

JURISTAC SOLIDARITY ACT:
BILL TO SUPPORT THE AMAH MUTSUN TRIBAL BAND AND THE PROTECTION
OF JURISTAC
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ACTION REQUESTED: Majority vote of the Undergraduate Senate.

WHEREAS Stanford University sits on the territory of Puichon, the ancestral and unceded land of the Muwekma Ohlone Tribe, the successors of the historic and sovereign Verona Band of Alameda County, and every member of the Stanford community has and continues to benefit from the use and occupation of this land since the institution's founding in 1891; and

WHEREAS this land was and continues to be of great importance to the Ohlone people; and

WHEREAS Stanford lies on unincorporated Santa Clara County land, which is jurisdictionally governed by the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS the Amah Mutsun Tribal Band, today representing descendants of the Mutsun people, is working diligently to restore their indigenous practices, heal from historical trauma, and regain stewardship of their ancestral lands, including land that lies within so-called unincorporated Santa Clara County; and

WHEREAS the Debt Acquisition Company of America, doing business as Sargent Ranch Management Company, has applied to the County of Santa Clara for a conditional use permit for a proposed sand and gravel mining operation with aggregate processing facilities on approximately 320 acres of Sargent Ranch, an area known as Juristac to the Amah Mutsun; and

WHEREAS Juristac is the location of numerous ceremonial and sacred sites, comprising a landscape of immense historical, cultural, and spiritual importance to the Amah Mutsun Tribal Band; and

WHEREAS Juristac is governed jurisdictionally by the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS the Amah Mutsun maintain that the proposed mining pits, overburden piles, roads, and processing facilities would irreparably harm Mutsun cultural resources, landscape features, and the spiritual integrity of Juristac; and

WHEREAS the Tribal Council of the Amah Mutsun Tribal Band has taken a unanimous stand in opposition to the Sargent Quarry Project and is seeking the support of surrounding communities in efforts to protect their sacred grounds;

WHEREAS the City of Morgan Hill, the City of Santa Cruz, University of San Francisco faculty, California Indian Environmental Alliance, Chalon Indian Council of Bakersfield, and many other California and international organizations and individuals, have made statements of support for the Amah Mutsun, the preservation of Juristac as open space in perpetuity, and the denial of the permits for the proposed Sargent Quarry Project.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSU LEGISLATIVE BODIES :

THAT that the Undergraduate Senate supports the efforts of the Amah Mutsun Tribal Band to preserve Sargent Ranch/Juristac as open space in perpetuity and to regain access to their cultural and spiritual sites at Juristac; and

THAT The Undergraduate Senate urges the University to support these efforts by the Amah Mutsun Tribal Band and urges the County of Santa Clara to deny the permits for the proposed Sargent Quarry Project.