

From: James Riley
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To: Farr, Doreen; Adam, Peter
Subject: Fee to Trust

Dear Supervisors Farr and Adams:

I am writing to register my strong opinion that the Ad Hoc Subcommittee and the County should not in any way condone or offer Fee to Trust (FTT) nor violate the Williamson Act on any property owned by the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians. This is the stated position of the Board of Supervisors as established by Board action on a 4:1 vote on October 15, 2013. The Board did not extend authority to the Ad Hoc Committee to negotiate Fee to Trust. The current FTT discussion is completely inappropriate without a return to the Board to reconsider their October 15, 2013 position in a full public hearing.

The current offer in the Term Sheet of FTT and zoning changes must be abandoned immediately, and full public participation allowed before previous public votes and Community Planning are unilaterally upended without the proper authority.

It is inconceivable to us that our Board of Supervisors would consider Fee To Trust for the Chumash Band of Mission Indians allowing them tax privileges and development privileges not available to any other citizens. Is it not enough they have a monopoly on gambling, a special privilege, but now want to take property from the tax rolls and develop it as they see fit whether such development abides by County and State regulations and policies or not. If they truly want to develop they should jump through the same hoops that others jump through. Hopefully our County is not about some laws for regular citizens and then allow a certain group to ignore them which is what a Fee To Trust agreement on the Camp Four property would do. It would also set a precedent when the Chumash Band of Mission Indians continues to purchase additional land in the future.

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