

Alexander, Jacquelyne

From: RA <ra@avafunds.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 18, 2013 10:59 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Opposition to the proposed annexation of the Camp 4 into the Chumash Tribal lands

Dear SBCBOS,

I am a property owner in the Santa Ynez Valley and I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed annexation of the Camp 4 into the Chumash Tribal lands.

Sincerely,

Richard Avakian

Alexander, Jacquelyne

From: Richard&Pamela Harris <wine@calzadaridge.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 18, 2013 5:34 PM
To: SupervisorCarbajal
Cc: Wolf, Janet; Adam, Peter; Farr, Doreen; Lavagnino, Steve; sbcob
Subject: August 20th Meeting/SY Band of Chumash Indians

Dear Supervisor Carbajal,

I am writing regarding the upcoming meeting to discuss the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians (SY Band) continuing efforts to take 1,400 acres into federal trust.

It is clear that should any such acquisition happen, the fallout would affect our entire County, but I am curious why you are spearheading this discussion when the property at issue does not fall within your District.

As fee-to-trust is a federal issue, any "government to government" dialogue with the County would not only be meaningless, it would show preferential treatment in favor of the SY Band and discrimination to other property owners in the community.

As you know, placing land into trust denies our County or community any oversight with respect to future development.

Please consider my concerns, and do not support the opening of "government to government" dialogue with the SY Band.

Thank you,

Richard A. Harris
3001 Calzada Avenue
Santa Ynez CA 93460

Alexander, Jacquelyne

From: hiddenlakeranch@earthlink.net
Sent: Saturday, August 17, 2013 2:20 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: No government-to-government with Santa Ynez Mission Band of Chumash

August 17th, 20013

Dear Board of Supervisors,

As a resident of the Santa Ynez Valley and a home owner of 33 years on a property that backs up to the 1400 acres known as camp 4, I am making a request that you do not enter into a government-to-government discussion with the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians. My reasons have all been expressed by, The Board of Preservation of Los Olivos, The Santa Ynez Estates Mutual Water Company, and the Santa Ynez Concerned Citizens.

Respectfully,
Tom Cantella
1551 Linda Vista Dr.
Santa Ynez, CA

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From: hiddenlakeranch@earthlink.net
Sent: Saturday, August 17, 2013 2:27 PM
To: sbcob
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Respectfully,
Caryn Cantella
1551 Linda Vista Dr.
Santa Ynez, CA

Alexander, Jacquelyne

From: Daniel F. Gerber <dan@gerberfamily.us>
Sent: Saturday, August 17, 2013 10:00 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Copy of letters to supervisors regarding August 20 Meeting

August 17, 2013

Dear Supervisor,

I am writing regarding the discussion of the possibility of government to government dialogue between The Santa Ynez Band of Mission Chumash Indians and the government of Santa Barbara County. The Chumash have become wealthy people, possessing the exclusive gambling franchise between Los Angeles and San Francisco. We, the citizens of The Santa Ynez Valley, agreed, by vote, to grant them this right, and we do not begrudge them having it.

But participatory democracy is a matter of both give and take--giving taxes and receiving the benefits of the services those tax funds provide. Having attained a level of prosperity that is constantly growing, the Chumash are in a position to be full participants. They should be--and are--free to develop their 1,400 acre property, with the same rights and restrictions as any other citizen or group of citizens, through the processes and mechanisms the county provides, and also, to pay taxes on their property, just as you, I, and all the other citizens of the county do.

This is not a matter of hardship. That has been taken care of by the granting of their permit to operate a casino. And history has shown that wherever and whenever government operates on other than a level playing field, injustice will necessarily follow. If the Chumash were allowed to remove their 1,400 acres from the Santa Barbara County tax rolls and to develop it, free of any county restraints, it would alter the rural character of this valley which all of us who live here treasure.

The government of The Chumash Band seeks to paint anyone who opposes their actions and plans as prejudiced or anti-Indian, but this is not the case.

I offer fact that I have taught on over half-a-dozen reservations, including The Institute for Indian Arts--a federal school in Santa Fe, New Mexico, that I have been made an honorary member of The Pine Ridge Lakota Sioux and have been a generous contributor to The American Indian College Fund as evidence that I am sensitive to needs of Native Americans.

The Chumash are a wealthy people. I urge you to regard them as equal participants and not as a special interest group.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Dan Gerber

Alexander, Jacquelyne

From: linleebaum@aol.com
Sent: Sunday, August 18, 2013 12:34 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Fwd: Chumash Employees to Aug. 20 BOS Meeting

Just another awful ploy put on by the Chumash. I can't believe the Supervisors of Santa Barbara would not vote NO No No on any fee to trust

Did you know that the Chumash do not take unemployment out for their employees. It is something to check..... they can get away with just about anything if they pay their way for political purposes..

Check message below

-----Original Message-----

From: Auntie M <ffk9@aol.com>
To: Lindalee <linleebaum@aol.com>
Sent: Sun, Aug 18, 2013 12:20 pm
Subject: Fwd: Chumash Employees to Aug. 20 BOS Meeting

Cheers, M

Begin forwarded message:

From: Mike Hadley <mhadley@silcom.com>
Date: August 17, 2013, 6:01:35 PM GMT
To: MRA Ranches <mhadley@silcom.com>
Subject: Chumash Employees to Aug. 20 BOS Meeting

FYI – if you plan to attend the meeting you will have to get there early to get a seat. They did this in Santa Maria last time and had employees standing out in front with signs.

Information has been received from a Casino employee who informed us that all employees have received an email (on the casino internal email system) request to volunteer to be bused by the Chumash to the 8/20 BOS meeting. Employees being bused will be paid their full wages for their time spent on this effort.

Alexander, Jacquelyne

From: Mike Gordon <mgordon@brentwoodmgmt.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 18, 2013 8:16 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Camp 4

To Supervisors

I am pro development in the Santa Ynez Valley having just completed our new SY Kitchen.

The Chumash like all other residents must adhere to the rules and regulations we all are bound by. However it appears that their fee to trust request may afford them the opportunity to circumvent these procedures and therefore I am opposed to this potential transaction.

Michael Gordon
SY Kitchen

Sent from my iPad

Alexander, Jacquelyne

From: Pat Sullivan <highmeadow1@verizon.net>
Sent: Sunday, August 18, 2013 3:31 PM
To: SupervisorCarbajal; Wolf, Janet; Farr, Doreen; Lavagnino, Steve; Adam, Peter; sbcob
Subject: Chumash land

It is totally inappropriate for this land to become part of "the reservation". It is ag land, not residential. The "Tribe" is not interested in the goals of the General Plan which so many of us worked on for so many years.

You ALL should do everything in your power so keep this land from becoming part of "The Tribe"

Patricia Sullivan