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To Whom It May Concern -

The purpose of this letter is to speak on behalf of the Amah Mutsun Tribal Band regarding a request to protect the Band's sacred site, Juristac.

I join with others in appealing to Santa Clara County not to violate this sacred location of California Indians by proceeding with the proposal to allow sand and gravel extraction on this location. Although I am not familiar with the particulars of this issue, I have followed the attempts of the Amah Mutsun Tribe in other pursuits protecting the federal territorial rites of the said tribe. I know well the care they have taken to study legal position they have taken on protecting their sacred territories. I am confident that their position is legally tenable. Because they have been denied these rights in the past, I am joining with others in strongly advising that these liberties be protected in the current case of the proposed sand and gravel quarry.

With gratitude for whatever attention you can give to this request, I am.

Sincerely,

+Francis A. Quinn
Bishop Emeritus Diocese of Sacramento