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Dear Supervisors of Santa Barbara County residents:

The headlines in the Santa Barbara Newspress read "County Deficit Projected at \$50 Million in 5 years" and yet you are capitulating to the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash in agreeing to have them compensate for County services in the amount of approximately \$178,000 a year. AND all parties agree that this "negotiated settlement" amount is a small token toward the real costs. If the population of Santa Barbara is expected to pay for the deficit we, the people, should have a voice. Put this a vote. A referendum.

I wonder, after learning about the 100 events allowed under this new Agreement, if the County figured into their real expenses these added events, the swell of population and traffic against our limited resources during those event times.

We have learned about the staggering number of events they will have within their tribal center on the CAMP 4 land. I can't imagine the effect on our traffic,

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roads services; the impact to the residents, especially along Rancho Estates Vista Linda and Baseline. But also, Hwy 154!

I wondered if the Environmental Impact Study that was so called "reviewed and approved" by the BIA considered this added use to our County roads, services, water?

This whole situation is a travesty. It is a "taking of personal property rights". The Santa Ynez Valley Plan, that took so long for residents and County officials to approve, is in place and was supposed to assure residents of a certain land use for current and future generations. What about all the people who have made life commitments in their decision to own property here in the Valley or especially along areas of the contiguous land to the Camp 4? The value of their properties will absolutely be impacted by this project.

Now, with this Agreement in front of the Board of Supervisors you are poised to abolish this land use plan in favor of less than 140 very privileged citizens.

This is not about today. It is about the domino effect on future generations of Santa Ynez Valley and Santa Barbara County residents. You are setting a dangerous precedent by rolling over because of the perceived threat of the proposed Federal Bill and the demands of the Chumash Band of Indians. Where does this stop?

You say you have no choice and this is the lessor of evils. No. Rolling over and doing something that is wrong is the NOT the right thing to do. You are betraying future generations of the Valley residents who chose to live here, to work here and to establish lives here because of a lifestyle the Valley supposedly was assured to offer. You are also encumbering future generations of ALL of Santa Barbara County residents with this bad deal.

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Do not betray us, the whole of Santa Barbara County.

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