



Associated Students of Gavilan College

**Resolution Supporting The Amah Mutsun Tribal Band And The Protection Of Juristac**

**WHEREAS** , Gavilan College sits on Mutsun territory, traditional and unceded land of the Amah Mutsun Tribal Band, the original caretakers and stewards of this land, and that every member of the Gavilan community has and continues to benefit from the use and occupation of this land since the institution's founding in 1919; and

**WHEREAS** , this land was and continues to be of great importance to the Ohlone people; and

**WHEREAS** , Gavilan College is within the limits of Santa Clara County land, which is jurisdictionally governed by the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors; and

**WHEREAS** , the Amah Mutsun Tribal Band, today representing descendants of the Mutsun people and whose ancestors are collectively referred to by many as “Ohlone,” is working diligently to restore their indigenous practices, heal from historical trauma, and regain stewardship of their ancestral lands, including land that lies within so-called unincorporated Santa Clara County; and

**WHEREAS** , the Debt Acquisition Company of America, doing business as Sargent Ranch Management Company, 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 Sargent Ranch, an area known as Juristac to the Amah Mutsun; and

**WHEREAS** , Juristac is the location of numerous ceremonial and sacred sites, comprising a landscape of immense historical, cultural, environmental, and spiritual importance to the Amah Mutsun Tribal Band; and

**WHEREAS** , Juristac is governed jurisdictionally by the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors; and

**WHEREAS** , the Amah Mutsun maintain that the proposed mining pits, overburden piles, roads, and processing facilities would irreparably harm Mutsun cultural resources, landscape features, and the spiritual integrity of Juristac; and

**WHEREAS** , the Tribal Council of the Amah Mutsun Tribal Band has taken a unanimous stand in opposition to the Sargent Quarry Project and is seeking the support of surrounding communities in efforts to protect their sacred grounds; and



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**WHEREAS** , the Stanford University Undergraduate Senate, University of San Francisco faculty, California Indian Environmental Alliance, Chalon Indian Council of Bakersfield, and many other California and international organizations and individuals, have made statements of support for the Amah Mutsun, the preservation of Juristac as open space in perpetuity, and the denial of the permits for the proposed Sargent Quarry Project;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Associated Students of Gavilan College 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 Juristac;

**RESOLVED**, that the Associated Students of Gavilan College urge the County of Santa Clara to deny the permits and proposal for the Sargent Quarry Project;

**RESOLVED**, the Associated Students of Gavilan College call upon the Gavilan College Academic Senate, Gavilan College Classified Senate, and Gavilan Joint Community College District Board of Trustees to publicly support the aforementioned; and

**RESOLVED**, the Associated Students of Gavilan College respectfully present this resolution, if passed, to the Gavilan College Academic Senate, Gavilan College Classified Senate, Gavilan Joint Community College District Board of Trustees, Santa Clara County Planning Commission, and Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors.