



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

November 22, 2019

Via Electronic Mail

Cheryl A. Schmit
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RE: Public Records Act Request

Dear Ms. Schmit:

This letter is in response to your correspondence received November 14, 2019 requesting “copies of any and all letters from the Governor’s Office or Governor’s Attorneys written on his behalf, and letters from county, city or federal officials that may have been copied to the Governor, specifically related to the reply to BIA’s request regarding the Tule River Indian Tribe application to conduct gaming Off-Reservation near the town of Porterville, Tulare County, CA”.

Although we have identified records responsive to your request, those records are exempt from disclosure under the Public Records Act. In particular, those records are exempt from disclosure because they are “[c]orrespondence of and to the Governor or employees of the Governor’s office or in the custody of or maintained by the Governor’s Legal Affairs Secretary” (Gov. Code, § 6254(l)), because they were acquired in confidence and there is a compelling need to preserve their confidentiality (Gov. Code, § 6254(k); Evid. Code, § 1040), and because they reveal the deliberative processes of the Governor and his Administration (Gov. Code, § 6255; *Times Mirror Co. v. Superior Court* (1991) 53 Cal.3d 1325).

Thank you for contacting Governor Newsom’s office.

Sincerely,

MATTHEW LEE
Deputy Legal Affairs Secretary