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[1]01:00:09

MALE

...from our district, and it would exclude Williamson contract and land owned by the state and federal government from the inventory of land suitable for residential development, and thereby make proportional reductions in the housing allocation based on the total number of acres. So for those who would like to see change, they should contact all their state representatives, the governor and anybody else to support AB 1019 and AB 1497.

[1]01:00:46

MALE

Mister...

[1]01:00:46

BROOKS FIRESTONE

Thank you very much. And just to add a comment, I hope that those who are concerned about the housing element and about the imposition of the state mandates realize that this board is working very hard to try and mitigate that, and it looks like we're having at least a little bit of success. Mr. Carbajal.

[1]01:01:06

SALUD CARBAJAL

Mr. Chair, I don't know if this is appropriate. Mr. Stark, I'm gonna need your help. I'd like us to move today or bring back to the board some kind of resolution that reemphasizes these two points so that we could send to legislators, everybody we could possibly get a hold of, so I don't know if we could do that right now or we have to bring it back.

[1]01:01:29

MALE

Well, since you have referenced the specific bill language, then you'd probably want to draft a letter for maximum effect. It's not on the agenda, it's public comment, so you ought to direct that it be placed...

[1]01:01:40

SALUD CARBAJAL

Can we do that?

[1]01:01:40

MALE

...appropriate board letter be placed on a future agenda.

[1]01:01:43

BROOKS FIRESTONE

Very well. I think an official...

[1]01:01:45

JONI GRAY

Yeah, I'd love to make the motion, because I've been up there...

[1]01:01:47

SALUD CARBAJAL

I'll second that.

[1]01:01:48

JONI GRAY

...banging around, so that would be great. Thank you, Supervisor Carbajal.

[1]01:01:50

BROOKS FIRESTONE

Very well. And the motion is to agendize a, some kind of a letter supporting these two bills.

[1]01:01:56

MALE

(OVERLAPPING) My...

[1]01:01:56

FEMALE

Resolution.

[1]01:01:57

BROOKS FIRESTONE

In a resolution (UNINTELLIGIBLE) .

[1]01:01:58

MALE

Yes, and that would be, by implication, directing the staff to draft such a resolution and place it on the board's agenda.

[1]01:02:04

BROOKS FIRESTONE

(OVERLAPPING) Very well. All in favor?

[1]01:02:05

GROUP

Aye.

[1]01:02:06

BROOKS FIRESTONE

Unanimous. Thank you very much.

[1]01:02:07

SALUD CARBAJAL

(OVERLAPPING) Mr. Chair, I also have a little bit of comment on this. I've, can somebody tell me Mr. Nielo's (SP?) party... (TECHNICAL)

[1]01:02:17

SALUD CARBAJAL (CONTINUED)

...a leadership role on this legislation.

[1]01:02:19

BROOKS FIRESTONE

Thank you. Particularly 1497, I would think, would be very appropriate. Very well. Mr. Centeno? Oh, on the subject?

[1]01:02:30

JANET WOLF

(UNINTELLIGIBLE)

[1]01:02:31

BROOKS FIRESTONE

This is a new subject, if you want to finish.

[1]01:02:32

JANET WOLF

I was just gonna report on my activities, so...

[1]01:02:35

BROOKS FIRESTONE

Oh, very well. Mr. Centeno, (UNINTELLIGIBLE) .

[1]01:02:37

JOSEPH CENTANO

Thank you, Mr. Chair. You know, I just felt compelled to bring this to the board and to read it to members of the public, because I was going to do it when the board agenda item came up, and I'm going to do it now, and I may do it again when the board agenda item comes up, that's item number four, as I'm sure there's going to be some folks here leaving shortly, and I wanted everybody to thoroughly understand and appreciate the kinds of things that we, the members of the board, get from members of the public on a litany of different items.

[1]01:03:11

JOSEPH CENTANO (CONTINUED)

And I'm gonna read this. This is an email that was sent, I think, maybe to all members of the board. And it says, subject is casino. You are an embarrassment to the county of Santa Barbara. It is so obvious that you are in the pocket of Indians. That is laughable. Why are you against the local community having a voice in what happens in our neighborhood? Could it be that you have taken so much in bribes that you cannot speak freely?

[1]01:03:42

JOSEPH CENTANO (CONTINUED)

This is not a question but a statement. You should surprise everyone and vote in favor of the community that you represent, not just the anti-Americans that pay you off. I find that so, that's an indignation, that's just as abomination for someone to send to the board that kind of an email. And I'm sure that it does not reflect the sentiments of most of the people who live in the Santa Ynez Valley, the most decent, hardworking people who are passionate about their community.

[1]01:04:14

JOSEPH CENTANO (CONTINUED)

But for someone to send this trash to the members of the board in hopes that we will then accommodate this individual in trying to vote the way he wants is, in my estimation, a disgrace. And it's really an insult to the hardworking members of this board. And so I just wanted to share that with you. I'm not gonna comment any further on it in terms of my feelings about an individual who would send something like this, but I think you people ought to know the kinds of stuff that we get when there's a passionate issue out there.

[1]01:04:54

JOSEPH CENTANO (CONTINUED)

But we ought to get together and try to be more accommodating. We ought to get together and deal with these issues with some measure of integrity and decency and civility. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

[1]01:05:08

BROOKS FIRESTONE

Thank you, Mr. Centeno. Supervisor Wolf?

[1]01:05:13

JANET WOLF

I just wanted to report on my activities over the last week. I... (TECHNICAL)

[1]01:05:19

JANET WOLF (CONTINUED)

...I worry. The other piece had to do with issues in, that had happened in the 2nd District regarding the pesticide spraying and notification. And Mr. Nava (SP?) had been aware of these things, so we talked about that. And then the second night, I met with Mr. Berg (SP?) about other legislative issues. I wasn't going to bring this up, but this was a new board member training, and, you know, one of, this didn't come out, but I have to respond to Mr. Centeno's remarks.

[1]01:05:53

JANET WOLF (CONTINUED)

Because as a school board member and as a board member, I think part of the responsibility that we have is to take the positives and the negatives, so if I get a negative email, I take it with the good. And I feel that people are free to express themselves to me as a board member, as unseemly as some of the emails may be. That is my responsibility, is to accept them and then process them as I see fit. Thank you.

[1]01:06:26

BROOKS FIRESTONE

Thank you very much, and I certainly second positive emails if anybody wants to send them. I think we'd all appreciate that. (LAUGH) Anything else? Very well. Our first public speaker is Gwen Mickleson, (SP?) please, to be followed by Sister Corcoran. (SP?) Gwen Mickleson, yes, please. (TECHNICAL)

[1]01:06:46

BROOKS FIRESTONE (CONTINUED)

...very much, Mr. Mare. (SP?) Dr. Johns, (SP?) please, to be followed by Andy Caldwell.

[1]01:06:55

DR. ROBERT O. JOHNS

Good morning, supervisor, Mr. Chairman and the supervisors. I too am disgust (sic) this morning, Supervisor Centeno. I too, you see, I've been discriminated by the county when I applied for a job at alcohol, drug and mental health. (sic) I was discriminated against. And so I'm disgusted. I feel disgusted just as you feel disgusted about the email that you received. Now, sir, this is America. This is a democracy, and people get a, like you say, emotional and upset by their issues that they have, just like I'm emotional when I'm upset and I'm disgusted, sir.

[1]01:07:32

DR. ROBERT O. JOHNS (CONTINUED)

You are a public citizen. You are a public servant, sir. And that means that you're supposed to take that type of issue. That's what they pay you for. I suggest, Supervisor Centeno, that you return that. Do not throw that email away. You should write that disgusted person a email and explain to him what you feel is the issues here. That's what I suggest, sir. And I think your discussion is a part of your reaction, your reactionary conservative point of view.

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DR. ROBERT O. JOHNS (CONTINUED)

We all take a little bit. I'm, look at the crap I'm taking from you because I can't be hired as a clinical psychologist. That's why. So I'm disgusted also, sir. You know, and with the issues that are going on in this county, what issues are, there are just so much scam and, there's more scam coming. More scam coming. That's all I have to say today. I didn't even finish-up my three minutes, 'cause I'm disgusted. Thank you, gentlemen.

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BROOKS FIRESTONE

Thank you very much, Dr. Johns. Mr. Caldwell, please, to be followed by George Alvarez, our last speaker.

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ANDY CALDWELL

Chairman Firestone, members of the board, I'm Andy Caldwell, representing COLAB. I can basically agree with what, Supervisor Wolf's response to Joe Centeno about you guys are up there, and you have to take the good, the bad and the ugly. But I believe that this email by Tom Clery (SP?) clearly went over a line, 'cause he accused you supervisors of breaking the law. He accused them of breaking the law, of taking bribes.

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ANDY CALDWELL (CONTINUED)

I don't think you should stand for that. I think that at a minimum, I think this guy should be sued for libel, at a minimum. I think you should find out whether the district attorney would be able to get involved in this. He accused board members of breaking the law and taking bribes. Specifically, it says, could it be that you have taken so much in bribes that you cannot speak freely? This is not a question but a statement.

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ANDY CALDWELL (CONTINUED)

I don't think any of you need to stand for this. (CLEARS THROAT) God knows and you know that I've been a harsh critic of some board members over the years. I've never accused anybody of taking a bribe on this board in the 16 years I've been with COLAB, because we have disagreements on politics and policy, but I've never impugned the character, the integrity of anybody on such an issue as like this.

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ANDY CALDWELL (CONTINUED)

And I have to say something to the members of Polo And Posie. (SP?) They may want to distance themselves from this guy, and maybe they can to some degree, but a few years ago they put out a video

that reiterated some of these same things. They took a video at the COLAB annual dinner and tried to imply that I was a paid spokesman for the tribe and that Joe Centeno was in our pocket. Same spirit as this email.

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ANDY CALDWELL (CONTINUED)

And I want to go on record that I'm not a paid spokesman for the tribe. They are a member of COLAB. They sit on our board. But, for instance, when the Fess Parker project came up, we decided not to take a stand on that because we could not support it. The 6.95 acres, we did. We don't know if we would support expanding gaming or not. We'll wait until there's actually a proposal to do it. I would guess we probably wouldn't.

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ANDY CALDWELL (CONTINUED)

But, that this unfortunate rhetoric in this email, plus in their video, does not give them any support throughout the rest of the county, because it's insulting, it's a disgrace, it's inflammatory. And calling the Chumash Indians anti-American? You know, a few years ago your board would have called out the Human Relations Commission on that one. But I guess that's okay in today's, I guess it's okay for folks from Santa Ynez to say whatever the hell they want.

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ANDY CALDWELL (CONTINUED)

But I do not think you should just take this as another comment and slough it off, because they accuse at least one board member, and I think more than one, of illegal activity. I think that demands a response, and I hope that Polo And Posie distance themselves from this guy when they come up later. Thank you.

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BROOKS FIRESTONE

Thank you very much, Mr. Caldwell. Mr. Alvarez, please. George Alvarez. Last speaker.

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GEORGE ALVAREZ

The First Amendment, one of the best amendments ever written in the Constitution of the United States. Yes, you will have to take the heat. You're politicians. God doesn't like politicians. Remember Pontius Pilate? He's on his own. Politicians unfortunately have a bad reputation of distinction. Not all of you are crooks, not all of you deal in graft. Unfortunately, if you read the papers lately, in their governments they do. (sic) What happened to the \$14 billion, 660-something tons of American currency that was shipped to Iraq and disappeared? No one got hung on that issue.

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GEORGE ALVAREZ (CONTINUED)

So that leaves a, kind of a questionable doubt is, who took the money? And it filters down, all the way down to local municipalities and whatnot. I'm the type of guy, when I come here, I tell it to your face. That's the way it should be. If I have a problem with any of you, I will come and tell you to your face. Why? Because that's my God-given right as an American citizen. We all, we're not gonna get hung yet for that. God knows some of our politicians are working on it as we speak.

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GEORGE ALVAREZ (CONTINUED)

I respect Mr. Centeno's position in not mentioning the person who sent you the email, sir. That's dignity and respect. That's the character that you are, and I have a lot of respect for you, Joe, and you know that. All right? I do not like name-bashing. It was brought up before. If we have problems, do not bring up names. Mr. Firestone, remember that situation? We got caught up with individuals in the, not in the public arena but in the public sector? But that's not my issue. But I do love the First Amendment. My issue basically is we have so much crime in Santa Maria... (TECHNICAL)

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BROOKS FIRESTONE

Thank you, Mr. Levy, I mean, Mr. Alvarez. (LAUGH)

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GEORGE ALVAREZ

Thank you. I think (UNINTELLIGIBLE) .

