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County of Santa Barbara
Dept. of Planning and Development
624 W Foster Road
Santa Maria, CA 93455

RE: ABC License for Chumash California Gas Station No. 3, LLC (“Gas Station”)
990 Edison Street, Santa Ynez, CA 93460

To Whom It May Concern:

In accordance with the provisions of Section 23958.4 of the Business & Professions Code, as adopted as Tribal law and administered by the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians (“Tribe” or “Chumash”) Tribal Business Council/Committee, we are pleased to submit the following approval in that the public convenience and necessity will be served and that the request is consistent with other applicants that have been approved throughout the county.

Location: The location has been a gas station for over ten (10) years. There have been no problems or prior violations at this location. This is a stand alone building with a convenience market, another building with a car wash and an outdoor gas station.

Business Purpose and Convenience: The Chumash Gas Station provides a variety of foods and beverages it does not sell beer and wine. Across Edison Street north of State Highway 246 are two markets that sell beer, wine and liquor but do not sell gasoline. Public convenience and necessity will be promoted when gasoline customers can also shop for food and alcoholic beverages at the same time and not have to make multiple stops.

Management: The Chumash will be the sole owner/manager of this business. The Gas Station is already managed as part of Chumash Enterprises. The Casino next door has a Type 47 license that prohibits the sale of packaged alcohol so the Gas Station would not compete with the Casino. Casino employees all undergo extensive procedural training in the areas of sale and presentation, customer identification, site security and premises boundaries and the proper handling of alcohol beverages. Gas Station employees will be included in such alcohol training.

Positive Impact to Community: The Chumash are committed to the community to provide a quality business that promotes a safe and comfortable environment.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Sam Cohen

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Government and Legal Specialist