



No dealing on Camp 4

6 HOURS AGO • [CAROL HERRERA BOARD MEMBER SANTA YNEZ VALLEY CONCERNED CITIZENS](#)

Santa Ynez Valley Concerned Citizens represents approximately 1,000 households and is adamantly opposed to any negotiation or discussion between the Board of Supervisors and the Chumash concerning fee-to-trust/land annexation or development of the 1,400-acre Camp 4 property, regardless of the stated intentions for use.

The tribe is a private landowner as it relates to Camp 4. There is no tribal government status or element of sovereignty on these properties. By engaging in a government-to-government dialog, absent a BIA process, the Board of Supervisors would effectively and illegally infer governmental authority to the tribe.

Any future development of Camp 4 is unambiguously settled in the Santa Ynez Valley Community Plan, the official county government-sanctioned blueprint for development in our Valley, and it reflects the inputs, objectives and desires of Valley residents, taxpayers, businesses and government.

The board does not possess the authority to grant fee-to-trust transfer. It is obvious the intent of tribal leadership in initiating a supposed government-to-government dialog regarding Camp 4 is to facilitate a legislative process for placing the Camp 4 property in trust. This is unacceptable to Concerned Citizens and our broader community.

We recognize the sovereignty of the tribe as it pertains to its existing reservation. We are concerned at the prospects of increased size, power and financial clout of this unelected government within our county, and its inherent conflicts with our existing land-use laws and government.

We urge the Board of Supervisors to oppose the transfer of Camp 4 from county jurisdiction. There is no compelling reason whatsoever for the county to relinquish its property and tax base.