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October 11, 2017

The Honorable Joan Hartmann, Chairwoman &
Third District Supervisor
Board of Supervisors
County of Santa Barbara
105 East Anapamu Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Re: Request for Delayed Board Consideration of Memorandum of Agreement

Dear Supervisor Hartmann:

Thank you for continuing to work with the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians ("Tribe") in our quest for tribal housing for our members and their children on Camp 4. We hope that an Agreement between the County and the Tribe will be just the beginning of future opportunities between our governments.

In regards to your request to delay the Board of Supervisors hearing to consider the Memorandum of Agreement ("MOA") regarding the Camp 4 until October 31, 2017, we do not understand the need for additional time as the MOA merely memorializes and makes enforceable by the County the Environmental Assessment ("EA") and Finding of No Significant Impact ("FONSI") that were twice distributed for public comment since 2013 and approved in 2014. The waiver of sovereign immunity which makes the MOA enforceable was approved by County Counsel last year in a public meeting and incorporated in a Contract For Law Enforcement Services which was approved at a public meeting of the Board of Supervisors on August 30, 2016.

Nonetheless, in an effort to further accommodate our neighbors and to further address their concerns the Tribe is agreeable to further delay the Board of Supervisors hearing to consider the MOA regarding the Camp 4 until October 31, 2017.

While you have previously represented to various members of Congress that the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians Land Affirmation Act of 2017 (HR 1491) need only be delayed until the end of August to reach agreement, should the MOA be approved by the County on October 31, 2017, we request that the County work towards the expeditious passage of HR 1491.

Sincerely,

Kenneth Kahn,
Tribal Chairman