



Morgan Hill Historical Society
Established in 1971

*Our mission is to preserve and share the history of
Morgan Hill, and its environs, to inspire a sense of community.*

February 24, 2020

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
Board of Supervisors
70 West Hedding Street, East Wing, 10th Floor
San Jose, CA. 95110

Re: Opposition to the Sargent Ranch Quarry Project

On January 15, 2020 the Morgan Hill City Council approved a resolution to reject the Sargent Quarry Project and support the preservation of Sargent Ranch/Juristac urging the County of Santa Clara to preserve the entirety of the Sargent Ranch lands as open space.

In support of this resolution and all others who oppose this project, the Morgan Hill Historical Society urges the preservation of this land as a sacred site to be protected as open space in its entirety.

The Amah Mutsun and other indigenous peoples of California lived peacefully and thrived for thousands of years before waves of settlers brought oppression, enslavement, betrayal, and genocide - from the Mission Era to the Gold Rush and all the way through the 1950s. We have yet to fully acknowledge this blight on our history, to make reparations to the Native Californians who live among us today, and to practice truth in history in our K-12 public education system. We need to listen and come alongside the descendants of the First Peoples of California and protect this sacred site, their ancestral home.

In 2019 a “Stories from the Past” documentary produced by our organization, touches on the history of our area indigenous peoples in an attempt to bring

awareness and truth to their history. The documentary can be viewed via a link on our website, www.morganhillhistoricalsociety.org.

By denying the proposed Sargent Quarry development, the Board of Supervisors has the opportunity to take positive steps for healing past wrongs.

Sincerely,



Kathy Sullivan
President, Morgan Hill Historical Society
On behalf of the Board of Directors

