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September 7, 2016

County of Santa Barbara
Ad Hoc Subcommittee Regarding Santa Ynez Valley
Band of Chumash Indian Matters
c/o Mona Miyasato, County Executive Office
105 E. Anapamu
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Comments on Agenda for September 8, 2016
meeting

Dear Ms. Miyasato:

I am writing to register my comments on the above referenced agenda. I have previously commented on the Fee to Trust (FTT) aspects of the County's Term Sheet, specifically in a letter dated February 1, 2016, incorporated herein by reference.

I remain perplexed at the resistance to publishing a staff report on this significant and material change in the County's position. At the Board hearing of August 30, 2016, and in response to my testimony, Supervisor Farr "corrected" me in saying that there had been staff reports. This is not true. There was never a staff report explaining the County's abrupt and unexplained transition to FTT.

The reason staff reports are important is that they disclose to the public why a particular course of action is recommended. The County Ad Hoc Committee members frequently describe the process as "transparent", but without a staff report explaining the basis for the County's support of FTT it is impossible for the public to understand the County's position.

I call upon the County Ad Hoc Committee members, the CEO's office and the County Counsel's office to explain why this extraordinary step is being considered.

Sincerely,

M. Andriette Culbertson