically demanded the Tribe agree to waive its sovereign immunity as a prerequisite to starting any negotiations. After being reminded by Chairman Armenta by letter on September 9, 2015 of the waiver of sovereign immunity contained in the June 1, 2011 Cooperative Agreement, we have heard nothing back from the BOS.

Considering that Santa Barbara County has been in possession of the Tribe's offer for four (4) years and over five (5) months, and it has been nearly a month since we reiterated our request for a response to the generous offer, it is unbelievable that the BOS has not even read this proposal. We ask that any further government-to-government negotiations with the Tribe begin with you and your staff reading this document and providing the Tribe with comments on the June 1, 2011 Cooperative Agreement, its generous starting offer of one million dollars a year for ten years of PILT and its enforceable waiver of sovereign immunity.

Sincerely,

  
Vincent Armenta  
Tribal Chairman