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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.

I have never been against the Chumash Tribe buying whatever land they want, but I think it is sad that they continue to want to put everything in Trust. It just isn't right for those of us who have followed the law, paid our taxes and respect this beautiful community to see so much of it changed in the last number of years and now with a 12 story high rise. I wish there was a way we could all get together and agree to keep our Valley as beautiful as the way the Chumash found it and my husband and I found it 30 years ago! Time does move on, change is inevitable, but change as proposed by our friends, the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians is not the way.

Respectively yours,

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