

August 8, 2004

Tribal Council  
Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria  
32 Bear River Drive  
Loleta, Ca 95551

RE: CASINO PROJECT

My name is Lou Costa, I live along one of the narrowest and ~~sharpest~~ curves on Singley Road. I've witnessed ~~three~~ accidents at this curve and have seen the damage from ~~two~~ other accidents at the curve above the Calkins residence. I have witnessed many more near accidents at these curves and at blind spots along this narrow winding road. It is especially dangerous where Singley Road intersects the freeway onramp/offramps at the bottom of the hill, and this has been the scene of numerous accidents.

Several of the above accidents were alcohol related. There may be no way of preventing some people from drinking and driving, but opening up a bar on Singley Road will have its obvious consequences. The road can't safely handle speeding cars and careless drivers now, let alone handle the predicted volume of casino traffic.

I hope public safety is the number one priority of this project and that the Tribe takes seriously what the County and Caltrans require in the way of safety and road improvements, and does not dance around the issues like the author of your environmental evaluation. It is irrelevant that the Tribe or its investors are not willing to pay for these improvements, or believe that somebody else should deal with the problem. It is clearly your responsibility not to endanger public safety.

Sincerely,



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Cc: Greg Bergfeld, Region II Chief, National Indian Gaming Commission  
Mike Egan, System Planning Chief, Caltrans District 1  
Peter Siggins, Secretary of Legal Affairs, Office of the Governor  
Jimmy Smith, Humboldt County Supervisor 1st District  
Mike Thomson, Congressman 1st District  
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