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January 8, 2009

The Honorable Joe Centeno
Chairman, Santa Barbara County
Board of Supervisors
123 East Anapamu Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

RE: Santa Barbara County Indian Gaming Local Community Benefit Committee:
Tribal approval of at large representative applicants

Dear Chairman Centeno and the Board of Supervisors:

The Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians ("Tribe") hereby approves the following at large representative applicants to the Gaming Committee (as defined herein):

Background: AB 158

AB 158 has made the following modifications to the selection of representatives to the Santa Barbara County Indian Gaming Local Community Benefit Committee ("Gaming Committee") pursuant to Govt. Code Section 12715(b)(2)(B):

(B) Three elected representatives from cities located within four miles of a tribal casino in the county, selected by the county board of supervisors. In the event that there are no cities located within four miles of a tribal casino in the county, other local representatives may be selected upon mutual agreement by the county board of supervisors and a majority of the tribes paying into the Indian Gaming Special Distribution Fund in the county. When there are no cities within four miles of a tribal casino in the county, and when the Indian Gaming Local Community Benefit Committee acts on behalf of a county where no tribes pay into the Indian Gaming Special Distribution Fund, other local representatives may be selected upon mutual agreement by the county board of supervisors and a majority of the tribes operating casinos in the county. However, if only one city is within four miles of a tribal casino and that same casino is located entirely within the unincorporated area of that particular county, only one elected representative from that city shall be included on the Indian Gaming Local Community Benefit Committee.

Effects of AB 158

The effects of AB 158 are as follows:

1. AB 158 reduces Solvang which is within 4 miles of the Casino but where the County surrounds the Casino from three (3) Gaming Committee representatives to one (1);
2. The Gaming Committee still has seven (7) representatives: 2 from County, 2 from Tribe, 1 from Solvang and now 2 at large representatives. Govt. Code Section 12715(b)(2)(B) requires all representatives to be appointed by County.
3. County and Tribe must agree on at large representatives per Govt. Code Section 12715(b)(2)(B).
4. At large representatives can be from Solvang if Tribe and County agree.
5. New procedure for at large representatives: County will post/publish solicitation for applications, Tribe will review and create Tribally approved short list of candidates and County will pick 2 at large representatives from such short list.

Tribally Approved At Large Representative Applicants

The Tribe hereby approves the following at large Gaming Committee representative applicants:

Hans Duus, Mayor Pro Tem, Solvang City Council; and

Russ Hicks, Mayor, City of Buellton.

Sincerely,



Vincent Armenta,
Tribal Chairman