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JONI GRAY

Could I say something?

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BROOKS FIRESTONE

Oh, Supervisor Gray.

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JONI GRAY

Thank you, Supervisor Firestone. Sometimes public comment kind of sets the way the day goes, so I'm sitting here trying to think of something nice to say, because everybody's in such a bad mood today. So I'm gonna say it was a, we really did a good job in getting money for both ends of the county, Supervisor Wolf talked about it, in the Measure 1B and 1A so that the river bridge will be widened and Mussel Sholes will get some money. So I think that's a happy thing, and I really love working with all four of you. You're good, fine folks.

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BROOKS FIRESTONE

(LAUGH) Well, thank you very much for both good news. (SIC) Shall we move to department agenda? Item one, please.

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FEMALE

Supervisor Firestone, members of the board, item number one comes from Fire. It's a hearing to...
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FEMALE (CONTINUED)

Mr. Centeno?

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JOSEPH CENTANO

Aye.

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FEMALE

Mr. Carbajal?

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SALUD CARBAJAL

Aye.

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FEMALE

Ms. Wolf?

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JANET WOLF

Aye.

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FEMALE

Ms. Gray?

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JONI GRAY

Aye.

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FEMALE

Mr. Firestone.

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BROOKS FIRESTONE

Aye.

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FEMALE

(UNINTELLIGIBLE)

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BROOKS FIRESTONE

Thank you very much. Item number two, please. I wonder if we should take a break. This is gonna be a while, isn't it?

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FEMALE

You know, this is gonna be (UNINTELLIGIBLE) .

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BROOKS FIRESTONE

Yes. Why don't we take a brief break, as much as this is a larger item. We'll be back easily within five minutes, if not before. Thank you very much. (TECHNICAL)

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FEMALE

Chairman Firestone, members of the board, we have an addendum to the agenda, which is this item. It is amended to read, and it comes from Supervisor Firestone's office, consider recommendations regarding actions by Santa Barbara County to address the potential impacts of expanded gaming.

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BROOKS FIRESTONE

Very well. This does come from my office, and I'd like to speak to it for a moment. (CLEARS THROAT) This has to do with the possibility of the expansion of the tribal gaming in the Santa Ynez Valley. I think my fellow supervisors are aware this is the largest enterprise in the Santa Ynez Valley. It has a very significant impact on the valley. The impact runs through every possible impact, the environmental impact, traffic impact, public safety impacts.

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BROOKS FIRESTONE (CONTINUED)

And it's a significant, significant, the most significant item in the valley. It has come to the attention of the county through news stories and through various discussions from the governor that there are discussions underway with other tribes, and very likely the Chumash tribe, regarding the expansion of this, possibly exceeding doubling the impact right now. The county has asked that they participate in the, these negotiations.

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BROOKS FIRESTONE (CONTINUED)

They want to be heard, and that's entirely reasonable. This is a community. It has a significant impact, and the community would like to be part of this (CLEARS THROAT) because of the circumstances. Normally, this would simply occur, and the community would not be a part of this. Very, very different than anything else we do in the county. Very different than the tradition of Santa Barbara County.

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BROOKS FIRESTONE (CONTINUED)

So the community has very reasonably asked that they be considered, and I think that is a very reasonable request. The county, or community has asked for a study to understand the impacts of this on the community, and a study that just really doesn't exist now due to circumstances, although piecemeal information has come in. And I think that's a very reasonable request. The two groups that are working on this issue have agreed on a resolution, and that resolution is in the packet and has been submitted.

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BROOKS FIRESTONE (CONTINUED)

And I would submit to my fellow board members that this is a very reasonable resolution and reasonable request. It says that we take a look at the impacts and have a policy regarding the future of expansion. And, mind you, this does not deal with that which is. The community, I think, has been very (SOUNDS LIKE) unreasonable in saying, you know, we have a situation. Fair enough. This has to do with the expansion to know what the impacts are at present so that we might have a position on the future.

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BROOKS FIRESTONE (CONTINUED)

I think that's an extremely reasonable position. I think it's in keeping with the tradition of Santa Barbara County, and I think that I, well, we'll hear from the community, but I hope my fellow supervisors would consider passing this resolution because of its reasonableness and its appropriateness in every regard in this situation. With that, unless we, if anyone wants to say anything, we do have a number of speaker. (SIC) I think we have, what, over 20 speakers? We have 19 speakers left, unless anyone would like to say anything.

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MALE

Mr. Chair?

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BROOKS FIRESTONE

Yes, (UNINTELLIGIBLE) .

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MALE

If I might, I thought I should inform the board, Mr. Chair, members of the board that I did talk to Mr. Cohen, the tribal administrator, last night. He's in the audience, and he said that, informed me that Chairman Armenta would not be able to attend this meeting and, that I would relay the request that the board bump the meeting for a couple weeks so that he could attend. So for what it's worth, I'm relaying the request.

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BROOKS FIRESTONE

Very well. I, there's, one other thing that I'd like to say is that (CLEARS THROAT) I have been in contact with representatives of the governor's office, because obviously the authority for negotiations rest with the governor, and whatever we do must be in cooperation with the governor's office, now and in the future. And they have not expressed any problem or difficulty or concern about this resolution, and I think that's something to be taken into consideration.

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BROOKS FIRESTONE (CONTINUED)

They have not endorsed it, of course. This is not their resolution or their position to do so, but I think they (LAUGH) are, realize that it's their responsibility, not, they can't take direction from the county, but nevertheless have not indicated that this is unreasonable. We have two more speakers.

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JONI GRAY

Supervisor Firestone?

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BROOKS FIRESTONE

Yes, please.

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JONI GRAY

In light of the, I think that what the governor's office is concerned about and working on right now is this prison problem. So I think in deference and cooperation with the tribe and the fact that it affects them that we should wait the two weeks. We, it's not like we've got the governor's office up against (BACKGROUND NOISE) if we're gonna have people booing and shouting, I want to know so I can be...

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BROOKS FIRESTONE

Yeah, well, okay...

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JONI GRAY

... 'cause I don't want, I'm afraid to say what I think.

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BROOKS FIRESTONE

Well, I'll be very clear on that. We simply cannot have any expressions, either favorable or unfavorable, at this. And anyone who feels the need to do that should do it outside, please. You cannot do it inside.

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JONI GRAY

Thank you, Chairman. I think it's probably reasonable, based on the governor's schedule and what they're working on now, to go ahead and continue this hearing for another couple weeks until Chairman Armenta can be back with us.

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BROOKS FIRESTONE

Excuse me. Well, I don't see, Supervisor Gray, the nexus between the prisons and this situation, which is a local impact on the Santa Ynez Valley. And...

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JONI GRAY

Oh, okay. Let me make that loop then. Let me make that leap. I apologize. I think it's the position that, what we were told or heard was that this, negotiations is taking place in the governor's office as we speak and that it, I mean, that's what I'm, and that we have to get this done, like, immediately or it, we don't have our oar in the water, so to speak. So what I'm suggesting is, I don't believe that this is what's taking the governor's attention right now.

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JONI GRAY (CONTINUED)

I don't believe he's in negotiations, and I could be wrong. I'm only suggesting this, that they're in negotiations to change this, and that it would not hurt to maybe wait so that the other party's in the house.

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BROOKS FIRESTONE

Well, thank you, Supervisor Gray. My position is that, once again, that this resolution is very reasonable. It is very conservative. It does not say anything about the present operation. It's a desire to understand the present operation and be part of any future negotiations. I think that is a very reasonable request and totally appropriate as a county position. And the only reason I hope we make some comments is that perhaps we now have 22 speakers, and the speakers might be able to temper their remarks after hearing what our remarks are.

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SALUD CARBAJAL

Mr. Firestone, I agree with Supervisor Gray, but there's a lot of people here, so we could actually proceed with the hearing if we'd like, but I do think that before we take action, we ought to, in deference to Mr. Armenta, who has expressed what he has expressed, that we consider that. So I think it's appropriate.

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BROOKS FIRESTONE

Very well. I should point out that the representative of the tribe, Mr. Cohen, is here, and his speaker slip is on the top, so we do have representation. Any other comments? Very well. Mr. Cohen, please, our first speaker, to be followed by a, and may I just make a, we have 22 speakers. The board has heard this, most of the speakers before. The board has heard many of the arguments, and I would suggest to the speakers that perhaps a certain amount of, oh, summarization would be appropriate. We do know the arguments, we do know that, the positions. Mr. Cohen, please.

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SAM COHEN

Thank you, Chairman Firestone. Thank you to the entire Board Of Supervisors. My name is Sam Cohen. I'm the tribal administrator for the Santa Ynez Band Of Chumash Indians. I didn't realize this, but I work for an 800-pound gorilla. But I'll do my best to bulk-up and fill-in these rather large shoes. Chairman Armenta sends his regrets. He's unable to make today's hearing. It is the third consecutive hearing on this same issue. And tribal business is pressing. However, he would be available in a couple of weeks to the extent you could either hold this hearing open or continue this hearing to a later date.

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SAM COHEN (CONTINUED)

We have basically three questions to pose to the board today. The first question is as to the hearing process. The first hearing had 20 speakers. Chairman Armenta was one of them, and there were two other speakers who were pro-tribal. And the question is, what does that mean? Does that mean that the opposition one, because it was 17 to three? Does that mean that if we bring 1,500 employees to the next hearing, will, then, because of the 1,500 to 22?

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SAM COHEN (CONTINUED)

Right, is this sort of a mob sort of justice scene, (SOUNDS LIKE) or where we weigh the total amount of testimony? And I really don't know how one evaluates that. The second question is, why are you writing to the state of California in your letter? The budget, you commented that the county was well managed, but the state is causing the budget problem. Wouldn't it be a protocol matter that if there was a question about negotiations between the tribe and the state of California, you would first write to the tribe who's within your district and ask the tribe to participate in the negotiations, which I am informed the tribe has offered repeatedly, historically?

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SAM COHEN (CONTINUED)

And we ask that in the future that you consider this protocol option, right, and consult with the tribe, and not go directly to the state. You always have the option to go to the state. And the third question we ask is, why aren't you reading the entire tribal state compact, both the 1999 compact and the new amended one? The 1999 compact has a section 15.4, which you'll hear extensively later, which we call the most favored tribe provision, which says that if another tribe gets a better compact in its totality, other similarly situated tribes can avail themselves of it.

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SAM COHEN (CONTINUED)

Well, there's a whole lot of words in that phrase. Right, you can't cherry pick the specific provisions of the compact, all right, and you have to be similarly situated. And historically, tribes have not been able to avail themselves of these compacts. But to the extent that such an amended compact was applied to the Santa Ynez band of Chumash Indians, you'd have to take the entire compact, which would include a mandatory intergovernmental agreement to mitigate off-reservation impacts.

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SAM COHEN (CONTINUED)

None of this is being mentioned at (SOUNDS LIKE) this hearings. To the extent that The Board Of Supervisors wishes to intervene in the affairs of the tribe, we hope that The Board Of Supervisors intervenes in the events of all of the entire Santa Ynez Valley communities, so, the next time Solvang makes a decision, we hope that you intervene there. The next time Buellton makes a decision, we hope you intervene with Buellton.

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SAM COHEN (CONTINUED)

We're, many of the Solvang citizens were hoping you'd intervene in the Amgen Bicycle Race, if you read some of the editorials. Thank you very much for your time.

[1]01:29:30 **BROOKS FIRESTONE**

Mr. Cohen, may I ask a question, please?

[1]01:29:32 **SAM COHEN**

Yes, sir.

[1]01:29:33 **BROOKS FIRESTONE**

Have you read the draft resolution that's in the board letter?

[1]01:29:37 **SAM COHEN**

I've read it.

[1]01:29:40 **BROOKS FIRESTONE**

Is there any part of it that you would disagree with?

[1]01:29:43 **SAM COHEN**

I disagree with your ability to affect the statewide moratorium. I disagree with your ability to, well, I, you have the ability to independently do a study on anything you'd like.

[1]01:29:53 **BROOKS FIRESTONE**

Yeah.

