March 31, 2021

The Honorable Mike McGuire
Chair, Senate Governance and Finance Committee
State Capitol, Room 408
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: SB 712 (Hueso) - SUPPORT

Dear Senator McGuire:

I am writing on behalf of the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors to state our support for Senate Bill 712 (Hueso), which would extend the Governor’s Statement of Administrative Policy on Native American Ancestral Lands Policy to local governments and requires them to include the economic benefits the tribe has made to the County in which the subject property is located when responding to the Department of Interior’s request for comments on the tribe’s fee-to-trust acquisition application.

All governments, state and local, have a responsibility to aid in the statewide reparations efforts of Native peoples. By extending the Governor’s Policy to local governments, California will be better positioned to offer a true implementation of its stated commitment.

The Board of Supervisors adopted a 2021 Legislative Platform that includes the Tribal Gaming Compacts & Land Use plank under the Local Control principle, which specifically states that the County will support developing and continuing relations between local government and tribal organizations.

For these reasons, the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors is pleased to support SB 712. If you have questions about the Board’s position, please contact the County’s Legislative Coordinator, Jasmine McGinty at 805-568-3108 or jmcginty@countyofsb.org. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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