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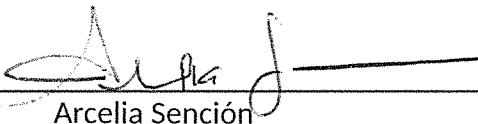
RE: Support of the MOA between the County and the SY Band of Chumash Indians Regarding Camp 4

My name is Arcelia Sención, a resident of the Santa Ynez Valley for over 20 years. The Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians are a trusted neighbor who have demonstrated compassion and care for the local community by giving generously of their time and philanthropic contributions to Santa Barbara County. Many local schools, non-profits, and other organizations benefit from their donations.

The Band of Chumash Indian provides an economic platform for their community to be self-sufficient and promotes skill-building and training opportunities for not only to its Tribal members but for the community at large. The Band of Chumash Indians is one of the largest employers in the Santa Barbara County which reflects in their ability to provide jobs for community members to be able to live and provide for their families. Their commitment to ensuring the long-term sustainability of the community is a responsible virtue that should be upheld in the highest regard.

Their aspiration and vision to continue to prosper while still being held accountable speaks to their values to honor agreements and engage in a negotiation process. I urge you and your fellow Board of Supervisors to vote in favor of the agreement between the County of Santa Barbara and the Band of Chumash Indians.

Sincerely,



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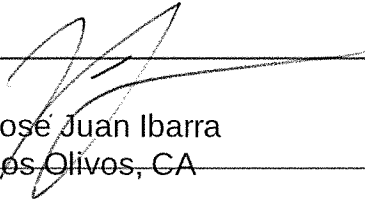
My name is José Juan Ibarra and I have been a resident of the Santa Ynez Valley for the last 40 years. In these four decades, I have seen the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians community undergo a tremendous amount of growth, both socially and economically. They have become more committed to salvaging their history, improving their land, preserving their heritage and language. As well as proudly celebrate and share their customs and culture with their neighboring communities.

I particularly admire the Chumash community's resiliency and ability to forgive; as I know that some folks in the Santa Ynez Valley have not always been open to seeing people from underrepresented groups break through beyond their socio-economic bounds. It is fair to say that life has not been easy for the SY Band of Chumash Indians. Yet, today the Chumash community is thriving due to their own merits and grit.

The SY Band of Chumash Indians Business Committee's deep understanding of environmental stewardship and their spiritual appreciation for life and respect for others, manifests itself in their generous contributions. If we look closely at all of the community efforts supported and sponsored by the SY Band of Chumash Indians in Santa Barbara County, it is clear that they care for our community.

I urge you, the Board of Supervisors, to vote in favor of the agreement between the County of Santa Barbara and the Band of Chumash Indians.

Sincerely,



José Juan Ibarra
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