[1]01:29:54 **SAM COHEN**

So, if you've, if you care to independently study the tribe with or without their consent, I guess you can do the best you can.

[1]01:30:02 **BROOKS FIRESTONE**

Yeah.

[1]01:30:03 **SAM COHEN**

All right, so, however, I find it to be kind of rude, all right, and not in a position of protocol for you not to consult the tribe about this first, and merely to do, mandate a statewide moratorium and go ahead with your own study. But certainly, it's within your governmental power.

[1]01:30:19 **BROOKS FIRESTONE**

Thank you.

[1]01:30:20 **JONI GRAY**

(UNINTELLIGIBLE)

[1]01:30:20 **BROOKS FIRESTONE**

(SOUNDS LIKE) Ms. Gray, a question, please.

[1]01:30:23 **JONI GRAY**

Mr. Cohen, could you, I, I'm not clear on the 5.4, and cherry picking, and entire compact if changed, and I just really don't understand that. And our counsel's been trying to explain it to us, too. So, maybe we could get his position and then your position, counsel. That might be helpful, if there's a difference.

[1]01:30:47 **SHANE STARK**

(CLEARS THROAT) I'm not sure that I have a position. I will tell you that last night, as well as last week, I talked to the office of The Governor's legal affairs secretary. And I asked about clause 15.4. I can tell you how the state interprets it. They interpret it, I think, fairly much as Mr. Cohen's, in that, in their position,

it, it's, it hasn't previously been invoked. And you do have to take the entire compact, including any localized provisions.

[1]01:31:19 **SHANE STARK (CONTINUED)**

Now, that's the view of the state. In other words, you can't pick and choose among clauses you want. You can't take the expanded machines but not take the requirement to negotiate with (SOUNDS LIKE) The Governor. What is somewhat less than clear, and they admit there are no cases, there is no definitive cases on this, is whether a tribe could choose to take all of the substantive model provisions and request negotiation from The Governor of the localized provisions.

[1]01:31:54 **SHANE STARK (CONTINUED)**

The state, at this point in time, takes the position, no, they can't. And therefore, any compact that contains a localized provision, you would agree (UNINTELLIGIBLE) to have something that directly affects the (SOUNDS LIKE) named tribe or the (SOUNDS LIKE) named jurisdiction, which wouldn't apply in a different locality. They take the position that if a compact contains that sort of localized provision, that no other tribe can invoke that clause.

[1]01:32:26 **SHANE STARK (CONTINUED)**

Whether that is ultimately the interpretation that prevails, can't be said at this time. The legal affairs secretary did offer to conduct some further legal research into that, and to give us a more definitive opinion. Did I (UNINTELLIGIBLE) ...

[1]01:32:45 **JONI GRAY**

(SOUNDS LIKE) Yeah, Mr. Cohen, do you have a different opinion?

[1]01:32:47 **SAM COHEN**

No, he, he's, Mr. Stark is pretty much onboard. Working for other tribes before coming here, I tried to use the section 15.4, most favored tribes provision, and was completely unsuccessful.

[1]01:32:57 **SHANE STARK**

(SOUNDS LIKE) Right, I should point out in that the citizens' concern is not wholly unfounded. The language of the compact itself is quite broad. I mean, if you look at the actual language of the compact itself, is very, quite broad, that the way The Governor interprets it, it's very difficult to actually invoke.

[1]01:33:21 **BROOKS FIRESTONE**

Thanks very much.

[1]01:33:23 **SAM COHEN**

That part, I disagree with, but I just feel that the phrase, (SOUNDS LIKE) 50, and 15.4 says, if any tribe gets a better compact, all right, better meaning, in some respect, another tribe may claim that compact, the entire compact. That's the way The Governor interprets it, so, (SOUNDS LIKE) yes.

[1]01:33:45 **BROOKS FIRESTONE**

Okay.

[1]01:33:46 **JONI GRAY**

Thank you.

[1]01:33:47 **BROOKS FIRESTONE**

Thank you very much, Mr. Cohen.

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SAM COHEN

Thank you.

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BROOKS FIRESTONE

And once again, we have more speaker (SOUNDS LIKE) slips in. I hope everyone will be appreciative of the board's position on this, in terms of trying to get on with our real decision, and be helpful and not repetitive. Lisa Walter (SP?) , please, to be followed by Mr. Power, Alexander Power (SP?) . (CLEARS THROAT) Lisa Walter, are you here, yes, please.

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LISA WALTER

Thank you, chairman and board, before I start with my prepared remarks, in light of your comments, I would just like to, with all due respect, remind you that you are paid to listen to community response. Mr. Armenta, I assume, is paid to represent the tribe in these matters. What you see here is a roomful of people who are taking time off other things that they have commitments to do, to express their concerns over this serious issue.

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LISA WALTER (CONTINUED)

My name is Lisa Walter. And I'm a resident of Santa Ynez. I am not here to relate statistics, but to share the story of one of those statistics to make a point that the statistics are not just a bunch of meaningless numbers but real lives. They represent real lives of real people. My mother died two years ago at age 86. She was a bookkeeper by profession, and she kept track of everything. In going through her papers, I found a record going back several years of how much she had won or lost at the casinos she would go to weekly and sometimes more often.

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LISA WALTER (CONTINUED)

I found a number of entries where she actually brought money home with her. However, the net just before she died was nearly a 50,000 dollar loss, This by an 86 year old widow of over 35 years, who was living on Social Security, and a very small income from one of a, from a one day a week bookkeeping job. She got hooked because it was easily accessible to her and right in her community.

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LISA WALTER (CONTINUED)

This is just one story of millions across the country. The fact is, the people who frequent casinos and gamble habitually are the weakest, and poorest, and most elderly in our society, gambling with money they can ill afford to lose, mostly Social Security and welfare dollars, and lose they do. How do I know this? Well, you've heard the statistics, and I hope you will diligently seek to gather more that apply to the situation.

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LISA WALTER (CONTINUED)

I was here last time, and I heard a disappointing report on the statistics that are quite readily available. But you don't even have to know them and know this, to know this truth. Casinos do not expand with people's winnings. One important role of government is to protect the poor and the elderly, the citizens, excuse me. One important role of government is to protect its citizens, in this case, especially the poor and elderly, from being separated from their money and the ability to provide for themselves.

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LISA WALTER (CONTINUED)

I urge this board to perform their duty in this area, gather complete information, and conscientiously represent the majority of the citizens of this county you were elected to serve, thank you.

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BROOKS FIRESTONE

Thank you very much, Mr. Power, Alexander Power, to be followed by Michele DeWord (SP?) , Mr. Power is not here?

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FEMALE

No.

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BROOKS FIRESTONE

Michele DeWord, please, to be followed by (SOUNDS LIKE) Dr. Johns

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MICHELE DEWORD

Good afternoon, Chairman Firestone and supervisors of the board, first of all, I am encouraged that our emails are read. I hope that one email that you have highlighted does not overshadow the, all the other emails that you have received. Our county and our, we're concerned about the possibility of gaming expansion, and for our community, and for our county. Our family just returned from a trip to Albuquerque.

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MICHELE DEWORD (CONTINUED)

And that, there was an article of interest that came before me from the Albuquerque Journal, and addressed one of my concerns. There are 13 gaming tribes in the state of New Mexico. State legislatures, legislators require New Mexico tribal casinos to set aside enough money to battle compulsive gambling and for the problem gamblers who want help so they can get it.

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MICHELE DEWORD (CONTINUED)

The current compacts require the tribes to set aside one quarter of one percent of their slot intake for compulsive gambling treatment, education, and prevention. A new deal is being proposed by Governor Bill Richardson that the tribes would be required to disclose how they spend that money. Currently, the tribes do not have to reveal these specifics. In 2006, the tribes raised about 1.7 million for compulsive gambling programs, money that paid for treatment, help fund, crisis hotlines, train casino workers and therapists on gambling addiction.

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MICHELE DEWORD (CONTINUED)

The article just went on, and it said that the slot intake, one quarter of one percent was not enough. There was one example that was given by a therapist, that more money needs to go for treatment and education as there, under her care, there were five single mothers who were losing their homes, who had gambled away their children's college fund, and two others were living in their cars with their children.

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MICHELE DEWORD (CONTINUED)

Do we want this for Santa Barbara County? Our local government must take a stand to protect all of us. Jobs are a plus. However, the unforeseen costs must be taken into account as well. Please take a bold stand and protect the interests of everyone, not just one tribe or business (SOUNDS LIKE) venture, or the employees of that business, thank you very much.

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BROOKS FIRESTONE

Thank you very much, Dr. Johns, please, to be followed by Andy Caldwell (SP?) , Dr. Johns in Santa Barbara, I believe.

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DR. ROBERT O. JOHNS

(MUMBLES)

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BROOKS FIRESTONE

Not there?

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DR. ROBERT O. JOHNS

I'm here.

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BROOKS FIRESTONE

Oh, okay.

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DR. ROBERT O. JOHNS

I'm sorry for the delay. Impact study and report. The county needs to do one. If someone in the concerned community of San Ynez have day, this day to be known, the county needs to produce a new impact study. That should be transparent. In other words, should be on the website. We should all know about this. The letter going to Governor Schwarzenegger should be transparent. We need to know what's in that letter.

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DR. ROBERT O. JOHNS (CONTINUED)

And that should be made known to the community, on the website, possibly. There has been a history of discrimination in this particular case that starts, I won't make any names. So don't try to turn off the microphone. So starting in 2004, discrimination. 2006, discrimination. That's me, Dr. Robert O. Johns, and then we come to February the 13th, when the improper data was outlined. There's a gap.

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DR. ROBERT O. JOHNS (CONTINUED)

I call it the imply, the impact study gap. This gap was reported out. Now was this gap reported purposely? No. We, you know, people don't purposely report. But the person reporting this gap said the port, this information, I think it's not, well, anyway, he admitted to a gap, okay.

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DR. ROBERT O. JOHNS (CONTINUED)

So we need to shore up this gap if it exists, we need new data, if it exists. And can that new data be in two weeks? I think, maybe, I don't know. But there's some real issues here. And some people are harboring ancient, old thoughts and ideas, okay. And (SOUNDS LIKE) all cultured me, I say to you, my culture has had (WORD?) . Jewish culture has had the Holocaust. The Chinese culture have had their, Mexican-Americans.

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DR. ROBERT O. JOHNS (CONTINUED)

See, we've all had our traumas. And I say this to Mr. Armenta. Sir, Indian tribe have had their harboring of old ideas. If you're still harboring some of those old ideas, this is America, Mr. Armenta. And there will always be prejudice and discrimination in this country. We will never eliminate it. So what we do in this country is we negotiate. That's what we do as Americans, sir. I negotiate. I'm negotiating with this board right now, would you believe it or not.

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DR. ROBERT O. JOHNS (CONTINUED)

And I'm gonna get what I want of this board and every member on this board is going down. (LAUGH) And Mr. Armenta, maybe there's a need for new leadership. Think. Pick six members of your tribe. Send them to Westmont College...

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BROOKS FIRESTONE

Thank you, Dr. John.

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DR. ROBERT O. JOHNS

(OVERLAPPING) We, (UNINTELLIGIBLE) , thank you very much sir.

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BROOKS FIRESTONE

Thank you very much. Mr. Caldwell, please, to be followed by Trace Eubanks (SP?) .

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ANDY CALDWELL

Chairman Firestone, members of the board, I'm Andy Caldwell, representing COLAB. I wanna outline what we do agree with respect to the request by POLO-POSY. We do believe that there's impacts the casino has on the San Ynez community. We agree that a future compact could have more negative

impacts on the San Ynez Valley. We have no problem and could support your sending a letter to the governor, asking to be part of any compact negotiations.

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ANDY CALDWELL (CONTINUED)

We think it makes sense to follow what Mr. Cohn suggests, and that is that you write the tribe first, because, and I don't know if these people are listening. The tribe has offered to, you to be a part of the negotiations, not just be apprised of them, but be a part of them. But if you guys keep insulting them, I think they're gonna withdraw that offer. And I think the county in the San Ynez Valley would be the worse for it.

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ANDY CALDWELL (CONTINUED)

So I think you guys should dim your headlights and take them up on their offer to be part of the negotiations, not just apprised of them. We could support a cost-benefit analysis of the current and impacts the current casino project. The, not a problem with that. But what we can support is the resolution, because we don't believe the resolution is reasonable, no matter how many times (LAUGH) you use that word to describe it.

