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Mrs. Pat Riggs Dehesa Valley Community Council

Dear Pat:

Since the sole purpose of the Dehesa Valley Community Council seems to be to inform residents about the proposed amended Sycuan Tribal Gaming Compact, I am writing to you to once again urge that you and your organization make an effort to provide residents with factual and truthful information. Representatives from the Sycuan tribe attended the presentation by Cheryl Schmit to the Dehesa Valley Community Council on February 5 and we were concerned by the misleading and inaccurate information provided to the public.

Overall the Schmit presentation was a fairly complete overview of the key provisions of the amended compact as approved by the Governor. There were however, several areas, where Ms. Schmit provided incomplete and in our view misleading information about certain provisions of the compact. We will be providing you and your organization with our response to her summary chart as it pertains to compact provisions in the near future. We hope that you will provide our clarification of the compact provisions to the membership of your group so that they can receive a more complete picture of the compact proposal. Also, as we have offered in the past, our representative, Adam Day, is available to make a presentation similar to that made by Ms. Schmit, which would give your members the opportunity to hear both sides of this matter.

We believe that it is critical for everyone involved in reviewing this matter (the public, government officials and Sycuan officials) be committed to provide accurate and truthful information to the public about key facts related to this issue. In that regard, we were disappointed to hear your closing remarks at the February 5th meeting regarding the costs for improvements to Dehesa Road. In your remarks you inaccurately stated as a fact that the County of San Diego identified \$21 million for improvements to Dehesa Road, and that Sycuan only spent \$3 million of that figure. Following that comment you told the audience that "we the taxpayers paid the balance." This statement is completely false and does a serious disservice to the residents of Dehesa Valley by misleading them to believe that Sycuan has placed a burden on local taxpayers.

Here are the real facts about the Dehesa Road improvements. The County Report which you referenced identified a potential total of \$21 million for improvements on Dehesa Road at some point in the future. These costs may in fact be for deficiencies that predate the opening of Sycuan's casino. The County's report went on to state that Sycuan's proportionate share would be \$3 million. Since that Report was issued, the County has spent no taxpayer funds on road improvements except splitting the cost with Sycuan for the turn-pocket near the school. The only governmental entity which has spent significant dollars on improving Dehesa Road is the Sycuan tribe. Those contributions for road improvements from Sycuan totaled approximately \$3 million. And in fact additional expenditures by the Tribe in partnership with the County may very well be forthcoming. Therefore, your comments served no purpose but to inflame a negative sentiment against Sycuan for not paying its fair share of local road improvements which may have been your intention.

If you agree that providing factual information is essential and the right thing to do, we request that you rescind your comments about the costs to taxpayers for Dehesa Road improvements which you made at the February 5 meeting. We ask that you do so in writing in the minutes of the meeting that are distributed to your members and issue a retraction to your statements at the next meeting of the Dehesa Valley Community Council. As we move forward with future community discussions about the amended compact and other issues related to Sycuan, we will maintain our commitment to providing the truth about tribal projects to the community. We can only hope that the Dehesa Valley Community Council will make the same commitment to provide truthful statements about Sycuan as we move forward.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Daniel J. Tucker Tribal Chairman