

General Council of the Enterprise Rancheria:

This letter is to inform you of my deepest respect and admiration for Chairwoman Glenda Nelson and your tribal council. Their leadership and selfless consideration for people of the Enterprise Rancheria is undeniably admired by many.

It has been my pleasure to work with your Tribe over the past several years. I work hard on a daily basis with numerous Tribes throughout the state to protect Tribal Sovereignty and the right of Tribal Governments to pursue economic development through gaming to strengthen Native People and their communities.

I have personally accompanied your current Tribal Leaders, Glenda Nelson, Tribal Chair, Cindy Smith, Tribal Secretary, Armida Rosalez, Tribal Council Member, and Thomas Lozano, Tribal Council Member on many crusades ranging from local governments, state agencies and national offices in Washington, D.C. We worked together to continue the fight to preserve the sovereign rights of Native People. I am confident that their efforts in fighting for your Tribe's sovereignty and economic development would make you proud. I must say they have been at the fore front in many meetings representing Enterprise Rancheria and making it known that this Tribe is strong and will continue to fight for the rights of all Native People.

I understand you have a Tribal Election taking place this January. I feel it is imperative for the General Council of Enterprise Rancheria to re-elect Glenda Nelson, Tribal Chair, Cindy Smith, Tribal Secretary, Armida Rosalez, Tribal Council Member, and Thomas Lozano, Tribal Council Member. Your Tribal Chair, Glenda Nelson, has developed many personal relationships with key state and federal political officials that has severely strengthened your Tribes recognition and influence. The importance of these relationships can not be understated and should not be lost. These current Tribal Council Members are the only ones that can offer them to your Tribe at this given time. I must say it takes years to develop the political relationships they currently possess.

I understand the importance of a strong and steady revenue flow to Tribes and the magnitude of difference this brings to Tribal Programs and the quality of life to Tribal Citizens. Your Tribes gaming project has made significant progress due to the efforts of these Tribal Council Members and I feel not reelecting these Tribal Leaders from could significantly and negatively affect this progress. Furthermore, your Tribe has begun to take a leadership role in the State of California, many times spearheading the fight for Tribal rights. The loss of these influential Tribal Leaders would not only be detrimental to your Tribe but would be a great loss to many Tribes throughout the State.

I respect and appreciate your audience regarding this important matter and certainly welcome any questions you may have.

Please feel free to call me at (916) 230-1272 or email me at [indianadvocate@yahoo.com](mailto:indianadvocate@yahoo.com) if I can be of further assistance.

Wishing you and the tribe all the best.

Sincerely,  
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