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ANDY CALDWELL (CONTINUED)

There's some counties in the state of California have an amicable relationship with the tribes in their community. And for you to think that you can have the audacity to have a statewide moratorium countywide because you're having problems here, in our opinion, is ridiculous, especially when you heard this morning that the governor's counting on \$500 million in revenues from these renegotiated compacts. We think it's a pipe dream. And we think that you should rather be part of the negotiation than and work with intergovernmental relationships.

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ANDY CALDWELL (CONTINUED)

Now to that end, how reasonable is the POLO-POSY request? I've taken two things verbatim off of their site. One of them, if you, the date of February 10th, 2007, on the second page, says, we, POLO and POSY are not asking for policy centered on agreements to mitigate the impacts of gaming. We were asking for an absolute moratorium. The second one, this is preservation fee-to-trust application position paper.

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ANDY CALDWELL (CONTINUED)

There may be a misrepresentation that our members support an intergovernmental agreement between this tribal government and the county government. POLO will never support intergovernmental agreements between the county and the tribe that contain land acquisition provisions. My final question to you is if you do this (SOUNDS LIKE) quote-unquote EIR, what are you gonna do with the information? What's the purpose of the goal? Because POLO and POSY have stated what their purpose and goal is. Absolute moratorium and no fee-to-trust applications.

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BROOKS FIRESTONE

Mr. Caldwell, question please. I take it you've read the resolution.

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ANDY CALDWELL

Yes.

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BROOKS FIRESTONE

(OVERLAPPING) And now, what you read has no impact on this. This is the issue before us here. Is, what part of that do you disagree with?

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ANDY CALDWELL

Well, it says until the state and all affected counties. Like, for instance, let me give you a hypothetical. What if the tribe came in and said, well, next 40 years, we want 500 more machines over the next 40 years? Would you say no, because somebody in San Bernardino County hasn't settled with their tribal casino resort down there? Or would you think you died and went to heaven that, and that they're not gonna go off reservation for the 500 extra slots?

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ANDY CALDWELL (CONTINUED)

They're prejudging something that hasn't even been proposed yet. And I'm saying, you guys should deal with the tribe, deal with POLO and POSY, but deal in actualities, not hyperbole, rhetoric and stuff that isn't even proposed yet, vis-à-vis the governor's office. And don't try to control the whole state with a puny little resolution from this board. It would be one thing if you said, if they said, we don't want any change in the compact with this county. But that's not what this says. It's statewide, the way it's written.

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BROOKS FIRESTONE

So that's your objection to (WORD?) .

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ANDY CALDWELL

(OVERLAPPING) And the reason it's statewide is because they are misreading the section 15.4, thinking of some tribe down in Southern California gets a deal, it automatically accrues to this tribe.

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BROOKS FIRESTONE

Well, we don't know about that, but...

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ANDY CALDWELL

(OVERLAPPING) You don't know, but you know what? This is our third hearing, and we don't know? (LAUGH)

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BROOKS FIRESTONE

Okay, thank you very much.

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ANDY CALDWELL

Thank you.

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BROOKS FIRESTONE

(OVERLAPPING) Trace Eubanks, please, to be followed by Doug Herthel (SP?) . Trace, Tracy.

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TRACY EUBANKS

Good afternoon. Thank you for this opportunity to speak to the board. In light of what Supervisor Firestone has stated in his opening statement, I will cut my prepared statement short. I would like to make one comment, please. We all have opinions as to what's going on here in our valley, and we appreciate your concern. We appreciate your listening to what we have to say. But please be in, keep in mind that this is a very small snowball that's gonna get bigger and bigger and bigger.

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TRACY EUBANKS (CONTINUED)

And all we're asking is that we just adapt this resolution, submit it to our governor so that way, we have made a voice, and despite what Mr. Cohen said about us negotiating, (SOUNDS LIKE) you negotiating with the tribe, you offered them that opportunity and they offered it to you in regards to the 6.9. And we know what happened with that. So we'd appreciate it if you would again adopt this resolution, submit this letter to our governor. At least have our voice, and that's all we're asking for. Thank you very much.

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BROOKS FIRESTONE

Thank you very much.

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MALE

...the biggest ones in the world are in Connecticut, of which 7500 slots would make ours the biggest one on the West Coast. So these two casinos pay the government \$400 million a year, over \$400 million a year. Our tribe pays the government one billion dollars a year. Basically, our situation is we've got the biggest employer, the biggest business in the whole county that pays no taxes. So that's where the problems that need to be addressed.

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MALE (CONTINUED)

The other one is a perspective. We always worried about the downsides, the white-collar crime, violent crime, suicides, this causes. But what about the perspective from the Indians? Here's a, article I'd like to read a very short part of and I'll go as fast as I can. If I can't finish, I'll have John Bohem (sp?) finish it. Bright Casino Lights Will Cast Dark Shadows On Indian Reservations. The allure of big-money gambling on Indian reservations ended for me when my father collapsed of a heart attack at three in the morning on the floor of the casino operated by our tribe.

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MALE (CONTINUED)

You will hear much more stories as gambling halls multiply across Native America, particularly in California, which soon will be burgeoning with tribal casinos, thank to Prop 1A. The Federal Government this month formally opposed, formally approved 58 tribal compacts sanctioned by that initiative which permits slot machines on Indian land. Commentators and lawmakers have bemoaned the social-economic problems that Las Vegas-style gambling will bring to California.

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MALE (CONTINUED)

But few people, including tribal leaders, have examined the devastating toll that casino culture takes on American Indians. They should. These suppose Indians of self-sufficiency often create hardships for reservation families as casino floors draw in more of our parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles and siblings. Tribal gamblers end up robbing themselves, financially, emotionally by frequenting their own establishments.

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MALE (CONTINUED)

My fellow tribe members and I own two casinos in Minnesota, filled with slots and video poker machines, blackjack tables, other slick games to take quarters and dollars from your pockets. Remember, your ATM and credit card. The more money you bring, the more we make. Those are the only sure bets at our casino. (COUGH) Gambling crept slowly and deceptively into our lands and into our minds. It seemed to offer a way to earn money and our sovereign rights as tribal governance, an irresistible combination.

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MALE (CONTINUED)

Some have traded addition to alcohol, a serious problem on the reservations, for compulsive gambling. Unlucky ones suffer from both. But that idyllic scene was replaced by (WORD?) electronic games that Congress have given for full-blown casinos. Two days, excuse me...

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BROOKS FIRESTONE

Is that wrapping up?

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MALE

Do you want me to finish, or I have John Bohem finish it?

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BROOKS FIRESTONE

Maybe go to the bottom of it.

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MALE

Okay, nights run late for the minichip (WORD?) who sometimes outnumber their other gamblers on the floor. The tempting mix of Vegas and alcohol has been two great for my tribespeople. Pawn shops off the reservation offer another source of ready money. I've spent too many bleak days driving to these stores with my father so he could make interest payments to keep from losing his home.

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BROOKS FIRESTONE

I think we have the gist of it, yeah.

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MALE

(OVERLAPPING) Okay, basically, this is written by Travis Armstrong, the editor of the News Press when he worked for the San Jose Mercury, and he has been the biggest supporter for this tribal expansion, along with Andy Caldwell. And I wanna thank Andy for disclosing today to the public that his board consists of Chumash. And so his boss is the Chumash Tribe, along with others.

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BROOKS FIRESTONE

Okay, Mr. Rob Walter, to be followed by Elizabeth Galvin.

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ROB WALTER

(COUGH) I'm Rob Walter. In light of everything that's been said already, I'm gonna try to refine my remarks to just three minutes. So I trust that the letter, the proposed letter will not need to be addressed if you in fact do the resolution, which I would certainly encourage that you do. But in the event that you should not do the resolution, and you fall back to the letter, I would just draw your attention to two things I would ask be struck from the letter.

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ROB WALTER (CONTINUED)

And they are the very last sentence of a first paragraph and the very last sentence of the last paragraph. The first one beginning is if such participation is not possible, we request that sentence from the first paragraph. And then if whole county participation is not feasible, that sentence from the last paragraph, I would ask that those be struck. Because I think they give up too much in the request. With all due respect, I think this is akin to, you know, asking \$20,000 for your truck, but then telling somebody that if they can't afford \$20,000, you'll take 15.

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ROB WALTER (CONTINUED)

You're obviously not going to get 20 with that type of presentation. So I would ask that you pull that compromising language out. I would also like to actually thank Mr. Cohen here today for clearing up something I didn't understand and that was why Mr. Armenta so magnanimously, when he was here before, stated that they were not part of the group that was seeking to renegotiate the compact. Now what I understand is by virtue of the section 15.4, they are able to allow somebody else to do that dirty work and then ultimately bootstrap themselves into that, those same provision and benefits.

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ROB WALTER (CONTINUED)

But there's something that struck me with (COUGH) Mr. Armenta's proposal in his discussion was really a callous disregard of representative government, that somehow, we don't have anything to do with this. You folks are put there by us. The governor's put there by us. Everybody that's elected was put in place by an elected, by the constituents that they serve. And the fact is there is nothing, absolutely nothing that would prevent Governor Schwarzenegger from delegating the sole responsibility for determining whether this local tribe would have an expansion to you guys or to me or to any one of us.

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ROB WALTER (CONTINUED)

The final decision certainly rests with him. There isn't any question about that. He says yes or no, but he may delegate it and receive all kinds of input. He may do whatever he wants. And so the thought that we should somehow be excluded or that we're somehow puny or that we're somehow not part of this process is not only incorrect, it is insulting. And I'm afraid Mr. Armenta's also seemed to have forgotten that it was the people of California that gave him that great big casino.

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ROB WALTER (CONTINUED)

Deluded or deceived or otherwise that the voters were, they have that because the voters put that, made that casino available by virtue of the proposition. And I'd like this board to do it's job to hold up the moral and the fiduciary obligation that they have to the people of this district and in conclusion, that you would just in the future just make not so hard on yourselves. Don't make us work so hard to help you your job. Okay, thank you.

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BROOKS FIRESTONE

Thank you very much.

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FEMALE

(OVERLAPPING) Can I just ask one, can you just come back to the microphone.

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BROOKS FIRESTONE

(OVERLAPPING) Question please.

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FEMALE

I got your, the first sentence that you had mentioned. Can you tell me what your second one was? I...

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ROB WALTER

The second of, that two...

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FEMALE

(OVERLAPPING) Of the letter.

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ROB WALTER

...request that it be deleted.

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FEMALE

Correct.

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ROB WALTER

It would be the last sentence of the last paragraph, beginning with if full county participation is not feasible.

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FEMALE

(OVERLAPPING) I see. Thank you.

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ROB WALTER

Okay. Alright, thank you.

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BROOKS FIRESTONE

Thank you very much. Elizabeth Galvin please, to be followed by, is it Rachel?

[2]01:07:36 **ELIZABETH GALVIN**

Good afternoon, thank you for allowing us to speak. Before I...

[2]01:07:41 **BROOKS FIRESTONE**

(OVERLAPPING) Could you come to the microphone, please, yeah.

[2]01:07:42 **ELIZABETH GALVIN**

(OVERLAPPING) Yes, thank you very much for letting us to speak. I very much agree with the last speaker and I think that what I've been witness is the last few minutes is a lot of disrespect (sic) and I'm very sorry that Vincent, Mr. Vincent Armenta was not here today. And also the fact that we are disrespecting (sic) the fact that our voice should count. My name is Elizabeth Galvin. I have a PhD in public finance. I'm an economist.

[2]01:08:14 **ELIZABETH GALVIN (CONTINUED)**

I have a very large manufacture in Reno, Nevada in a gaming city, town, and we move with my husband and my daughter, eight years old, three years ago, to leave the gaming town, to come here in Los Olivos. And the reason of our move was pretty (WORD?) for us, because we left a zero-tax state and came here and pay tax. And I have 100 of (sic) employee and I decide to pay my tax here.

[2]01:08:44 **ELIZABETH GALVIN (CONTINUED)**

And I'm happy to do it. The reason of, because the reason I move here is for the family-oriented serenity that I found when I actually look around the place in Santa Ynez and the community. And having the Chumash Casino or whoever organization increasing gaming into our community, we have extreme damage in the future. And we saw the domino effect. The last 14 years, I've been living in Reno, and I've been involved with police and fire department and saw the increase in gang units.

