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**Re: Intergovernmental Memorandum of Agreement - Camp 4
Political Contributions by the Tribe(s) to Supervisor Das Williams
Conflict of Interest Involving Supervisor Das Williams
Public Hearings - - October 5, 2017 & October 17, 2017**

Dear Supervisors Williams, Hartmann, Adam, Wolf and Lavagnino:

I live in Santa Ynez, California. I understand a Public Meeting has been set on unusually short notice for October 5, 2017, to address the tentative "Intergovernmental Memorandum of Agreement - Camp 4" between Santa Barbara County and the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians ("Tribe") to allow the development of Camp 4 which includes 143 homes, tribal facilities, water treatment facilities, roads and infrastructure, among other things.

Please post this letter on the County's website for the hearings on October 5, 2017, and October 17, 2017.

This letter will supplement my previous letter of September 29, 2017. Supervisor Das Williams is a member of the Board of Supervisors Ad Hoc Subcommittee Regarding Santa Ynez Valley Band of Chumash Indian Matters and he apparently participated in the negotiations for an agreement on behalf of the residents of Santa Barbara County.

According to Supervisor Hartmann's comments at the Public Meeting on September 25, 2017, Supervisor Das Williams "agreed" to serve on the committee. Supervisor Williams should **not** have "agreed" to serve on the Subcommittee and Santa Barbara County should **not** have allowed Supervisor Williams to serve on the Subcommittee as Supervisor Williams has and continues to have a serious and disqualifying conflict of interest in light of the large and disturbing political financial contributions Supervisor Das received from a number of Tribes in the following campaigns: **WILLIAMS FOR SENATE 2020; WILLIAMS FOR ASSEMBLY 2014; and, WILLIAMS FOR SUPERVISOR 2016.**

Supervisor Williams holds a position of trust and a fiduciary duty to the residents of Santa Barbara County. It is shocking and appalling that Supervisor Williams was allowed to serve on the Ad Hoc Subcommittee in light of the following political contributions from the Santa Ynez Band of Mission Indians and other tribes:

WILLIAMS FOR SENATE 2020:

Santa Ynez Band of Mission Indians	\$ 4,200.00	May 23, 2015
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Morongo Band of Mission Indians	\$ 3,500.00	May 22, 2015
Pala Band of Mission Indians	\$ 4,200.00	May 18, 2015
Pala Band of Mission Indians	\$ 3,300.00	May 18, 2015
Viejas Tribal Government	\$ 4,200.00	May 11, 2015
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WILLIAMS FOR ASSEMBLY 2014:

Pechanga Band of Luiseno Indians	\$ 2,000.00	March 13, 2014
Rincon Band of Luiseno Mission Indians	\$ 1,500.00	July 19, 2013
Pechanga Band of Luiseno Indians	\$ 2,100.00	October 25, 2013
Viejas Tribal Government	\$ 4,100.00	November 29, 2013
Morongo Band of Mission Indians	\$ 3,500.00	May 27, 2014
Barona Band of Mission Indians	\$ 1,100.00	June 3, 2014

WILLIAMS FOR SUPERVISOR 2016:

Santa Ynez Band of Mission Indians	\$18,000.00	July 27, 2016
Barona Band of Mission Indians	\$ 4,000.00	September 12, 2016
Pechanga Band of Luiseno Indians	\$ 3,000.00	August 31, 2015
Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians	\$ 2,000.00	2014/2015
Barona Band of Mission Indians	\$ 4,100.00	2014/2015

Total \$72,100.00

Neither Santa Barbara County nor Supervisor Williams revealed to the public the over \$72,000.00 in political contributions Supervisor Williams received from the above tribes, including over \$26,000.00 from the Santa Ynez Valley Band of Chumash Indians.

Supervisor Williams has a serious conflict of interest and should **not** have been representing the residents of the Santa Barbara County in negotiations with the Santa Ynez Valley Band of Chumash Indians, especially negotiations that will impact the Santa Ynez Valley forever. Supervisor Williams' **largest** political financial supporters for a number of years have been the Santa Ynez Valley Band of Chumash Indians and other tribes.

It is requested that Supervisor Williams immediately recuse and disqualify himself from any further action or proceedings regarding the Ad Hoc Subcommittee and the tentative "Intergovernmental Memorandum of Agreement - Camp 4." Moreover, Supervisor Williams must recuse himself from voting on the "tentative" Agreement.

The "tentative" Agreement is tainted by undue political influence and must be rejected in its entirety.

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The manner in which the County's negotiations were shrouded in secrecy, the County's inconsistent positions on the environmental issues, the County's agreeing to support H.R. 1491 to the detriment of those who have a legal right to pursue federal lawsuits to challenge the BIA, and the County's agreeing to receive a nominal sum of \$178,500 per year, raises serious concerns and questions whether the negotiations were improperly influenced by large political contributions from various tribes to a member of the negotiation team for the County and the public, including over \$26,000.00 in political donations from the Santa Ynez Valley of Band of Chumash Indians.

There is an obvious conflict of interest when a member of the Ad Hoc Subcommittee has received major political donations from the adverse party sitting across the negotiation table. The "tentative" Agreement must be rejected in its entirety as it is tainted by undue political influence as a member of the negotiation team for the Santa Barbara County could not be totally loyal to the residents of the Santa Ynez Valley in light of the monetary payments made by the Tribe to Supervisor Das Williams.

It is further requested that an investigation be initiated immediately to determine what political influence was involved in the negotiation process of a "tentative" agreement that does **not** protect the environment or rural character to the Santa Ynez Valley and is contrary to everything Santa Barbara County has repeatedly stated in its filings with the federal government and in federal court.

The more than \$72,000.00 in political contributions received by Supervisor Williams from various tribes, including over \$26,000.00 from the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians, should be added to the Agenda for the Public Meeting set for October 3, 2017, and any hearing set thereafter, including any hearing set for October 17, 2017.

Please post this letter on the County's website for the upcoming hearings.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at BrianKramerLaw@aol.com or my office at 1230 Rosecrans Avenue, Suite 300, Manhattan Beach, California 90266, Tel. (310) 536-9501.

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