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Tribal President

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Santa Clara County  
Board of Supervisors  
70 West Hedding Street  
East Wing, 10th Floor  
San Jose, CA 95110

**Re: Preserving Juristac**

Haminat (Hello) County of Santa Clara Officials,

We, the Fernandeno Tataviam Band of Mission Indians (FTBMI) strongly urges for the protection and preservation of the Mutsun cultural heritage by rejecting the proposed Sargent Quarry Project.

The proposed the project threatens the ancestral land that is known as Juristac in the Mutsun language, is of immense cultural, historical, environmental and spiritual importance to the Amah Mutsun Tribal Band. Juristac is not an appropriate location for a sand and gravel quarry under any circumstances.

We call on you to uphold the indigenous rights of the Amah Mutsun Tribal Band to maintain and protect their religious and cultural sites as enshrined in the United Nations Declaration on the Right of the Indigenous Peoples. Preserving Juristac is a necessary and significant step in addressing the historical and continuing dispossession and destruction of the indigenous peoples of Santa Clara County.

Thank you,

Rudy Ortega, Jr.  
*Tribal President*