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Mike Wasserman  
President of the Board of Supervisors  
County of Santa Clara

**RE: Letter of Support of The Efforts of the Amah Mutsun Tribal Band to Preserve  
Sargent Ranch/Juristac as Open Space**

Dear President Wasserman,

The Service Employees International Union, Local 521, a labor union that represents 53,000 public, nonprofit, and private-sector workers in the central Bay Area region and in the Central Valley, is proud to support the Amah Mutsun Tribal Band to preserve the Sargent Ranch/Juristac as open space. The restoration of the indigenous practices and stewardship of their lands is important to the history and ancestral ties in the region.

Debt Acquisition Company of America, doing business as Sargent Ranch Management has applied to the County of Santa Clara for a conditional use permit for a proposed sand and gravel mining operation with aggregate processing facilities on approximately 320 acres of Argent Ranch, an area known as Juristac to the Amah Mutsun. This location is of historical, cultural and spiritual importance that should not and cannot be compromised that will be desecrated and destroyed with the proposed mining pits. This will harm the beautiful creeks, hillsides and nature that exists on this sacred land.

SEIU 521 Santa Clara County chapter members stand in solidarity and opposes vehemently the desecration of this land with the proposed land use permit by Sargent Ranch Management Company. We respectfully urge the Board of Supervisors to deny the permits for the proposed Sargent Quarry Project and move protect the historical and sacred land and recognize the Amah Mutsun Tribal Band in regaining access to their cultural and spiritual sites on Juristac.

Sincerely,

Janet Diaz  
President of the Santa Clara County Chapter

CC/ Board of Supervisors