


It All Began in the Year 2000



- On November 8, 2000, The Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians petitioned the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) to accept 6.9 acres of land adjacent to the Chumash reservation into trust.
- Five years later on January 14, 2005, the BIA approved the fee-to-trust petition. 
- Less than a month later on February 2, 2005 local citizens groups filed an administrative appeal of the BIA's decision.

The Tribe has also applied for Fee to Trust status for an additional 5.8 Acres in the downtown Santa Ynez Area and has also expressed a desire to annex an additional 1,400 acres into Trust status

A timely Administrative Appeal is **REQUIRED** to be filed within 30 Days. SB County did not file appeal because of an 'Historic Agreement' with the Tribe that was not finalized. Local Groups have made efforts to expedite the BIA process



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Twelve Long Years



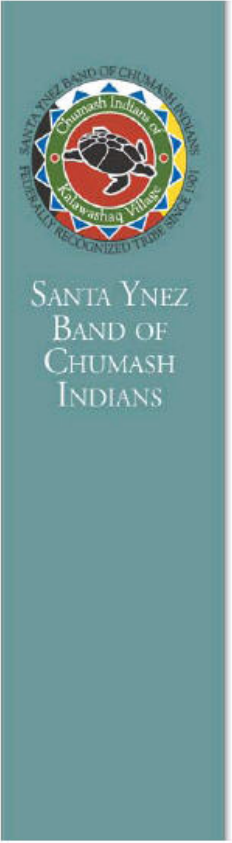
- It has been a dozen years of the local tribal opponents doing what they can to delay the process of placing the tribe's 6.9 acres into federal trust.
- And now, the waiting is over. Or is it?

The Tribe purchased much of the 6.9 Acres as far back as 1997.

The 'waiting could have been over' a decade ago had the Tribe chosen to go through the SB County Process

5 of those 'dozen years' were waiting for the BIA to approve the Trust Transfer and many of the remaining years were been spent by local groups merely attempting to obtain standing to sue.

The BIA and Courts are known notorious for an excruciatingly slow process, not 'Local Tribal Opponents'



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BIA Decision



It is clear that the source of the delays has been the BIA and the Courts, and NOT Local Citizens

- In June the tribe received a “Notice of Decision” from the Pacific Regional Office of the BIA confirming that the 6.9 acres had been accepted into trust.
- This is the second time the federal government has confirmed that the 6.9 acres was accepted into trust.
- The question: Will it be the last time? **No, sadly this may not be the last time.**

SB County should expect to see more Fee to Trust Actions for the 5.8 Acres in Downtown Santa Ynez, and the 1,400 Acre Camp 4 Property.

"By challenging our land annexation in the federal court, our tribal opponents have issued a direct challenge to the concept of sovereignty," [Chumash Tribal Chairman Vincent Armenta] said. "The outcome of this conflict will have far-reaching implications throughout Indian country; therefore, it's critical that we put tribal opponents on notice that they can't bully tribes into backing away from our rights as sovereign nations."

<http://www.docstoc.com/docs/121699173/media-release-legal-team>



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We May Be in Limbo Forever



- October 11, 2007 tribal opponent Doug Herthel was quoted in the *Santa Maria Times* regarding 6.9:

*"We'll hold it off forever. It's not going to happen.
We're going to get it back"*

Tribal Chairman Vince Armenta quoted in
the SB News Press March 21, 2007

"I told you eventually the tribe members who govern me are going to be upset with this and tell me to close the doors," a clearly angry Mr. Armenta said. "That day has come. *Because our doors are closed.* I hope you're proud of it. An apology will not be accepted. Actions speak louder than words."

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Moving Toward Reality



- To build their own cultural museum in the heart of Chumash country would be symbolic, demonstrating the long journey Chumash people have traveled throughout the past several decades.
- While the tribe's attorneys prepared for the legal battle tribal opponents insisted on, the tribe continued to meet with museum experts and architects to discuss the details of the museum and cultural center – moving closer to making their dream a reality.

The Tribe could have constructed the Museum over a decade ago without Trust Status.



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Proposed Site Plan

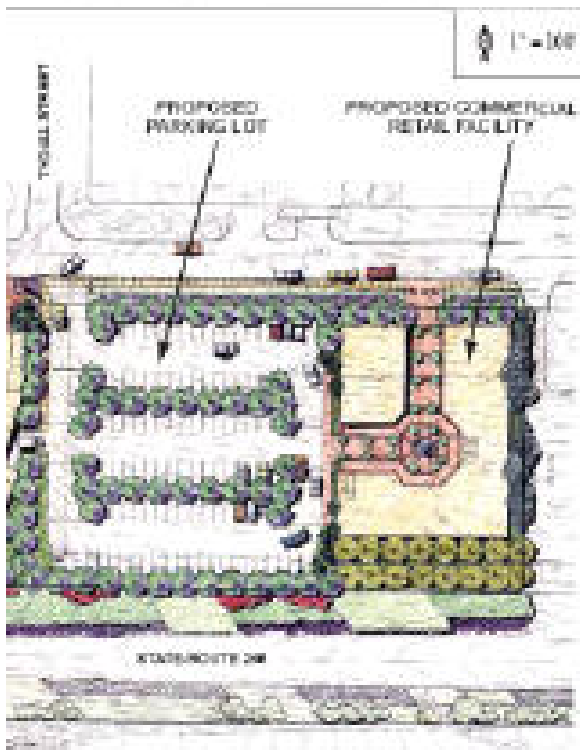


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Chumash & Kashashiq Cultural Center Environmental Assessment (2024)

