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October 31, 2017

Supervisor Joan Hartmann  
Santa Barbara County Administration Building  
105 East Anapamu Street  
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Re: Memorandum of Agreement Between Santa Barbara County and the Santa Ynez  
Band of Chumash Indians Regarding Camp 4.

Dear Supervisor Hartmann:

I am one of your constituents and a Santa Ynez resident. I am submitting this letter in support of the proposed Memorandum of Agreement Between Santa Barbara County and the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians Regarding Camp 4. I was hoping attending the Board of Supervisors meeting this morning but last minute work commitments are preventing me to do so.

This agreement commits the tribe to build 143 homes and a tribal center, explicitly bans gaming on the property and does not allow for commercial uses. More than 1200 acres would remain of open space/trails, a resource management zone, or in agriculture.

Like many residents in the Santa Ynez Valley I value our environment. At the same time, the Tribe is native to this land. I understand their need for additional housing and respect their desire to serve their community and preserve their culture.

This agreement strikes a balance between these values. It allows the Tribe to meet its needs while at the same time holding it to their stated use.

This agreement also creates precedent for ongoing relationships and dialog between the County and the Tribe. It is an opportunity to move beyond an adversarial relationship and explore options to work collaboratively in the future as we are all part of this beautiful community.

Sincerely,

*Catherine J. Swysen*

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My name is Ann Glasgow. As a resident of District 3, I am interested in the development of the county. I am here to add my two cents regarding the Camp 4 development.

The agreement negotiated between the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians and Santa Barbara County is a chance for our county to have skin in the game.

Since Camp 4 is in trust as a result of Congressional action and can operate **without** enforcement or mitigation by the County, it would be unfortunate to let the opportunity pass us by.

The Tribe would like to build homes and a tribal center on the Camp 4 land. The agreement explicitly bans gaming and holds the tribe to their stated uses. The proposed agreement creates a mechanism for enforcement by the county.

It seems to me that the local agreement provides the best chance for local input. It's a chance for the county, the tribe and the community to work together, to move beyond an adversarial relationship and bring respect to all the people of Santa Barbara County.

Please considering the adoption of the agreement as negotiated with the Tribe.  
Thank you.

Ann Glasgow  
Vandenberg Village

Oct 31, 2017  
Mark Preston  
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I have been a strong opponent of the Camp4 Annexation to the Chumash Reservation. As an Anthropologist I beg you not to construe my position as racist or in some way anti-Indian.

Indian gaming was passed by California to provide a revenue stream to level the playing field for indigenous and assimilated peoples and cultures. That goal has been accomplished beyond expectation. Any member of the Chumash Band could buy and sell me 3 times over.

My last note is an historical one. Most US tribes were subjugated, extinguished, and moved to "reserves" by the United States of America. The Chumash were the victims of the Catholic Church, Spain and Mexico. The last revolt of 1824 was long before John Foxen led Fremont over the San Marcos Pass.

My concern is hegemony, and the unfettered political power that derives from money. The Tribe owns big chunks of Buellton, big chunks of Solvang, and it seems untenable percentages of Santa Ynez Township. I would not be comfortable with any entity (IBM, Google, Catholic Church, the Koch Brothers or Scientology) to own this much land. Absolute power corrupts absolutely.

My brother lives in the checkerboard area of Southwestern Colorado. He has worked for and with the Navajo and Ute Mountain Ute. He has extensive experience with BIA, BLM, NSF, and all State and Local jurisdictions. He has been to Washington many times. Many years ago he told me that the Federal Government bureaucracy is rife with corruption and ineptitude, but none more inept and corrupt than the BIA. This is NOT the fault of Chairman Kahn, myself, or the County of Santa Barbara. It is the way it is.

## PART II

All of that said, **I do fully support the proposed agreement.** It is game over, and litigation has been exhausted. It is time to quit whining, and salvage some kind of written understanding of how this plays out. The public needs to read and understand the agreement, and hold Chairman Kahn's feet to the fire on every verse and chapter.....and pray this agreement is not torn up the day a new Chairman is appointed.

To do nothing is unacceptable. To whine and posture is unacceptable. To negotiate an MOU was the only possible way to mitigate the inevitable damage. We can no more change this outcome, than we can change the results of the Dodger's Game 5 loss to Houston. Save your anxt and venom for Republican Representative La Malfa, and the powers that be.

## SB County BOS Meeting – Camp 4 Chumash

October 31, 2017

Comments before SB County Board of Supervisors:

Good morning.

My name is Nick Di Croce and I have been a Solvang resident for more than 19 years.

Once I became a resident of SB County, the Camp 4 issue became front and center.

While I am opposed to any form of welfare that has outlived its usefulness, and which was originally intended to financially assist Indian tribes, I am supportive of our laws and the compromise Memo of Understanding that has been negotiated between the Tribe and the County.

This agreement includes the following important provisions:

1. By reference to the Final Environmental Assessment, no gaming will occur on the subject property during the life of the agreement.
2. Mitigation for public safety and services in the amount of \$178,000 per year will be made to the County of Santa Barbara.
3. 1,200 acres of Camp 4 property will be designated and conserved as open space and agricultural land, in accordance with the Final Environmental Assessment.
4. Total groundwater usage on Camp 4 will be limited to 290 acre feet per year in accordance with the FONSI.

Without these provisions of the Memo of Understanding, the county would have no legal remedy to enforce these issues. I would much prefer this MOU to the present conditions.

Thank you