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Dear Valley Residents,

Below is an important letter from Doreen explaining recent developments in the state legislature concerning fee to trust acquisitions.

Dear Constituent,

It came to my attention yesterday evening that a bill in the California Legislature, SB 162, had just been drastically changed and could have serious implications for our County. SB 162 is authored by State Senators Anderson (R) and Wyland (R) and Assembly Member Garrick (R) all of San Diego County who did what is known as a "gut and amend" to the bill. Originally, the bill had to do with card rooms in Los Angeles. It had been approved by the State Senate and then sat in the State Assembly for over a year with no activity. Then this week, the bill was changed and new language added to prohibit the State of California from opposing tribal fee-to-trust applications to the federal government.

This new version of the bill has not been heard in its latest form by any policy or fiscal committees or on the floor of the Assembly. So now it must be approved by the Assembly Governance Organization committee and the Appropriations committee and then be approved by the entire Assembly. If it is approved there, it must go back to the Senate again to have the amended version of SB162 approved also before being sent to the Governor for his signature. This entire process must occur between now and August 31st for the bill to become law as the Governor must sign it by midnight on that date. If the bill is not signed by then, it fails and the authors would have to start all over again.

The authors of the bill claim the "gut and amend" was done in response to something that occurred to a tribe in San Diego county which they represent. However, clearly, if signed into law, this bill would have enormous impacts across the state in any county where tribes are interested in acquiring more land through the fee to trust process. In effect, it would silence all the constitutional officers of our State government, including the Governor, from opposing any fee to trust application to the federal government anywhere in the state, including the proposed application by the Chumash tribe for the 1,400 acres known as "Camp 4" in the Santa Ynez Valley.

Furthermore, the way in which this bill was totally altered so late in the process suggests to me a "stealth maneuver" to avoid public scrutiny and comment. That, coupled with the fact that this bill will now need to be rushed through the process during the summer months when many people are gone on vacation in order to have a chance of being signed by August 31st, is something that I find quite objectionable.

My office has already communicated with both our Assembly and Senate representatives, Das Williams and Tony Strickland, and have asked them to strongly oppose this bill. I will also be writing to the members of the Assembly Governance Organization Committee and ask them to stop this bill in its tracks. If you have any questions or concerns about this issue or also oppose SB162, I would strongly encourage you to communicate with our representatives as well. For your convenience I have listed the contact information for them below.

As always, I welcome your comments on this and any other issue to do with County government and will

continue to keep you informed as I learn more about the progress of SB162.

Sincerely,

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