



August 24, 2009

Assemblymember Jared Huffman
Attn:
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Dear Assemblymember Huffman:

The Dehesa Valley Community Council, Inc is writing in support of your resolution that requests the Governor to consult with local affected governments **BEFORE** granting compacts, and **ONLY AFTER** land is in trust for the development of a tribal state compact.

We had this very situation when the Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation located in San Diego County applied for an Amended Compact, which stated "or as those boundaries thereafter may be adjusted to include approximately sixteen hundred (1600) acres that are contiguous to the existing Reservation boundaries.", property that was and is not in Trust. This Amended compact was signed by the Governor, signed by BIA and voted upon and approved by the citizens of California, only to have Sycuan refuse to sign the compact. Sycuan is now applying to have this 1600 acres plus approximately 400 (2,000 acres) more put in Trust.

Our community was against the Amended Compact because of the detrimental affect on the community and sub-region in the form of: increased traffic, crime, air, light and noise pollution, road wear and repair. It would decrease property values, emergency services, school safety, school bonding capacity, property taxes, to name a few of the effects of a casino has on a neighborhood. Citizens and county government should have a say in the approval of Gaming Compacts.

Thank you for your efforts relating to Indian gaming.

Sincerely,

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