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Ms. Amy Dutschke
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DEIS Scoping Comments,
Manzanita Band of Kumeyaay Indians
60.8 acre fee-to-trust Casino Project
Calexico, California.

Dear Ms. Dutschke:

As the County Supervisor who represents Calexico, I am stating my support for the proposed 60.8 acre fee-to-trust transfer and casino project by the Manzanita Band of Kumeyaay Indians.

The Manzanita Band had placed a referendum on the ballot in 2005 asking the citizens of my community if they supported a casino. That referendum passed and the City of Calexico negotiated and adopted a Memorandum of Understanding with the tribe in 2006.

Experience with constituents in my District continues to show overwhelming support for the casino which would provide much needed jobs and an economic stimulus to the entire County. A County, by the way, that has the highest rate of unemployment and the lowest per capita income in the state of California.

Sincerely,



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