

GABRIELINO-TONGVA TRIBE

A California Indian Tribe historically known as San Gabriel Band of Mission Indians

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Re: Tribal Elections Successful; Arrest Warrants Issued Against Former Tribal Councilmen

Dear Tribal Member:

We are pleased to report more progress in our return to normalcy and progress towards a casino.

Your New Council Is Duly Elected And Your New Constitution Is Ratified

Enclosed is the Talley Certification of the Spring 2007 election. It was a successful election, despite repeated letters from the former Councilmen urging members not to vote.

The election made official the transfer of authority from the former Tribal Councilmen, who embezzled \$900,000, to we five Tribal Council members. All of us were on the Financial Oversight Committee which tried to stop the embezzlement.

New elections for longer terms will be held in October 2007, open to all candidates.

The election also adopted and ratified the Tribe's Constitution. The Constitution makes your membership in the Tribe a property right, one you may defend like any other property right.

We held a well-attended member meeting in Elysian Park on April 21. The first 175 membership cards were handed out. Members waited patiently in a long, non-stop line from 11am until after 4pm, to have pictures taken, membership verified and cards issued.

Arrest Warrants Issued for Former Tribal Councilmen

Judge Biderman of the Los Angeles Superior Court issued arrest warrants for each of Sam Dunlap, Virginia Carmelo, Martin Alcala, Edgar Perez, Shirley Machado, Adam Loya, Sen. Richard Polanco and Elizabeth Aronson. Bail for each one was set at \$5,000. The court notice of issuance of the arrest warrants is enclosed.

In a separate law enforcement action, the Los Angeles County Sheriffs shut down their tribal headquarters on May 4. All of their business records, personal membership records of their members, all of their computers and all of their office files, are now in the possession of the Sheriffs. Pictures of the taw enforcement action are enclosed.

Tribal Council

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Hon. Linda Candelaria Hon. Suzanne Rodriguez Chief Executive Officer: Jonathan Stein, St. Monica Development Co., LLC Tribal Administrator: Barbara Garcia Both of these actions are the result of the March 21 court order to return \$812,500 of the \$900,000 embezzled from the Tribe. Evidence of what appears to be the exact day that the embezzlement occurred is also enclosed. Eight unidentified bank withdrawals totaling \$354,732 were made in one day, all signed by Elizabeth Aronson.

That day, November 8, was just five days after their termination of Mr. Stein took effect. And just 11 days before their November 19 meeting, where they told all of you they were innocent and Mr. Stein was somehow to blame.

More Progress In Sacramento

We on the Tribal Council, together with Mr. Stein, have met with 38 of 40 Senators, and with 41 of 80 Assemblymen (or their staff). We hope to meet each of the last 39 Assemblymen by June 15 and then submit new legislation to establish a Gabrielino State Indian Reservation.

While we are confident of our prospects in the City of Inglewood, three other cities have now inquired with Mr. Stein and the Tribal Council about hosting our Indian reservation and the Gabrielino Casino.

Upcoming Event: Elder Dinner At San Gabriel Mission

We are planning a dinner to celebrate summer and honor elders at the San Gabriel Mission. Expect a warm evening in the Mission courtyard, good food and awards honoring elders of the Tribe. Please call Barbara Garcia at the Tribal Offices if you are an elder, or if you would like to see an elder honored.

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