[2]01:09:22 **ELIZABETH GALVIN (CONTINUED)**

It is also an issue with prostitution. It's not one week I didn't go to a grocery store with my nephews or my nieces and you don't get stopped to see if you want to get a job at any type of casino or just go to any of those location. So this is not the place we decide to live here. And we will like and we will appreciate for you to pass onto that resolution and to represent our voice, because I believe we do have a voice here and we pay tax. So I appreciate your help. Thank you.

[2]01:09:55 **BROOKS FIRESTONE**

Thank you very much. Mr., Rachel? And without objection, I think that I have quite a few more slips and I think we should declare the public slips closed.

[2]01:10:07 **JOHN BOHEN**

I got mine over there which (MUMBLES) .

[2]01:10:10 **BROOKS FIRESTONE**

No, the ones that are in are in. Your, yours is, in fact you're next. John Borne.

[2]01:10:15 **JOHN BOHEN**

(OVERLAPPING) Oh, okay, sir. (LAUGH)

[2]01:10:16 **BROOKS FIRESTONE**

Yes, please.

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RAQUEL GIRALDAS

Hello, I'm here to support your intentions of approving the resolution to involve the community to be heard. The whole thing about the Indians. They're owning all these casinos all over the United States, but the truth is that they share it with private entities. And that is not fair, as they claim to be a sovereign nation. You know, they, inside a wall, where they claim to be immune to any regulations. And they use the money to buy politicians.

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RAQUEL GIRALDAS (CONTINUED)

It's very unfair. I'm sure that American public will eventually become very indignant just as the Mexicans cross the border every day the way they do. This is not right. The Chumash (SOUNDS LIKE) want fight us, (UNINTELLIGIBLE) two, so you mean there's 7000 people going (MAKES NOISE) at the same time? You know, it's like a blank check for greed. And we need to stop to analyze, you know, the consequences that is making us a decadent state.

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RAQUEL GIRALDAS (CONTINUED)

Maybe they know that this is gonna come to an end. That's why \$750,000 a day is not enough. They have to add more and more and more and build bigger. They donate money to the, to us, but that's paltry money for the problems that introduce to our town. The unification of all the people in America, it's critical. The survival, the United States Of America, that segregation of any kind must be abolish. Without the difference, we must co-exist without walls, sovereign nations or anything.

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RAQUEL GIRALDAS (CONTINUED)

We need to get together to be equal and to stay together, and that's why we have to work to fight to this growth of greed that is (SOUNDS LIKE) going to our town, because our very truth wealth (SIC) is the good that we do to our valley. Thank you.

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BROOKS FIRESTONE

Thank you very much. I just, agenda item. We have at 2:00 a time-certain award of 30 Year Service pins, and we will do that at that time. Mr. John Bohem please, to be followed by CJ Jackson.

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JOHN BOHEN

Thank you, Chairman Firestone and the board. What today's about is just taking a pause, not a moratorium has been discussed but just a reasonable pause. I think the budget analysis today illustrated that an important issue like this, you need to have the data. You need to have the facts so you can appropriately allocate funds for your budget. If you just take one item, social services was gonna be cut.

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JOHN BOHEN

And 5000 new slots would certainly cause a great demand on social services. And so we're just asking you to take a reasonable step. If Wal-Mart was to come in and build a supercenter somewhere in the county, you would have this discussion. You would request an EIR done and all this, impacts. Here, we have the equivalent. This isn't a matter of if. It's coming. And Mr. Armenta made that very clear when he said, you will be notified.

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JOHN BOHEN (CONTINUED)

Will is a strong term from him and a very clear term. So I ask of you to take the responsible step to, this is a very reasonable resolution. It's just saying, exercising your voice with the state. It's not threatening them. And it's not putting them in a bad way. It's just saying we need to get a handle on this. Our civil rights are at stake here. And it's this government-to-government, continuing policy of this county is as unfair to our civil rights.

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JOHN BOHEN (CONTINUED)

And I, an example of that is the consideration of pausing this for another three weeks when this county is at risk if one of these compacts is ratified. And it just sheds a lot of light. And so please, take the right step and pass the resolution. Thank you very much.

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BROOKS FIRESTONE

Thank you very much. Mr. Jackson, be followed by Katherine Richmond.

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CJ JACKSON

Real quick. The world totality is not on this paragraph. And that is why we are concerned. If it said in its totality, there would be a reasonable justification for concern. It doesn't say it. In our motion, or resolution to you, the word moratorium is also not in that document. Statewide moratorium is not in that resolution. I would rather as in this meeting, and in the consideration of our request, that you have good data.

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CJ JACKSON (CONTINUED)

Now I'm, what better day is there for me to be here than today? I'm excited, but I have heard their spin, some communications that were unfortunate. So I want to communicate to you all that this is a demonstration of our republic. And I am excited to be here, because I get a chance to make my case to you. Supervisor Gray, we've been doing this dance across this space for seven years. I don't do it because I love the comfortable chairs. (LAUGH)

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CJ JACKSON (CONTINUED)

They're not. Okay? I do it because I know you're listening. Supervisor Centano And Supervisor Carbajal, I am excited about the fact that you're proposing health care for our children in this community. That's a big deal. I want to give you plaudits for that. We should be. I'm excited about a fire appeal board. There are good things happening here. When we talk about bringing our groups together to discuss this issue, to come to a resolution that is reasonable, it is a step forward because I have members in my community who are frightened, who are confused, who are frustrated and who are angry.

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CJ JACKSON (CONTINUED)

And some of that spills over into the dialogue because we're just folks. We're not lawyers. We are not a bunch of paid speakers. We are your constituents, and we come to speak today. And we're grateful for this opportunity. And I want you to take this up because just today, Assemblyman Calderon decided to carry forward the San Manuel Compact, which increases the San Manuels by 5000 machines. The answer you have received from Legal Affairs Advisor Hoke is incomplete.

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CJ JACKSON (CONTINUED)

That's why we don't want you to wait for another two weeks. Now I can't help but go back to Mr. Masuda's report. You had a one million dollar deficit in the sheriff's department budget made up by a one-time donation for a helicopter. You have great plans for things you wanna do with those (COUGH) discretionary moneys. I implore you to make informed decisions about prisons and speak to the governor.

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CJ JACKSON (CONTINUED)

If I can say one thing, in Victorville, the community spoke to Governor Schwarzenegger and said we don't want a casino. Guess what? They don't have a casino. Plymouth has spoken to the governor and the governor supports their opposition to a casino. What we are asking is not to end the casino. We're not asking to end anybody's business opportunities. I've only got two more things.

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CJ JACKSON (CONTINUED)

We are just asking for a pause to study these impacts and have you make a statement as you want to about prisons, as you want to about unfunded mandates. You got another one. If you don't, to quite the governor it's hasta la vista, baby. Please pass this resolution.

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BROOKS FIRESTONE

Thank you very much. Katherine Richmond, to be followed by Cathy of San Ynez Valley after which we will take the time-certain item. Katherine Richmond?

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KATHERINE RICHMOND

My name is Katherine Richmond. I'm a San Ynez Valley resident and I would like to thank the supervisors for their work. As our elected officials, it's a tough job. But I would especially like to thank the residents of the San Ynez Valley, the groups that concerned citizens, POLO and POSY, for all the work that they've done these many years. Each and every one of them that has been speaking to you, giving you lots of facts, information and hoping that you do really hear what they're saying takes their time out of their livelihood to do this.

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KATHERINE RICHMOND (CONTINUED)

So if you think about motivation, their motivation is to help the quality of life be sustained in the valley for future generations. I am speaking on behalf of myself, my family. I have young kids. So you've seen a lot of emotions. You've seen fear. You've seen anger. You've seen complete disgust. And my kids don't understand how our elected officials could even think of making decisions that would impact their future in such a negative way. As a good friend of ours is in another community today finding another place to live 'cause she closed her business in our town after an employee embezzled hundreds of thousands of dollars so that he could gamble.

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KATHERINE RICHMOND (CONTINUED)

So the statistics are real and you need to pay attention to that and make the decision towards this, what they're asking you to, a very reasonable request. Thank you, Chairman Firestone. Thank you.

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MALE

Thank you very much. Very well, is there a Kathy here?

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FEMALE

I defer to the speakers (WORD?) to the last one. I think she sums it up. Thank you.

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MALE

Very well, Kathy (WORD?) has...

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BROOKS FIRESTONE

Will not speak? Obviously, I believe, it's, is it, Mr. Turnbull here? Are we ready? Very well. This is an item which we schedule at 2:00 and we'll interrupt the (SOUNDS LIKE) item four for this. Will the clerk read, please read these time-certain?

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FEMALE

Supervisor Firestone, members of the board, item number five comes from the... (TECHNICAL)

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BROOKS FIRESTONE

(LAUGH) These, this ceremony will continue in the South County next week when we'll honor those employees from the South County who have attained this seniority. Very well, to continue, item number

four please? Ronald Green will be the first speaker, to be followed by Judith Parker. Ronald Green, are you here?

[2]01:20:38 **RONALD GREEN**

Yes, thank you, Mr. Chairman. (ALL TALKING AT ONCE)

[2]01:20:41 **BROOKS FIRESTONE**

Santa Barbara. Yes, please.

[2]01:20:44 **RONALD GREEN**

I would like to indicate my support for Supervisor Firestone's recommendations that would, the letter, Governor Schwarzenegger regarding the potential impacts associated with expanded gambling operations from the Chumash Casino and the adoption of a resolution expressing position of Santa Barbara County with respect to these impacts of expanded gambling. And also, there's a statement here to provide additional direction to the staff.

[2]01:21:24 **RONALD GREEN (CONTINUED)**

And my interpretation of that should be carrying out an independent EIR of the present impact of the casino operation because if there is expansion in the future, how can anyone make an intelligent decision without knowledge of the present impact? I would also like to make a couple of statements with regard to some remarks by previous speakers. A couple of this, previous speakers indicated that there was no attempt by the county board to negotiate with the Chumash Tribe. That is, as we know, totally incorrect and inaccurate.

[2]01:22:11 **RONALD GREEN (CONTINUED)**

We well remember when the annexation of the 6.9 acres came up. Supervisor Firestone and Supervisor Gray entered into negotiations with Tribal Chairman Armenta and we well know the result, a historic handshake agreement about those 6.9 acres which wasn't worth the paper it was printed. That agreement turned out to be totally unenforceable, totally bogus. Of course, by the time the board of supervisors realized that, the time to file an appeal of that annexation had passed.

[2]01:22:53 **RONALD GREEN (CONTINUED)**

And so the 6.9 acres were annexed without any appeal by the county. So to say that the county never tried to negotiate with the tribe is totally inaccurate and should be viewed as just one more inaccuracy by the tribe and their spokesmen. So therefore, I would say to you that before we go into any negotiations for the tribe in the future as Chairman Firestone seems to indicate might be a possibility, let's get it in writing this time, because as President Bush once famously said, fool me once, shame on me. Fool me twice, well you get the picture. Thank you very much.

[2]01:23:41 **BROOKS FIRESTONE**

Thank you (APPLAUSE) very much, Mr. Green. Please, Judith Parker, please, to be followed by Jim Richardson, in Santa Barbara.

[2]01:23:47 **JUDITH PARKER**

(OVERLAPPING) I'm...

[2]01:23:50 **BROOKS FIRESTONE**

Yes, please.

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JUDITH PARKER

Thank you. I am Judith Parker. I am speaking as an individual and as a resident of San Ynez Valley. I speak in support of the many groups from San Ynez Valley who want the, this resolution in the county to study the impacts of expanded gaming. I also support the idea of a full EIR on these various impacts. The citizens of the valley know the impacts already damaging us, the burden on the roads, on traffic, on law enforcement because of increased crime.

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JUDITH PARKER (CONTINUED)

It never ends. Gambling does nothing for anyone except the Chumash Business Council. Please listen to your constituency, the citizens of the San Ynez Valley. Please adopt this resolution. Thank you.

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BROOKS FIRESTONE

Thank you, very much. Jim Richardson, to be followed by Raquel Giraldas (sp?) .

