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Subject: Sargent Quarry Project

To: <BoardOperations@cob.sccgov.org>

Hello. My name is Greg Rolin and I live in Morgan Hill, in Supervisor Wasserman's district. The native tribal group that has lived in southern Santa Clara County for thousands of years is the Amah Mutsun tribal band. They have a site that is called Juristac in their language. In their spiritual tradition, it is an extremely sacred site. Juristac is in the area where the proposed Sargent Quarry Project would remove large amounts of sand and gravel from the landscape. This mining operation would forever alter this area. In my mind, it is similar to the idea of opening the mine in the side of a church or under a cathedral. I am a Christian. In my religion, Juristac is not sacred, but I have a deep respect for the fact that it is sacred in the spiritual tradition of the people that lived in the place I call home long before anyone else came here. I would not want someone to destroy the Jordan River, or mine large volumes of material from beneath Bethlehem, Nazareth, or Jerusalem. I would hope that a same sort of respect that I would want people to have for my religious beliefs would be extended to every religious belief, including the sacred spaces of the native groups that are today represented by the Amah Mutsun tribal band.

Not far from my house is Chicactac-Adams Heritage County Park. It is dedicated to the people that used to live there, and has petroglyphs left by them. The place feels important to me. Unfortunately, it is very small, and there are no living descendents of the Chicactac group, which was part of the Mutsun people. Much has been taken, and not much has been left.

Gravel and sand, though very useful, are not worth desecrating a place that is central to the traditional spiritual beliefs of the local tribal group that has already endured so much.

Please deny approval for the Sargent Quarry Project.

Sincerely,
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