



**RON ROBERTS**  
SUPERVISOR, FOURTH DISTRICT  
SAN DIEGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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Mr. Dale Morris, Director  
U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs, Pacific Region  
2800 Cottage Way, Room W-2820  
Sacramento, CA 92825-1846

Dear Mr. Morris:

As you know, the Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation, a federally recognized Indian Tribe, has filed an application with the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) to take into trust land (the Sycuan Property) that was a part of its aboriginal territory.

As you are well aware, transferring land into trust can have negative impacts to local jurisdictions. Some of these impacts include the loss of property tax, sales tax and hotel tax revenue, as well as the loss of County control over land use matters. While these are major concerns for me as a County Supervisor, I would support the Tribe's request if the Tribe would enter into a legally binding agreement with the County regarding these issues prior to any approval by the BIA.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue. If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ron Roberts".

RON ROBERTS  
Supervisor, Fourth District  
San Diego County Board of Supervisors