Dear Friends,

The **Gabrielino Tribe** and our supporters need your help. We have arrived at a point in our tribal history where our financial situation merits our asking for your money. Our tribe's legal situation has taken a turn for the worse.

Last month our CEO, Jonathan Stein, was ordered to pay over \$560,000 in attorney fees and court costs to Richard Polanco (Los Angeles Superior Court Case BC361307). While we feel this is an outrageous mistake on the part of Judge Conrad Aragon and it is apparent that Mr. Stein can receive no justice in that courtroom (Mr. Stein has informed us that the Judge is biased because the Judge and Polanco are Hispanic), we see that eventually this amount will need to be paid.

Additionally, our Tribal Council has also suffered a **legal setback**. The Tribal Council lost their appeal in the San Diego court case (San Diego Superior Court Case 37–2007–00055441–CU–DF–NC). The 4th Appellate District Division 1 Court of Appeal (Case D052255) ruled against our Tribal Council on January 14th of this year. The defamation and libel ruling against our Tribal Council stands as is. This is yet another example of a miscarriage of justice, but, we must look ahead at what the cost of settlement will be. For this too will need to be paid.

So please look into your hearts (and wallets) and give generously to our **noble cause**. If at all possible please consider setting up a collection plate at your place of business or perhaps ask your friends and colleagues to visit our website Gabrielinotribe.org and browse (hopefully purchase) our authentic Gabrielino line of merchandise that includes tomahawks, sage bundles and baby blankets. Or better yet, come join us at our tribal gathering this month, April 25th 2009, at historic Elysian Park near downtown Los Angeles. Check our website for more details. Please don't forget to bring your checkbook.

So please contribute to our 2009 Tribal War Chest.

Thank you

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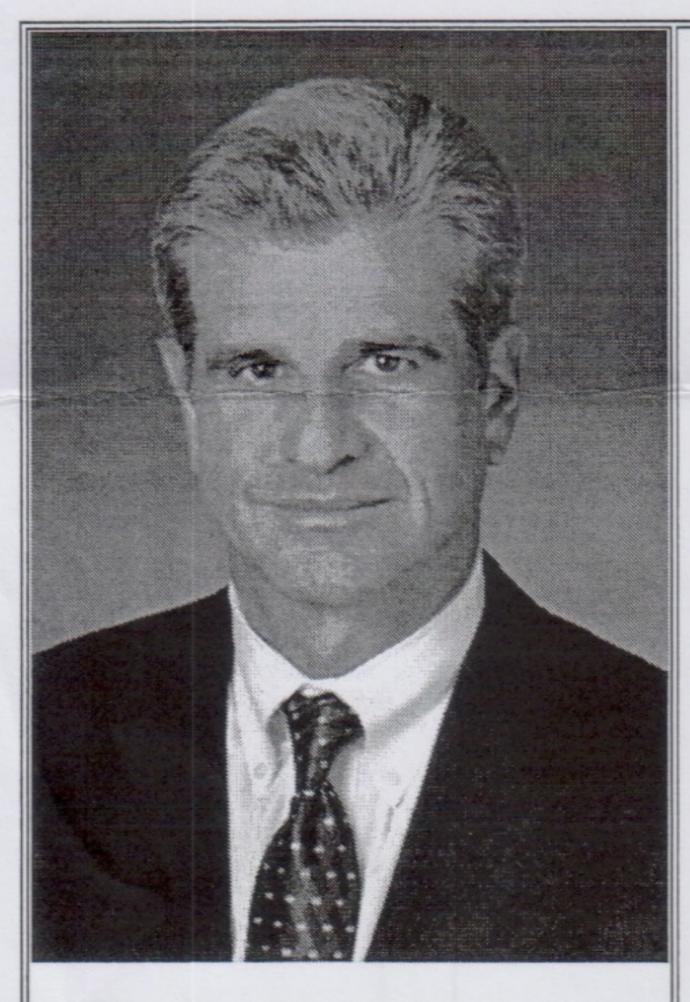
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Jonathan Stein

Admitted, California State Bar, 1986 to present. Admitted, New York State Bar, 1984 to present. Registered Lobbyist, California, 2006 to present

EDUCATION

University of Pennsylvania Law School, J.D., 1983, Penn Law Review and Wharton Business School courses in finance and accounting.

Harvard College, B.A. magna cum laude, Economics, 1979

Phillips Academy, Andover, MA, 1975

PAST ASSOCIATIONS

1988 Brobeck, Phleger & Harrison (LA) Large financial transactions.

1986-87 Hughes Hubbard & Reed (LA)
Securities litigation.

1983-85 Morgan, Lewis & Bockius (NYC). Large financial transactions.

Mr. Stein conducts a business practice emphasizing sophisticated trial work, capital raises and sensitive contractual negotiations, especially in the entertainment and gaming; industries.

Jonathan has won nine 7-figure litigations in the last 10 years. His overall record in litigated matters in the last 16 years is 47 wins and 5 losses.

Jonathan's reputation among judges and other senior lawyers in Los Angeles Superior Court (the nation's largest); his strong academic background and past associations with national law firms; and over 240 trial days before a judge and jury, lend stature and ease when handling diverse business litigations.

Jonathan has five aspects to his practice: business litigation, capital raises and gaming, entertainment contracts and litigation, lobbying activities, and work as outside general counsel.

BUSINESS LITIGATION

Jonathan often litigates against the largest firms. In 16 years, he has seldom been outmanned, in part because he limits his caseload in a manner that a large-firm partner cannot. Jonathan also has broad acquaintanceship with other litigators and associates willing to learn his lean, trial-oriented, and cost-effective approach.

Unlike the majority of business litigators, Jonathan relishes the opportunity to try a case before a jury, and values winning above all. His clients regularly spend less than half the money spent by less-focused opponents. His consistent focus on winning the case, rather than processing court papers, reduces the time to trial. Jonathan usually avoids unnecessary discovery battles whenever possible, on the theory that perhaps 20 documents win most jury trials.

Most of Jonathan's cases are 7-figure cases, with less than 10 litigation boxes of important documents. Mr. Stein's hourly rate in 2008 is \$460 per hour. This rate is designed to be 25% less than comparable rates charged by litigation partners at national or international law firms. Unlike these firms, there are no high fees charged by associate attorneys with lesser litigation skills, or foggy ideas of how to win the case. And unlike many of these partners, Jonathan is more than happy to try a case.

Mr. Stein emphasizes a direct and cost-effective approach to mediation and dispute resolution. A sense of strategic timing, the choice of a good mediator, and his personal reputation as someone who wins trials give Mr. Stein's clients the ability to settle cases on preferential terms.

CAPITAL RAISES AND GAMING

Jonathan was instrumental in raising a \$21-million casino development financing in 2006. He has also worked on several casino financings of larger or similar size. Jonathan maintains a broad acquaintanceship among several hundred executives and financiers at casino companies, investment banks, gaming device manufacturers and vendor companies.

For raising capital, Jonathan has extensive contacts among large investment banks, regional investment banks and boutique banks, as well as private equity funds, hedge funds and alternative investment funds. Mr. Stein's relationships are strongest in the real estate, gaming and leisure space. But these same relationships also provide access to other industry spaces served by the same banking institutions, investment companies

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Bernie Acuna was born with Gabrielino blood on both sides of his family in the city of Alhambra, on January, 4, 1949. Growing up he was a well mannered son, a strong and caring brother of six siblings, and over the years became an active father to four children. Through the years, Bernie's career led him to play an active role in sales management and