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JIM RICHARDSON

Good afternoon, supervisors. Comes my standard disclaimer. I'm Jim Richardson from the city of Solvang. I'm a member of the Solvang City, or City Council. I'm speaking for myself and for my constituents, but I'm not speaking for the City Council nor the city of Solvang. I'm here to speak on the fairness of sovereignty for the Chumash. On February the ninth, this year, the second, the US Court Of Appeals of the DC Circuit handed down a judgment in the NORB versus San Miguel Band Of Mission Indians.

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JIM RICHARDSON (CONTINUED)

It concluded that the San Miguel operated its thriving casino as a commercial enterprise rather than a governmental entity. Some of this decision, I believe, relates to our very own Chumash Tribe, and I'm going to quote some of that decision. It said in the tribes case, the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, appears to have fulfilled its purpose. As the casino has markedly improved the tribe's economic condition, the tribe's evidence indicates its one-mile square reservation consists primarily of steep, mountainous, arid land, most of it unsuitable to economic development.

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JIM RICHARDSON (CONTINUED)

For many years, the tribe had no resources, and many of its members depended upon public assistance. As a result of the casino, however, the tribe can now boast full employment, complete medical coverage for all members and governmental funding for scholarships, improved housing, significant infrastructure improvements to their reservation. In addition, according to the tribe's evidence, the tribal government is authorized to make direct per-capita payments of casino revenues to the tribe members, suggesting that improved government services are not the only way tribe members might benefit from the casino.

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JIM RICHARDSON (CONTINUED)

This decision, which are more, the Supreme Court is also involved in some of their comments, refers that the tribal sovereignty is not an absolute autonomy. Permitting a tribe to operate in a commercial capacity without legal constraint, the tribe's casino is a commercial capacity they've, in my opinion, have satisfied their governmental duties and are asking for too much more to compete with our, to compete with the commercial businesses within the valley and also Dan Walters of the Sacramento Bee who is a governmental, government columnist, I'll stop there. Thank you.

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BROOKS FIRESTONE

Circulate that. Thank you very much. Raquel Giraldas, please, followed by John Galvin. That was you? Oh, so you've already gone. John Galvin, please, to be followed by Katherine Bohlen (sp?) .

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JOHN GALVIN

Good morning. Good afternoon, I'm John Galvin. I'm a lawyer in the San Ynez Valley. And my wife previously told you that we moved here two and a half years ago from Reno, Nevada. And we moved here to get away from the pawn shops, the drug dealers and the topless bars that we encountered there because we have a young family and wanted to raise her in this beautiful community. And I'm here to urge you to approve the proposed resolution and to do that today and not put that decision off again.

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JOHN GALVIN (CONTINUED)

This has been in front of the board a number of times. These citizens took their time out to make it to this meeting today. I took my time out, sat through the morning hearings and came back after lunch. And I had other matters to attend to also, family business, my tribe. And so I made it here today and I think Mr. Armenta could have made it here if it was that important to him. So I urge you to make your decision today, whatever that decision is. I worked my way through college in Reno as a card dealer and so I saw firsthand the devastating effects of gambling on the employees and the customers. The tourists that are attracted to casinos are not the ones of, that we want in this community.

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JOHN GALVIN (CONTINUED)

I think I would much prefer the detours of a bike race than the tailgaters I encounter for people rushing to the casino. (COUGH) The citizens of this county are not in favor of casino expansion. I've never met anyone in favor of casino expansion. I've never met anyone in favor of the casino in my two and a half years. I do not want to send my daughter to the high school which is within one mile of 7000 slots. I'm okay with the 2000 slots.

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JOHN GALVIN (CONTINUED)

They're there. We're not gonna lose those. And I think (CLEARS THROAT) the tribe is making enough money and so I propose that you pass this resolution today and not put the decision off. Thank you.

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BROOKS FIRESTONE

Thank you very much. Katherine Bohlen, to be followed by Carol Herrera.

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KATHERINE BOHEN

Thank you, Supervisor Firestone and supervisors, for this important meeting today. After the February 13th hearing, I wanted to better understand the county's seeming inaction in the issue of tribal expansion. So I researched the board agenda items, minutes and countless articles from 2000 on. What surprised me was the apparent lack of any action or resolve on issues that were raised over and over again on the community's behalf.

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KATHERINE BOHEN (CONTINUED)

It is almost as if these issues simply vanished off the county's radar screen. There are many examples, but for the sake of time, I will give you two significant ones. Beginning with the announcement of the first expansion in November 2000, the county saw the need for a cost and mitigation study that was drafted in 2001, when the casino only had 880 slots. Why is it in 2007, when we are faced with 5000 slots that we, the community, have to come before you today to basically beg you to get sufficient data on the full impacts on the entire county of massive gaming expansion?

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KATHERINE BOHEN (CONTINUED)

The county already knew they didn't have sufficient data in 2001. Also, in 2001, the board directed county council to draft two letters to the governor, to Governor Grey Davis. One letter was, one letter requested the governor intervene in the expansion plans to initiate action in federal court against the San Ynez band for failure to comply with Indian gaming, with their Indian Gaming Compact. I can find no indication in any of the county records what came of this important and timely request.

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KATHERINE BOHEN (CONTINUED)

From all indications that I can find, this request apparently was ignored. Time after time, issues were raised. Letter after letter was written by the county, with the end result being no action taken. I submit to you that the residents of the San Ynez Valley have certainly not been dealt with in good faith. This community has been very patient as promise after promise has been broken. From size and scope of the casino to environmental violations. This has been over seven years of a lot of talk and no action.

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KATHERINE BOHEN (CONTINUED)

And we are basically in the same position we were in 2000. The community is still being ignored. The county still does not have sufficient data. It is unbelievable to me that the county's simply doing the responsible thing is characterized as adversarial. It is simply responsible representation. A study would be helpful to both the tribe and the county going forward. All we are asking is for the county to have the ability and the mandate to go forward by first asking for a pause from the state and then conducting its own EIR.

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KATHERINE BOHEN (CONTINUED)

This in light of all the history is a fair request. The time is now. Please don't let this be one more thing in a very long list of missed opportunities. Thank you.

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BROOKS FIRESTONE

Thank you very much. Carol Herrera to be followed by Ann Crosby please.

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KATHERINE BOHEN

Can I have the documents that I talking, I was talking about? (SOUNDS LIKE) They're on these discs.

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BROOKS FIRESTONE

Thank you very much. (UNINTELLIGIBLE) the record.

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CAROL HERRERA

Good afternoon. Chairman Firestone, thank you again for bringing this to the Board Of Supervisors. We watch as asking once again for your unanimous support in adopting the resolution before you. This is the best vehicle to prepare for what is ahead. While we wait the future announcement of the Chumash gambling expansion, let's prepare and declare our county position and stand up for what is ahead. The impact of community of San Ynez is here before you once again, taking time out from family and work.

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CAROL HERRERA (CONTINUED)

We have been patient, but we're running out of patient (SIC) , Chairman Firestone. (COUGH) Let's weigh the costs versus the benefits carefully and put it on paper and refer to it. Mr. Firestone, lastly, please continue to carry out in-depth traffic (SOUNDS LIKE) announces of Highway 154 and 246. We need these statistics now more than ever. They're very important. Thank you again for your time.

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BROOKS FIRESTONE

Thank you very much. Ann Crosby, to be followed by Mary Whalen (SP?) .

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ANN CROSBY

Hello, I'm...

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BROOKS FIRESTONE

(OVERLAPPING) (UNINTELLIGIBLE)

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ANN CROSBY

...from the South County. I live in the Second District. And I'm here because the issues that have been so well described by many speakers will affect the entire county. This is a countywide issue. And I join completely with those who have talked about the fact that when there is an important development or an important expansion, it's really necessary to see can the environment support this, these plans? Are there policies in place which assure that the community is ready and can handle this kind of development or expansion?

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ANN CROSBY (CONTINUED)

This is typical good planning procedures, this kind of analysis which would be impartial and objective in terms of the EIR that's mentioned in the resolution. And I join with those who have said that our county deserves to examine the impacts to the environment and to policy that would occur, these changes that, and impacts that would be caused by Chumash gaming and the expansion of that. So I urge you, as have many others, to adopt the resolution before you and to send it to the governor. Our county deserves nothing less. Thank you.

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BROOKS FIRESTONE

Thank you very much. Mary Whalen, to be followed by Judith Parker.

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MARY WHALEN

Chairman Firestone and Board Of Supervisors. I'm here to ask that you approve the resolution as drafted and presented by POLO and POSY. I live on the South Coast, but I consider that I will be as impacted as the Santa Ynez Valley by some of the things that are being proposed. This is not just about the Santa Ynez Valley. It's about the entire county. Potential increases in gaming will affect the quality and very fabric of our lives. And you certainly have heard enough about today.

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MARY WHALEN (CONTINUED)

This morning, when I listened to another agenda item, I heard Chairman Firestone say that we are threatened by a state short of funds. Increase in gaming revenue is an easy fix, but it comes at a great cost to our communities and in cost to individual lives. As things are now, the county has no standing, no policy. And what you're being asked today is to approve a resolution that would possibly give you some standing and some voice at the table.

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MARY WHALEN (CONTINUED)

Right now, it's the governor. It's the state. It's the federal government. It's tribal agreements and the, but who is going to bear the results and impacts of this? We the people, we who are before you today. So I would ask you as our elected representatives, to listen and adopt this resolution. And something I would hope that in the course of this that you have taken the time to read and become educated to what has happened to other communities and towns and states, particularly, the state of Connecticut, to see once they were lulled into the millions of dollars that would be available to them through gaming what has happened to some of those towns.

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MARY WHALEN (CONTINUED)

What has happened to the state. Some of them were almost destroyed. So I would suggest that you at least take the step which is very reasonable and go forward and not delay. Thank you very much.

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BROOKS FIRESTONE

Thank you very much. Judith Parker. I have Ronald Green, but I think you've already gone, so to be followed by Jack Armstrong, unless there's another Ronald Green. Judith Parker, please?

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MALE

She's spoken.

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BROOKS FIRESTONE

Judith Parker has already spoken. And Ronald Green, is I, and is this Mr. Armstrong, Jack Armstrong?

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JACK ARMSTRONG

Yes, it is.

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BROOKS FIRESTONE

Yes, please.

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JACK ARMSTRONG

Thank you, Chairman Firestone and board of supervisors. I'm Jack Armstrong. I'm from the second district. I'm not from San Ynez Valley, but I strongly believe in community planning. And I believe and urge that you should adopt this resolution for the purpose of allowing the residents of the San Ynez Valley to understand the pros and cons of any expansion of the Chumash Casino. I strongly believe that the citizens of our county, whether they're Santa Ynez or here, have the right and responsibility to determine the impacts of traffic, water and public safety.

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JACK ARMSTRONG (CONTINUED)

And I believe, given the opportunity, they'll make the right decisions and determine the quality of life that's best for the residents of San Ynez Valley. This resolution is solely intended to give them the time to weigh and understand and allow the process to occur. And I also believe that citizens of San Ynez Valley do not want to gamble with the future. I also believe that there is more to the future in San Ynez Valley than gambling. Thank you.

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BROOKS FIRESTONE

Thank you very much, Mr. Armstrong. Miss Patty Close, please, our last speaker in Santa Barbara.

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PATTY CLOSE

Hi, my name is Patty close and I also live in the South County. My understanding is that one of the main roles of government is to protect the citizens from possible adverse effects of any decision that will extend way into the future. The only way to determine those effects is to do a study. Without that study, we're only guessing. It seems to me irresponsible not to insist that we will know, we know as much as possible before irreversible actions are taken.

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PATTY CLOSE (CONTINUED)

With the possible sweeping effects of expanding gaming by two times, not only for San Ynez Valley, but for the entire county, it seems unconscionable... (TECHNICAL)

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PATTY CLOSE (CONTINUED)

Open, it may be all too clear that going forward would be detrimental. Please shine that light on this project and not keep it in the dark.

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BROOKS FIRESTONE

Thank you very much. (COUGH) That was our last speaker. I think we have here an historic day for Santa Barbara County. For this board not to act would be a great failure of this term of this board. To ignore the impact of this enterprise, to not send the governor a resolution would be I think doing less than our responsibilities. This is a Third District item. It is a big impact on the community. It's the largest employer in the county. It is a huge traffic, public safety, social impact on the valley.

