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Judge Arne Greenberg C/O John Peirce 3927 Lennane Drive, Suite 100 Sacramento, CA 95834 Fax: 916-419-2599

RE: Long-standing Singly Hills Homeowners Association

Dear Judge Greenberg:

Stand Up For California writes you today on behalf of Singly Hills Homeowners Association.

Stand Up For California is a statewide organization with a focus on gambling issues affecting California, including tribal gaming, card clubs and the state lottery. We have been involved in the ongoing debate of issues raised by tribal gaming and its impacts for nearly a decade. Since 1996, we have assisted individuals, community groups, elected officials, and members of law enforcement, local public entities and the State of California as respects to gaming impacts. We are recognized and act as a resource of information to local, state and federal policy makers. Stand Up For California is registered with the Secretary of State as non-profit charitable 501 (c) 4 and also enjoys federal tax exempt status under Internal Revenue Service code.

Singly Hills Homeowners Association has been a long-standing community group working with Stand Up For California since 1996.

- August 1996 participation in a rally on the Capitol Steps with 23 other community groups
- February 1997, participation by Suzi Fregeau at Stand Up For California's first statewide conference on gambling issues
- 1998, recognized by tribal leadership and invited to participate in non-binding arbitration addressing environmental issues
- 1998 Eric Cortez President, lead petitioner in the California Supreme Court Case which overturned Proposition 5, a measure that attempted to legalize slot machines statutorily.
- August 2000 a press event on the Capitol Steps asking Governor Davis to initiate the arbitration process in the environmental framework of the tribal state compact due to abuses by tribes in the development of tribal casinos. Also that day, met with 23 other like groups in the Attorney Generals Office to discuss the environmental abuses.
- March of 2004, Singley Hills Association representative Noel Krahforst participated in a press event on the Capitol Steps with Stand Up For California, California State Association of Counties, California State Sheriffs Association, Sierra Club and California Taxpayers Association. These group representatives then met with the Governor's

Secretary of Legal Affairs and Department of Justice Indian Law Attorneys presenting the issues that are a priority in each community.

The Singly Hills Homeowner Association has been recognized by high-ranking State Officials, local government and the public as a Homeowners Association sincere in its efforts to preserve the character of their community and quality of life. This Association clearly understands the need to balance the rights of the non-tribal community with the rights of federally recognized tribal governments. The Association chooses to work as one voice with a focused message.

Please give serious and grave consideration to the concerns raised by Singly Hills Homeowner Association. Your final ruling will significantly impact the lives of each man, woman and child in this Association.

Sincerely,

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