

Honorable Dianne Feinstein  
United States Senator  
Attn: Devin Rhinerson  
Senate Hart Building 331  
Washington, D.C. 20510

April 26, 2011

Re: Support for Senate Bill "Tribal Gaming Eligibility Act"

Dear Senator Feinstein,

Save Our Communities (SOC) is a group of community citizens directly affected by a proposed Fee To Trust acquisition by the Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians for the purpose of gaming and erecting a multistory hotel/casino destination resort. This heavily commercial facility will be placed in the middle of a light residentially zoned community of mainly senior citizens and retirees.

This proposal will forever negatively change the tone of the community and the quality of its citizens. It will violate twenty of the City of San Jacinto's General Plan requirements. It will make our five communities jurisdictional islands surrounded by reservation land.

We support your proposed legislation which will add the necessary layer of protection to the land grab policy of tribes to move their casinos, or add a second casino, on land that was not part of the original reservation, thus jeopardizing the surrounding residents.

We support your efforts to tighten up rules to demonstrate the aboriginal connection to the land the tribe wishes to game on by requiring legal documentation to that land.

We, as residents directly affected by these types of proposals, need more power to influence the outcome of these applications. We can only rely on our elected officials for this guidance and protection.

Thank you for your continued interest and work in this area of tribal gaming.

Sincerely, Patricia Mayne - SOC