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BROOKS FIRESTONE (CONTINUED)

And the people of the Valley are asking and the third district is asking that we understand what those impacts are and that we send a communication to the governor asking him not to proceed until including these impacts in his decision. I think that's so reasonable for the community to ask. And it is certainly reasonable for us to pass today. Here it is. We've heard this over and over again. I think it's a very reasonable and conservative resolution that is proposed before us.

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BROOKS FIRESTONE (CONTINUED)

It has to do with the future. And this is a plea from the third district, community planning, the integrity of communities. We've all spoken about that. We all believe in the integrity of community planning and understanding what the impact of an enterprise like this is on a community. We've all spoken to that in our own districts. And this is a plea from the third district. And when the time is appropriate, I will propose this and I hope and trust that our board will pass it, the resolution as proposed. (APPLAUSE) No, there's no need to, does anyone wish to speak to it?

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JANET WOLF

I have a question. Mr. Stark.

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SHANE STARK

Yes, Miss, ma'am.

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JANET WOLF

(OVERLAPPING) Can you clarify for me in the resolution, it talks about the EIR, does a normal, does a regular EIR include crime and other social issues? Or can that be, I know it's mentioned here. I just wanna know if it needs to be separated out of the EIR sentence or...

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SHANE STARK

Mr. Chair, Supervisor Wool (sic), I would not put too much stock in the fact that the report that they are, the people are requesting is labeled an environmental impact report. This isn't found by (SOUNDS LIKE) Sequa. There's no project, rather, I think what the board should concentrate on because you have the discretion to ask for any study on any subject you wish, whether or not that would be taken into account, were this an actual Sequa process.

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SHANE STARK (CONTINUED)

So if you wish the impacts of crime to be studied, you're free to specify. Socio-economic, economic, environmental traffic, anything you want studied. All you have to do is ask the staff to look into it, to the extent that we're able to do so, we would. Similarly, if you want to, honest, to communicate with the tribe as far as getting information, we would do that as well. So the review and the study that you request, the subject is entirely up to your board.

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JANET WOLF

If I could then, just following up on that, I, I've been struggling with this, you know, between the resolution and the letter. And I'm trying to come to some compromise, because I think we're very close. And, you know, there seems to be that reasonable people can come to a reasonable outcome here. So I had a question about the EIR and I had different language and, you know, it could be put in the resolution or the letter.

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JANET WOLF (CONTINUED)

But the language is that Santa Barbara County is in the process of conducting our own impact study to include the traffic crime, economic, social, environmental and infrastructure impacts of the existing 2000 slot gaming operation at the Chumash Casino. So if...

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BROOKS FIRESTONE

(OVERLAPPING) As, about to make the motion, or I would, I think that could be acceptable. It's certainly along the lines with the cost-benefit analysis that was outlined previously and discussed previously. It would be more encompassing, of course. It would have the traffic and the environment in that. So certainly, an impact review would encompass everything that I think we need to do. Very well, I'm, I'll move that we adopt with that, yeah.

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JOSEPH CENTANO

(OVERLAPPING) Chair, if I may, I, I'd just like to get a couple comments here from our staff. With respect to doing an analysis of impacts, to what extent would we need the cooperation of the tribe to get some of that essential information that we would need to really make a valid assessment of impact?

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MALE

Mr. Chair, Supervisor Centano, on some of the elements, the employment, payroll, the transit of the workers and those kind of things, we would need the tribe's assistance. I'm not sure that we can find out the volumes of the business and everything, because I don't think that's subject to public disclosure.

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JOSEPH CENTANO

That would be volunteered, if not...

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MALE

(OVERLAPPING) That could be voluntary, certainly. And...

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BROOKS FIRESTONE

And it would seem to be in the interest of the tribe to volunteer such information to...

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MALE

(OVERLAPPING) Because those things would go to one side of the ledger that people should know in a complete impact study of those things. And then the charitable impacts of the tribe, I think they do publish something on that although I haven't seen it recently. So those would be some of the ones we would need the attendance and that kind of thing to really do a good job. The other things, the normal things in, that would be more like an EIR, the physical impacts, the safety, the traffic, the air, water, housing impacts and so forth, we would be pretty well-equipped to do it on our own.

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MALE (CONTINUED)

'Cause we do them all the time. The harder ones involve the, some of the social, academic. We'd need to talk to the school districts and so forth, the, see how we could gather some of those other social impacts.

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JOSEPH CENTANO

Supervisor Gray?

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JONI GRAY

I just, as I stated last time, I'm definitely not, I support a study. I don't see that as a problem. There were a couple of comments that I choose to make if I may do so. One of the speakers, and I want you all to know the community that I come from. I come from a working community, a community called Orcutt, Guadalupe and Lompoc. And the average income in that community and this may come to a shock to you, is probably around \$70,000. These are not people that are in high paying jobs.

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JONI GRAY (CONTINUED)

Most of the folks in my community, and so yesterday, I received a report from the realtor's association and title officers and loan officers and the discussion was who's buying houses and what kind of houses

are they buying in the Santa Maria-Orcutt area? And they listed the areas where the people that are buying houses and the kinds of jobs they have, they're high enough paying jobs to allow them to get into the housing market. The three jobs were hospital, casino and CMC, Vanenburg (sp?) area.

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JONI GRAY (CONTINUED)

So as you all have maybe different and are probably more fortunate than some of the folks that live in my district in that you don't see working at the casino as a high-paying job, count your blessings, I guess, because that's just a, that's a high-paying job in the fourth district. The other thing that I wanted to talk about was the one speaker that said, social services is suffering because of this. That's not the case.

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JONI GRAY (CONTINUED)

Social services is able to have employment occur because of the jobs that come as a part of the casino. Now the other one that was interesting (LAUGH) to me and it just goes to show you how different our communities are is the gentleman that stated no one likes the casino. He should live in (LAUGH) my community. I mean, they love it, man. I mean, they're all hopping on the buses and that's where the seniors go get their activity.

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JONI GRAY (CONTINUED)

And they, you know, either love. They work there or they don't know anything about it. With all that being said, I don't, I do think that there is an impact on the county of Santa Barbara when it comes to providing the streets and roads and all the infrastructure. Now I don't think the citizens of the San Ynez Valley would be real happy if we got, if the governor wrote them a blank check to take care of all the impacts that existed.

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JONI GRAY (CONTINUED)

Because that might mean six-lane roads in and out of the valley, parking places, triple the number of police officers based on what you're saying, so I mean, I don't think that's a good thing, either. I think the sad thing is, the really sad thing is is that this is where the reservation is located. I had a discussion out in the hallway with one of my dear friends and a person that I really admire. And she said, why don't they move it closer to 101?

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JONI GRAY (CONTINUED)

And I thought, great idea. In fact, I'd even offered to Chairman Armenta about three years ago that maybe he could move into the fourth district with the casino and we could locate on 101 and all the impacts would be taken care of. That's not an option, and if I'm wrong here, Mr. Stark, you can correct me, but I think I'm darn right. It's gotta be on the reservation. So I'll go on and you can straighten me out if I need to be straightened out.

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JONI GRAY (CONTINUED)

But I think that we need to study and Mr. Cohan (sp?) , I think maybe you should suggest that people that benefit from the casino do come and testify because these folks are all sitting here only listening to themselves. And I listen to all of the others that find the casino a positive, big part of their life. And, you know, I can see on all your faces that that just isn't the way you see things. But that's the way it is in my district.

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JONI GRAY (CONTINUED)

And I, too, wish that it were in a different area, more than you possibly know. And I think Supervisor Firestone has really fought the noble fight. I mean, talk about someone that's been out protecting his community and trying to make something happen. He has definitely done it. I can't possibly support trying to dictate to the rest of the state, oh, shoot, my computer went down on the, where the, where it talks, oh, thank you Janet.

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JONI GRAY (CONTINUED)

Where it talks about adopt a policy that all the counties in the state are affected, I can't possibly support that. I also believe that Chairman Armenta should be here. I wholeheartedly support all the studies that we can do, because it's an impact and what is it gonna cost us, and we need to be able to be armed with that kind of information when we take the journey up to Sacramento and ask them not to extend the size of the casino.

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JONI GRAY (CONTINUED)

I wanna go on record right now, let every person in this room now that I voted against extending gambling when it was on the state proposition. I also want you to know that I was in the minority. And the ones of you that speak about the evils of gambling, it, that doesn't help us a lot. I mean, I understand the evils of gambling, and I totally agree with you. I don't go to the place. But that's not our issue.

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JONI GRAY (CONTINUED)

Our issue is this, these, (LAUGH) oh, boy, this is using a casino, these are the cards that we have been dealt in this county, and this is the thing that we have to do. But please don't think that you're the only folks that have an opinion. The people in the fourth district look at this very differently than you do. However, I do think we need the study and we need to let the governor that this particular activity does not fit expansion, located where it's located. And that's what I would like to say.

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BROOKS FIRESTONE

Thank you very much. If I may just reply to a couple of things, I think, 'cause I, of course, the speakers can no longer speak. I just want to reiterate that this resolution, nor does our discussion have anything to do with the existing casino. This does not in any way affect the existing jobs or the use of the casino or the, so I want to make that very clear, so your constituents have no misunderstanding about that.

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BROOKS FIRESTONE (CONTINUED)

Secondly, in talking about social services, it is true that the social services of Santa Barbara County have not seen a great impact yet. However, this is a very recent phenomena. The true size and impact of the gaming phenomena is only a couple of years old or so. And the speakers were indicating something that is, has occurred around the country where the, been more experience with this phenomena. And looking to the future, when social services may look at it quite differently in the county.

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BROOKS FIRESTONE (CONTINUED)

And lastly, regarding the all counties, this is a reflection of the fact that something might happen in the state. And we cannot get a clear definition of that, according to county council and probably won't be able to find out what it means if one compact is concluded somewhere that might have an influence or conclude a compact here for a significant expansion without our being part of it in any way.

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BROOKS FIRESTONE (CONTINUED)

And so that is why the reference to the other counties, and we're not telling the other counties what they can do or can't do. We're just saying that all counties should be aware of that. And so from that point of view, I think our resolution here encompasses that which is appropriate to be said. Mr. Centano.

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JOSEPH CENTANO

Thank you, Mr. Chair. You know, the last time this thing was before us I indicated that I would be willing to support the letter to the Governor. And a letter was drafted and I indicated also that we ought to run that letter by the tribe just so that we at least let them know what it is we're sending to the Governor. Now, it has been mentioned here today by someone that if we are opting out to send the letter as opposed to the resolution that we ought to drop a couple of sentences from the first paragraph and the last paragraph.

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JOSEPH CENTANO (CONTINUED)

And if we do that, and then I read the essence of what's left, you know, it's a pretty strong indication to the Governor in my estimation that we have some real strong concerns about what's happening with the negotiations that are going on with his office and other tribes and that we want to be a part of that. And I would also, whatever happens today, I would hope that what we could also do is to sit down with the tribe to find out what their intentions are and what it is they really want to do in terms of expansions, in terms of their reservation and their casino.

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JOSEPH CENTANO (CONTINUED)

'Cause we've heard some conflicting stories here. We've also heard that at one time we sat down and we negotiated with them on the six point nine. I was a part of that to some extent and yes, we thought we had an agreement and it turns out that we didn't have an agreement because all of a sudden some other acreage came in to the discussion that we had not anticipated. So the negotiations fell apart. But to suggest that we can't sit down with the tribe and continue to talk and negotiate with them I think is not being accurate.

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JOSEPH CENTANO (CONTINUED)

You know, we hear the demands and the desires on a part of the American people with respect to other critical things that we need to negotiate with and those are the issues that are tragically before us in the Middle East. You know, we need to continue to seek diplomatic kinds of solutions to these terrible problems that we're faced with. And so to suggest that what we ought to do is pass this resolution, send it off to the state and not get back in deep negotiations with the tribe I think would be an exercise in futility.

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JOSEPH CENTANO (CONTINUED)

The other issue that I think that we need to do and that is obviously to look at what kind of impacts are being created not only by the expansion. You know, I wonder how we separate out those adverse impacts that are traded by the casino and impacts and that are created by contiguous cities and even the county with respect to the Santa Ynez Valley. You know, I want to thank each and every one of you for being here today and I have to admit that I have not gotten back with many of you with respect to all the emails that you've sent me but I've read each and every one of them.