Figure
Proposed Site Plan

27,600 Square Foot
Commercial / Retail
Facility and
Parking Lot



27,600 Square Foot Commercial / Retail Facility and Parking Lot

Trust Status would exempt certain Retail / Commercial uses from:

- *Property Tax*
- *Sales Tax*
- *Bed Tax*
- *Cigarette Tax*
- *SBP&D Fees*
- *Transportation Mitigation Fees*
- *Quimby-Parks Fees*
- *Fire Department Fees*
- *EHS Fees*
- *APCD Fees*
- *School Fees*

Tribal Member Income generated by Retail / Commercial uses maybe exempt from

State Income Tax

Addressing Arguments - *continued*



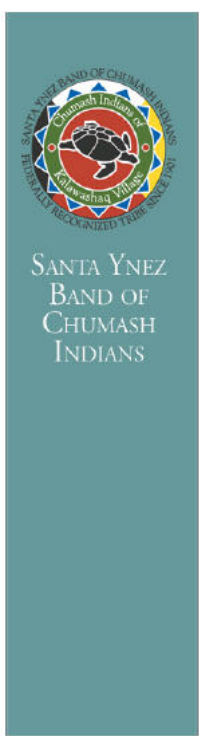
- Throughout the past dozen years, tribal opponents have tried to use scare tactics to claim that the tribe was going to build a casino on its 6.9 acres.

➤ It's museum, not a casino.

It's also proposed to be a 27,600 Square Foot Multi-Story Commercial / Retail Facility.

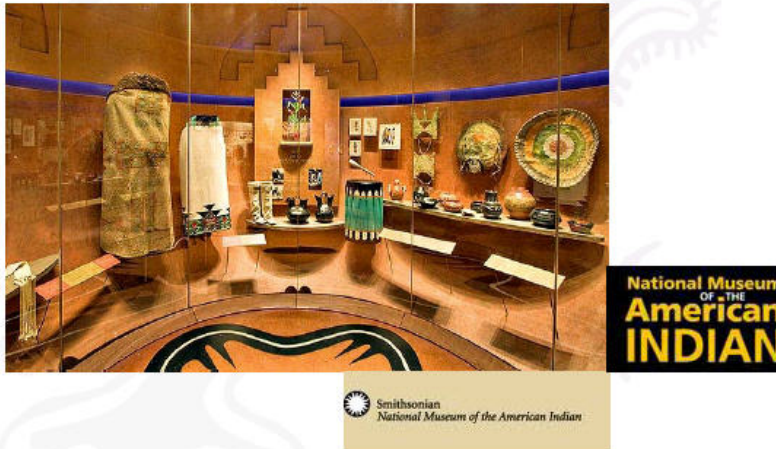
The Fee to Trust Application called out specific Federal Code Sections to allow for Gambling & Gaming Uses

Casino / Gaming Administrative offices could be relocated from the Casino resulting in an intensification of Gambling / Gaming within the Existing Casino Resort



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Addressing Arguments - continued



- Loss of tax revenue was an issue often raised.
 - Museums are tax exempt –what loss tax revenue?

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EHS Fees *APCD Fees* *School Fees* *School Bonds*
Tribal Member Income generated by Trust Retail / Commercial uses maybe exempt from
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Addressing Arguments - continued



- Circumventing the rules was another concern that has surfaced.
 - Tribes follow the same rules in land development – just different governing bodies provide oversight.

Santa Barbara County
will be responsible for Museum / Retail -
Commercial Facility Public Services
including
Law Enforcement
Fire Protection
Life & Safety
Schools
Parks
Roads
Flood

If the Rules are the 'same' and there is not a significant Tax Revenue Burden
Why Trust Status?

The proposed use of Land in Trust can be changed unilaterally by the Tribe at any time without notice or recourse to Santa Barbara County or the non-tribal citizens of the Santa Ynez Valley.

It's a Museum...



- The mission of the Santa Ynez Chumash Museum and Cultural Center is to promote respect, knowledge, and dialogue by sharing the cultural heritage of the first people of the area and the present day Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians.

It's also proposed to be a 27,600 Square Foot Multi-Story Commercial / Retail Facility on Trust Land that is eligible for Gaming.

The Community applauds the Tribe for its Museum / Retail Center proposal and looks forward to it's prompt construction under the jurisdiction of the County of Santa Barbara on Fee Land.