

Evergreen Valley College Academic Senate

Resolution in Support of Protecting Amah Mutsun Sacred Lands at Juristac

Adopted in November of 2021

WHEREAS, the San Jose Evergreen Valley Community College District has documented its core values to be Opportunity, Equity and Social Justice; and

WHEREAS, Evergreen Valley College sits on the traditional and unceded land of the Tamien Nation of Ohlone, the original caretakers and stewards of this land, and that every member of the Evergreen Valley College community continues to benefit from the use and occupation of this land since the institution's founding in 1975; and

WHEREAS, this land continues to be of great importance to the Tamien Nation of Ohlone; and

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

WHEREAS, the Amah Mutsun Tribal Band of Ohlone maintain that the proposed mining pits overburden piles, roads, and processing facilities would irreparably harm Ohlone 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; and

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

WHEREAS, Evergreen Valley College is within the limits of Santa Clara County land, which is jurisdictionally governed by the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Academic Senate at EVC 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;

RESOLVED, that the Academic Senate at EVC urge the County of Santa Clara to deny the permits and proposal for the Sargent Quarry Project;

RESOLVED, the Academic Senate at EVC call upon other college constituency groups, and the SJECCD Board of Trustees to publicly support the aforementioned; and

RESOLVED, that the Academic Senate at EVC respectfully present this resolution in support of the Tribal Council of the Amah Mutsun Tribal Band, who has taken a unanimous stand in opposition to the Sargent Quarry Project, to the Santa Clara County Planning Commission, and the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors.