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SENT VIA EMAIL

Reince Priebus
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January 27, 2017

Dear Mr. Priebus:

I am writing to inquire about the impacts of the *Memorandum for the Heads of Executive Departments and Agencies; Regulatory Freeze Pending Review* ("Memo") authored by you and issued from the White House on January 20, 2017. Specifically I would like clarification on the impacts of this memo on a recent fee-to-trust acquisition of 1,433 acres of land, known as "Camp 4", by the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians ("the Chumash Tribe") in Santa Barbara County, California.

I am Santa Barbara County's Third District Supervisor and the Camp 4 lands are within my district. The Chumash Tribe purchased the Camp 4 lands in 2010 and in 2013 filed an application to place these lands into Federal Trust. In December 2014, the Regional Director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) - Pacific Region issued a Notice of Decision accepting the land into trust – a decision that Santa Barbara County timely appealed to the Interior Board of Indian Appeals.

On January 19, 2017, less than 24 hours before the Trump Administration assumed office, the Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs for the BIA affirmed the BIA Pacific Regional Director's decision to take the Camp 4 land into trust, setting in motion the regulatory process to transfer these lands into federal trust.

I serve on an Ad Hoc Subcommittee of the Board of Supervisors that has been negotiating with the Chumash Tribe to find a local solution to provide the Chumash Tribe with housing, a tribal center and parking that they identified as the purpose of the trust application. In such a role, I am inquiring to ascertain whether your January 20th Memo has any bearing or impacts on the Camp 4 fee-to-trust acquisition.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joan Hartmann". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Joan Hartmann
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