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**Re: Camp 4 - Memorandum of Agreement  
Supervisor Hartman's Political Contributions from Supervisor Williams  
Hearing on MOA - - October 17, 2017**

Dear Supervisors Adam, Wolf, Hartmann, Lavagnino and Williams:

I live in Santa Ynez, California. At the Public Meeting on October 9, 2017, in connection with the "tentative" Memorandum of Agreement - Camp 4, Supervisor Joan Hartmann made a half-hearted attempt to defend Supervisor Das Williams who has a blatant conflict of interest for taking substantial political contributions from the Tribe and participating in the negotiations with the Tribe. However, Supervisor Hartmann conveniently and noticeably failed to mention the large political contributions Supervisor Williams received from the Tribe. Supervisor Williams did not attend the meeting.

One must ask why did Supervisor Hartmann make an awkward and unusual effort to rehabilitate Supervisor Williams? Supervisor Hartmann stated "unequivocally and at no time did Das Williams act outside the best interest of the County." The political contributions from the Tribe, Supervisor Williams' involvement in the negotiation process, and the proposed agreement suggest otherwise.

Does Supervisor Hartmann have a financial interest in protecting Supervisor Williams and complying with his wishes in light of Supervisor Williams' donating at least \$23,208.67 to Supervisor Hartmann's Campaign for Supervisor?

It is amazing Supervisors Williams and Hartmann claim they have been in intense negotiations with the Tribe for six (6) months yet no one (at least as of October 9, 2017) will state which Alternative B "one-acre" development option is going to be implemented on Camp 4 (there are 8 options). What is the big secret? The severity of the impact to adjacent communities will vary depending on what option is implemented. Supervisor Hartman said that Supervisor Williams was a "staunch advocate for open space;" however, there is no agreement on "set backs" along

Baseline Road, Armour Ranch Road and Linda Vista. Why no discussion about “set backs” along those roadways? Supervisor Williams’ staff member at the meeting asserted that Supervisor Williams is concerned about a “buffer” between Camp 4 development and SR-154. What about a “buffer” between Camp 4 development and the adjacent communities? How can anyone have any faith in Supervisor Hartmann’s comments when Supervisor Hartmann does not even know what development option is going to be implemented on Camp 4.

It is so tragic the secret negotiations involving Camp 4 are tainted and tarnished by large political contributions and inconsistent positions by the County. The “tentative” Agreement lacks transparency and credibility. The claimed urgency to immediately approve the agreement is disingenuous. Supervisor Hartmann’s repeatedly stating “Congress is poised to rule” is an unwarranted fear that does not justify entering into a “bad” agreement.

As many others have stated, the “tentative” Agreement is a “bad” agreement and fails to adequately protect the environment and the rural character of the Santa Ynez Valley.

Supervisor Williams received an \$18,000.00 payment from the Tribe in June, 2016, and on June 10, 2016, Supervisor Williams made a political contribution to Supervisor Joan Hartmann in the amount of \$20,000.00. On July 25, 2016, Supervisor Williams made an additional payment to Supervisor Hartmann in the amount of \$3,208.67. What favors does \$23,208.67 get one in return from a new politician just starting out in local politics?

Why did Supervisor Williams make a \$23,208.67 political donation to Joan Hartmann? Did the large political contribution from Supervisor Williams buy the loyalty of Supervisor Hartmann and influence her efforts to negotiate in secret with Supervisor Williams without including members of the community or the communities’ input?

Do Supervisor Williams and Supervisor Hartmann have a hidden agenda in connection with the “tentative” Agreement? Does Supervisor Hartmann owe her loyalty to Supervisor Williams and is she financially obligated to agree to what Supervisor Williams wants? Why have Supervisors Williams and Hartmann not openly disclosed their unique financial dealings with each other and the financial dealings between Supervisor Williams and the Tribe?

**Please post this correspondence on the County’s website in connection with the Board of Supervisor’s meeting on October 17, 2017.**

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