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Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors
70 West Hedding Street
East Wing, 10th Floor
San Jose, CA 95110

Dear Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors:

On behalf of the City of Santa Clara, I am writing in support of the Amah Mutsun Tribal Band to preserve Sargent Ranch/Juristac as open space, which will allow this area of exceptional regional significance and habitat value to continue to bring benefit the City of Santa Clara as well as the region as a whole.

As the Sargent Ranch area is identified in the Santa Clara Valley Habitat Conservation Plan, and other regional habitat connectivity studies, as a critically important wildlife corridor linking the Santa Cruz Mountains, Gabilan Mountains, and Diablo Range; the City of Santa Clara's 2010-2035 General Plan names the Santa Clara Valley Habitat Conservation Plan as part of the City's vision of regional land use and transportation planning and coordination. It is the goal of the City of Santa Clara, as outlined in the 2010-2035 General Plan, to protect and preserve cultural resources, as well as archaeological sites.

As the City of Santa Clara is located within the ancestral lands of Tamyen-speaking Ohlone peoples, whose descendants today belong to the Muwekma Ohlone Tribe, Amah Mutsun Tribal Band, and other tribal nations, Juristac is the location of historic ceremonial and sacred sites of the Amah Mutsun Tribal Band. This land is of paramount cultural and spiritual importance to them.

Therefore, the City of Santa Clara 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 Juristic. For these reasons, the City Council of the City of Santa Clara urges the County of Santa Clara to deny approval of the permits for the proposed Sargent Quarry Project.

Sincerely,

Lisa M. Gillmor
Mayor
City of Santa Clara