



From: Livable Sunnyvale Board
To: Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors

Livable Sunnyvale stands with the Amah Mutsun Tribal Band and its supporters, including environmental and community organizations, elected officials, and other civic leaders, in urging you to protect and preserve Mutsun cultural heritage by rejecting the proposed Sargent Quarry Project.

The land threatened by the quarry, known as Juristac in the Mutsun language, is of immense cultural, historical, environmental and spiritual importance to the Amah Mutsun Tribal Band. Juristac is not an appropriate location for a sand and gravel mine under any circumstances.

The Sargent Ranch Management Company has applied to the County of Santa Clara (File #10747-15P), to obtain the permits necessary to commence operating a quarry that would destroy Juristac: the most sacred ceremonial site of the Amah Mutsun, the traditional home of their spiritual leader, and the location of known cultural resources, including burial grounds.

The proposed quarry threatens to disrupt the natural ecosystem in an area that has remained relatively undeveloped for thousands of years. Juristac is home to multiple threatened and endangered species, that is an important wildlife corridor connecting the Santa Cruz, Gabilan, and Diablo Ranges, and that is situated within a sensitive watershed. Other areas of Juristac are already suffering environmental damage, including the use of injection technologies for oil extraction.

Livable Sunnyvale supports the efforts by the Amah Mutsun Tribal Band to protect their most sacred ceremonial site, Juristac, to restore their culture, and to recover from their historic trauma.

We urge the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors, Planning Commissioners, and other relevant government agencies to affirm the cultural, spiritual, and conservation values of Juristac by denying Sargent Ranch Management Company the permits necessary to operate its proposed quarry.

We call on you to uphold the Indigenous Rights of the Amah Mutsun Tribal Band to maintain and protect their religious and cultural sites as enshrined in the United Nations Declaration on

the Right of the Indigenous Peoples. Preserving Juristac is a necessary and significant step in addressing the historical and continuing dispossession and destruction of the Indigenous Peoples of Santa Clara County.

Respectfully,

Livable Sunnyvale Board

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