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September 14, 2017

The Honorable Joan Hartmann, Supervisor
The Honorable Das Williams, Supervisor
Board of Supervisors, 4th Floor
Santa Barbara County
105 East Anapamu Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Dear Supervisors Hartmann and Williams:

First, on behalf of the Coalition thank you for your strong commitment to protecting and preserving the values of the Santa Ynez Valley. We live in a unique place, and as a result of your leadership, it will continue to be so for future generations.

As publicly noted, you are participating as the county representatives on the Board of Supervisors Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Santa Ynez Valley Band of Chumash Indians matter (Ad-Hoc Subcommittee). We further understand that "staff-to-staff" negotiations are underway between the County and the Chumash regarding matters related to the Tribe's use of Camp 4. While we are not privy to the results of those "staff-to-staff" discussions, we believe it is both appropriate and timely for the Coalition to reiterate the principles it believes are essential to be included in the agreement with the Chumash.

- 1) Any development occurring on Camp 4 must comply with existing County land use plans and regulations including the Santa Ynez Valley Community Plan. All we are asking is that the tribe comply with the same regulations as non-tribal landowners.
- 2) The agreement must be enforceable. We believe that to ensure enforceability, the County and Chumash must together seek federal legislation that includes a waiver of sovereign immunity for the Tribe on Camp 4.
- 3) The agreement must be universal in scope. The agreement must address potential future land uses of the other Chumash land holdings in the Santa Ynez Valley to provide certainty to both the tribe and residents.

Just to be clear, the Santa Ynez Valley Coalition fully supports efforts to address the housing and community facility needs of Tribal members. We believe that an agreement that includes the principles outlined above will enable the Tribe to address those needs.

When the Board of Supervisor voted to create the Ad-Hoc Subcommittee, the motion specifically stated:

...that the ad-hoc committee meetings be conducted pursuant to the Brown Act and open to the public, and that they are held in a neutral location to encourage participation by Tribal and Non-Tribal individuals.

Consequently, given the potential significance of this issue to all parties, we strongly encourage the Ad-Hoc Subcommittee to engage in extensive public outreach that includes well-publicized informational public meetings that would also provide an opportunity for public feedback. The meetings should be scheduled at various times in locations in the Santa Ynez Valley so as to facilitate meaningful and substantive public participation.

Should you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you again.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill Krauch". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Bill Krauch, Chairman
Santa Ynez Valley Coalition.