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November 29, 2018

Mr. Joseph Simitian, President of the Board of Supervisors
County of Santa Clara
70 West Hedding Street, East Wing, 10th Floor
San Jose, CA 95110

Re: Sargent Ranch Quarry, aka Juristac, Mining Permit Application

Dear Supervisors,

I am writing to express my concern over the proposed development of the Sargent Quarry Project that lies on the ancestral lands of the Amah Mutsun Tribal Band located in South Santa Clara County. Valentin Lopez, the Chair of Amah Mutsun Tribal Band, shared with me the historical, cultural, spiritual, and biological importance of Juristac. I am asking that you carefully consider the importance of Juristac to the Amah Mutsun Tribal Band and the need to protect heritage sacred lands.

The Amah Mutsun Tribal Band is recognized as the historic and continuous Tribe of their ancestral lands by the City of San Juan Bautista and the Catholic Diocese of Monterey. The Tribe works to preserve and protect their few remaining cultural and spiritual sites and restore their traditional ways to steward the land for the benefit of all people.

Juristac is the most important spiritual site to the Amah Mutsun Tribal Band; therefore, approving the mining proposal would result in destruction of the majority of the Tribe's spiritual and ceremonial sites. The United States lent its support to the United Nations Declarations on the Rights of Indigenous People. This Declaration requires government to get Indigenous Peoples "free, prior and informed consent" before embarking on any development project that would affect the Indigenous Peoples.

I strongly urge the Santa Clara County to deny this mining application and take every opportunity possible to help the Amah Mutsun Tribal Band preserve their sacred land. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact my Salinas District Office at (831) 759-8676.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anna M. Caballero".

ANNA M. CABALLERO
Assemblymember, 30th District

Cc: Supervisor Cindy Chavez
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Supervisor Dave Cortese
Supervisor Ken Yeager

