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Karen Locken
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RE: File Number: 423392
First Owner: Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria
Business: Bear River Casino

Dear Ms. Locken:

I received notice that the Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria (Tribe) has applied for an Alcoholic Beverage License. The purpose of this letter is to express my objections to the Tribe's application.

The road that provides the single access to the casino site is very narrow and has a curved area that could be dangerous for a drinking driver. To date, the Tribe has received numerous requests to improve the road to accommodate the anticipated increase in traffic. To the best of my knowledge, the road was not designed to serve major facilities like the casino. In fact, current zoning would prohibit structures such as this. However, my concern is specific to the road and its ability to host significant numbers of vehicles. The added influence of alcohol could make the corridor very dangerous.

At this time, the application for the Bear River Band's casino should be denied. Thank you for your attention to this important safety issue.

Sincerely,

Jimmy Smith
1st District Supervisor

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