



Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
Board of Supervisors
70 West Hedding Street, East Wing, 10th Floor
San Jose, CA 95110
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To Whom It May Concern,

As Director of the Phoebe A. Hearst Museum of Anthropology at the University of California, Berkeley, I am saddened by the distress caused to the Amah Mutsen Tribe by the proposed Sargent Quarry Project in Santa Clara County. If this project proceeds as currently envisioned, it is my understanding that it will threaten the integrity of Juristac, a site of great importance to the Amah Mutsen people.

In recent years, the Tribe has made great strides in the reclamation and furtherance of their cultural practices, and in the healing of harms they have endured. These efforts include, notably, the creation of the Amah Mutsen Land Trust, the organization of a Mass of Reconciliation at the San Juan Bautista Mission and, most recently, a direct appeal to the United Nations for respect of Mutsen culture and lands.

The Hearst Museum values consultation as a cornerstone of strong and positive relationships with American Indian communities, regardless of federal recognition. I urge the Board of Supervisors to adopt a similar approach, and to put a halt to the project so that such meaningful consultation and collaboration can occur.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'B. W. Porter'.

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