



SANTA YNEZ VALLEY COALITION

January 31, 17

The Honorable Das Williams
The Honorable Joan Hartmann
Board of Supervisors
Santa Barbara County
105 East Anapamu Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Dear Supervisors Williams and Hartmann:

We are writing to express the views of the Santa Ynez Valley Coalition regarding the Board of Supervisors' Ad Hoc Committee regarding Santa Ynez Valley Band of Chumash Indian matters. We support the continuation of the Ad Hoc Committee in its work to seek workable solutions to address the Tribe's stated objectives of addressing the housing needs of its members and providing a Tribal center.

We actively support the consideration of a broad range of options to resolve these issues and we seek to make a positive contribution to the dialogue. We believe a solution needs to comply with County land use policies and account for economic and fiscal impacts. All parties to these discussions both contribute to and benefit from the values that make the Santa Ynez Valley such a special place.

In order to facilitate the work of the Ad-Hoc Committee, we support the County and Tribe commencing staff-to-staff discussions. The results of those discussions would be brought before the Ad Hoc Committee and shared with the public for consideration and comment. We understand that the Ad-Hoc Committee, once informed by both staff discussions and public comment, will develop recommendations for consideration and action by the Board of Supervisors. Continuing in this manner will continue to preserve transparency and allow for meaningful public participation of this important issue.

Thank you for consideration of our views.

Sincerely,

Mike Brady, spokesperson
for
Santa Ynez Valley Coalition