



SANTA CRUZ COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Resolution to Protect Juristac

WHEREAS the Amah Mutsun Tribal Band of Costanoan/Ohlone Indians is composed of descendants of Indigenous peoples who inhabited their ancestral lands in Santa Cruz County and the surrounding region for thousands of years before they were relocated and forcibly held at Mission Santa Cruz and elsewhere; and

WHEREAS the surviving descendants of the Amah Mutsun are working to fulfill the responsibilities of their creation story to protect Juristac, the location of known cultural resources and burial grounds, which includes portions of Santa Cruz County; and

WHEREAS the Santa Clara County Democratic Party has gone on record as opposing the Sargent Ranch Management Company's application to the County of Santa Clara (File #10747-15P) for permits to operate a cement quarry within Juristac that would threaten a Santa Cruz County wildlife corridor and be located within a sensitive watershed of the Pajaro River; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Cruz County Democratic Party supports the efforts by the Amah Mutsun Tribal Band to protect their historic site, Juristac; and

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that the Santa Cruz County Democratic Party joins with the Santa Clara County Democratic Party in urging relevant government agencies to deny Sargent Ranch Management Company the permits to operate its proposed quarry.

ADOPTED by a vote of 22 to 0, August 28, 2019.

Coco Raner-Walter
Chair, Santa Cruz County Democratic Party