

Bureau of Indian Affairs
Pacific Regional Office
2800 Cottage Way
Sacramento, California 95825

January 24, 2012

Re: Notice of (Gaming) Land Acquisition Application of the Soboba
Band of Luiseno Indians

Dear Ms. Dutschke,

Save Our Communities (SOC) represents some residents of the communities encompassed by the Horseshoe Grande property. We will feel an immediate and irreversible impact by the removal of this property from the tax rolls and city/county zoning and ordinances.

Our City of San Jacinto will lose about 13% of the property tax revenue, approximately \$40,000 per year. The City of Hemet, that services the existing reservation and will service the new trust lands, will also lose tax dollars. These losses will affect the municipal services to our residential communities.

The loss of tax revenue and special assessment tax on the golf course and the Soboba Country Club will also impact our city and therefore its citizens.

The Horseshoe Grande property is zoned light residential and agricultural. The intended use of a large commercial gaming/hotel enterprise on land zoned for residential use is inconsistent with the General Plan of the City and County.

Surrounding restaurants, convenience stores and gas stations will lose business due to the reduced prices of cigarettes and gas in an Indian owned establishment. Theaters will lose money as entertainment dollars may be used at the events center. The one hotel in San Jacinto will most likely lose patrons that may stay in the casino hotel. Many of these businesses have been in the area for a long time and have a local supportive clientele.

The public has the right to "that portion of land lying within street, roads or highways (page 18). Access to the project is through two, narrow and winding two lane roads ill-equipped to handle 23,000 cars, busses and delivery trucks per day. The overcrowding and safety issues will affect our communities in our ability to come and go from our homes.

The Tribal fire station, waste water treatment plant and gas station would create sirens, odors, lights and noise issues at all times of day and night, especially for the Mobile Home Park and its elderly residents.

The Events Center would be in close proximity to the elderly residents of the Soboba Springs Mobile Home Park with traffic and noise issues past the City's 10 pm noise ordinance.

Existing views of the surrounding mountains would be obliterated by the 7 story hotel and the 3 story parking garage which would create car noise, horns, car alarms, headlights and security lights that will disturb our community residents.

The sewer facilities will be located directly over an aquifer that is located at the corner of Lake Park and Soboba Road. This may affect the quality of our city water.

The project is on a fault zone and in danger of flooding. This would affect our community in municipal services rendered in the case of a flood or earthquake.

SOC does not agree with this commercial establishment in a residential neighborhood. Alternative locations have been suggested with less conflicts and better access.

Sincerely,

Save Our Communities
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