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JOSEPH CENTANO (CONTINUED)

And they're numerous to say the least. And I appreciate the passion that you manifest and embody for this, for your valley and for what happens there. And I, to dovetail in on what Supervisor Gray has stated, many employees of the casino live in the Santa Maria area, in my district. And I'm kind of caught here in the middle. On the one hand we're talking about what we can do to help you people in the Santa Ynez Valley to make sure that the quality of life that you experience right now is in many ways jeopardized.

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JOSEPH CENTANO (CONTINUED)

Well, at the same time, I have to accommodate the folks in my district who work at the casino. You know, they have a bus ride to and from that doesn't cost them anything. They have a job that pays a reasonably good salary I suppose. Health benefits and those kinds of things that are important to a family. And surely I didn't want to do anything that's going to jeopardize those folks because they're the ones that elected me to represent their interests. But while at the same time, I understand and appreciate the kinds of issues that you bring before the Board.

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JOSEPH CENTANO (CONTINUED)

And I want to accommodate you people while at the same time making sure that it isn't going to adversely affect the people that elected me. I, you know, I, the issue with the resolution that I have and we talked about it this morning with the deficits in different departments and the moneys that we may have or not have and we're in the middle of our budget process right now and here we're talking about doing another

big assessment, an environmental assessment that's gonna cost the county some money. And I've had some discussions with Mr. Brown about that.

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JOSEPH CENTANO (CONTINUED)

And he's indicated to me that he's looking at about 40, \$50,000 to do this assessment. In the scheme of things that might not be a whole lot of money. But when we're talking about trying to insure little children as Supervisor Carbajal and I are trying to do right now, and we're talking about 5,000 plus children and we're talking about millions of dollars to do that and we're talking about increased foster care and increased this and that and we're, and now we're talking about adding some more money to do the environmental analysis and in addition we're already doing an environmental analysis in the Santa Ynez Valley with the Santa Ynez Community Plan.

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JOSEPH CENTANO (CONTINUED)

So I, that's, the problem that I have with that resolution is the dollar amounts that are involved there with respect to having to do that environmental analysis. And I don't know if I'm gonna get the same bang for my dollar if we send a letter excluding those two sentences or whether we do the resolution and delete from the resolution the comments with respect to the environmental impact review. That we have to do. I'm not saying that we ought not to do that. We need to do that environmental assessment some time so that we know not necessarily what might happen if we have an expansion of the casino but so that we know exactly what's happening with the casinos there already.

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JOSEPH CENTANO (CONTINUED)

And everything else that feeds into that environmental assessment. You know, the tourist stuff that comes to Solvang and what happens at Buellton and what happens throughout the valley. The wineries and that sort of thing. It would be nice to get all that together and be able to say this is what's happening in the Santa Ynez Valley and this is why it's happening. And I don't have any problem with doing that but to attach that to this, you know, I have a real problem with that and I have to say that I try very desperately to support Chairman Firestone with issues in his district because I know he has a very difficult time in his district.

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JOSEPH CENTANO (CONTINUED)

Not only with the Santa Ynez Valley but also the Isla Vista area in the coastal zone of Gaviota. He's got a lot of tough things on his plate and I try to support him in every instance that I can. And to the extent that I want to support you in this, you know, my preference would be to send the letter with deleting those two sentences. So that's where I'm at Chairman Firestone.

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BROOKS FIRESTONE

Well, thank you very much. And I know it does take some money but it seems like it is a relatively small amount compared to the really significant impact this has on our community. With that I would like to move that we adopt this and I'd like to change one word from environmental to comprehensive. We're coining a new phrase here. A Comprehensive Impact Report. And I am offering here what I think is appropriate myself and what the community has earnestly and I think responsibly and conservatively suggested to the Board and I think it's totally appropriate and I so move.

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MALE

But this in question would be the resolution?

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BROOKS FIRESTONE

This is the resolution as submitted. I don't know if the Chair's allowed to sit here for an hour or so for a second or? (LAUGH)

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MALE

Okay. The Chair has the imperial discretion to make a reasonable pause awaiting a second.

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BROOKS FIRESTONE

I think that pause is unfortunately...

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MALE

(OVERLAPPING) (UNINTELLIGIBLE)

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JANET WOLF

(OVERLAPPING) Can I make a second motion?

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BROOKS FIRESTONE

Yeah.

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JANET WOLF

That after listening to...

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BROOKS FIRESTONE

That's not a second. That's a... (ALL TALKING AT ONCE)

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BROOKS FIRESTONE (CONTINUED)

Well, first of all, the Chair says...

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JANET WOLF

I'm assuming that the first motion failed.

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BROOKS FIRESTONE

(OVERLAPPING) ...that the motion has failed for lack of a second.

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JANET WOLF

(OVERLAPPING) Lack. Given everyone's comments except we haven't, I haven't heard from Mr. Carbajal. I'm going back to the letter and I agree with Mr. Centeno that we delete the two sentences that were mentioned by Rob. We add to the letter that we held two hearings and I think it's...

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BROOKS FIRESTONE

(OVERLAPPING) (UNINTELLIGIBLE)

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JANET WOLF

...important that we add the paragraph that I mentioned about the impact study. And I agree with Mr. Firestone that we need to get that done. This is obviously something that was done before. I don't know who it was that brought the one that was done in 2001.

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MALE

(UNINTELLIGIBLE)

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JANET WOLF

Oh, you did the study, Mike? So, okay. I think it's quite reasonable to ask for that. And it doesn't look like the resolution's going to go anywhere. But I, if we can do the letter and insure that we have an impact study incorporated, that would be my motion.

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BROOKS FIRESTONE

So the motion would be to submit the letter from the Board Of Supervisors deleting the last sentence on the first paragraph and the last sentence on the next to last paragraph, both starting with the words if.

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JANET WOLF

Correct.

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BROOKS FIRESTONE

Okay on that. And adding the provision that there be a comprehensive impact study on the present impact of the (UNINTELLIGIBLE) ...

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JANET WOLF

(OVERLAPPING) I added it in the second paragraph where it says City Of Solvang. My wording was Santa Barbara County is in the process of conducting our own impact study to include the traffic, crime, economic, social, environmental and infrastructure impacts of the existing 2,000 slot gaming operation at the Chumash Casino.

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BROOKS FIRESTONE

So we are as it were adopting that by incorporating it in the letter?

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MALE

Yeah.

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MALE

Mr. Chair, if I may.

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BROOKS FIRESTONE

Yeah.

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MALE

As you boys well aware I seldom if ever dip my toe into substantive policy matters. I would suggest that you Board give consideration to leaving those two sentences in the letter, that the, it's your call. You can write whatever you want. I think the Governor has made it fairly clear that they consider themselves bound by whatever federal law says with respect to the conduct (UNINTELLIGIBLE) the negotiations and yet...

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BROOKS FIRESTONE

Well, I don't see how these two sentences bear on that though.

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MALE

What I'm suggesting to you is if you leave yourself no room for a fall back position which the Governor is willing to conduct some form, give the County some form of meaningful consultation but is not willing to give us a full seat at the table or hold a public hearing in the County which are the two other things we ask for, that you may be putting yourself in a position where you would draw opposition rather than cooperation from the Governor.

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JANET WOLF

I will amend my motion to include those two sentences.

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JOSEPH CENTANO

You know, Mr. Chair, you know, I think the message that we're trying to impart to the Governor is that we here in Santa Barbara County want to be a part of whatever it is that's negotiated. And obviously we, I

don't know that we want to say to anybody if we can't be we'll settle for something else. You know, I think because we're not sending a resolution and we, I think we need to make our point as strong as possible.

[2]02:10:33 **JOSEPH CENTANO (CONTINUED)**

Yet, you know, having in mind that we need also to sit down with the tribe and discuss with them what it is they want to do and how that might impact the Santa Ynez Valley. But I don't see where taking these two sentences out of there is in any way going to put us in jeopardy with the Governor's office.

[2]02:10:55 **MALE**
I can't...

[2]02:10:55 **JOSEPH CENTANO**
He's going to do what he's going to do.

[2]02:10:57 **MALE**
Yes.

[2]02:10:59 **BROOKS FIRESTONE**
And so in my discussions with the Governor I don't get that at all. I mean if, we're asking, making a reasonable request in here and the fall back position is his anyway.

[2]02:11:10 **MALE**
It obviously...

[2]02:11:11 **BROOKS FIRESTONE**
(UNINTELLIGIBLE)

[2]02:11:12 **MALE**
...it's your (SOUNDS LIKE) protocol. Frankly I would not expect a response from the Governor.

[2]02:11:14 **JANET WOLF**
(OVERLAPPING) You know, I am okay if you want to keep it in or take it out. I think...

[2]02:11:17 **BROOKS FIRESTONE**
No. As your seconder I would like to take them out.

[2]02:11:21 **JANET WOLF**
Okay.

[2]02:11:21 **BROOKS FIRESTONE**
To go to the (WORD?) . Any further discussion?

[2]02:11:25 **MALE**
I'll second the motion.

[2]02:11:26 **BROOKS FIRESTONE**
Okay.

[2]02:11:29 **JONI GRAY**
But I have a, I would like, I'll support the motion. Just wanted to let you know that I think that counsel is right as far as asking for the back up because of the federal law. And this is based on many of the

meetings that I've had in, well, many. The Washington, D.C. meetings and gaming meetings. So I do wish we had a back up position but if you don't want to that's fine with me too.

[2]02:11:55 **BROOKS FIRESTONE**

I think...

[2]02:11:56 **JONI GRAY**

So I, and, you know, you're just asking. But the other thing is I would support this if somewhere or another we have, that we meet with the tribe and discuss because no way otherwise.

[2]02:12:07 **BROOKS FIRESTONE**

Well, you know, I took...

[2]02:12:09 **JONI GRAY**

I think you're okay with that, aren't you Janet?

[2]02:12:11 **BROOKS FIRESTONE**

Certainly...

[2]02:12:12 **JANET WOLF**

Oh, yeah. (SOUNDS LIKE) That's great.

[2]02:12:12 **BROOKS FIRESTONE**

...why, I mean our policy has always been to meet with the tribe and always will be. I think Supervisor Centeno's remarks are very well taken in that regard and to reiterate that would be no harm. And I don't think it even needs to be in the motion because it certainly, it exists. It is. The invitation is always there. Certainly the third district and I think any other supervisor is, I think the tribe knows that that's very available.

[2]02:12:42 **JOSEPH CENTANO**

Mr. Chair, after we deal with the vote on this motion I'd like to go back and touch on the impact review portion of it. I'm talking about the, if we want to call it an environmental impact review, I don't really think it's an environmental impact review. I think it's...

[2]02:12:59 **BROOKS FIRESTONE**

Comprehensive Impact Review.

[2]02:13:00 **JOSEPH CENTANO**

...it's, right. In terms of what impacts are created in the Santa Ynez Valley. So once we vote on this motion I'd like to come back to that in terms of directing staff to do certain things.

[2]02:13:11 **JONI GRAY**

And Mr. Chair, I'm still hanging into the commitment that we got that we would, that Mr. Armenta (SP?) should be involved in this prior to us sending it off. I mean that's what, where we were at the beginning of this hearing. So Mr. Cohen (SP?) if you come up...

[2]02:13:26 **BROOKS FIRESTONE**

Well, I know that the Chairman Armenta has seen this letter.

[2]02:13:33 **JANET WOLF**

But we added...

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JONI GRAY

But we added the paragraph. We did some, we've talked about it and I think that, you know, I just think that's only polite. But, you know, so as I said, I'd support it but I still, I was basing that on that we were going to chat with Mr. Armenta or the, prior to either in another hearing with him in attendance or a meeting with the tribe.

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BROOKS FIRESTONE

Well, I don't, I mean, and of course that's always available and will always be available. What we're sending here is a communication to the Governor saying that the County would like to be included and that we're studying it. My goodness, that's, I think that's our prerogative. Okay. Is the clerk, do you have the motion and the language?

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MALE

My, I have the text of the motion edited which...

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BROOKS FIRESTONE

And, but does it, do you have the Comprehensive Impact Report?

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MALE

The additional sentence says Santa Barbara County's in the process of conducting our own, it says impact study and we can add the word comprehensive if you like it.

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JONI GRAY

That's...

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BROOKS FIRESTONE

Well, this sounds good.

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MALE

Comprehensive Impact Study and the deletion of the last sentence in the first and last paragraphs?

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BROOKS FIRESTONE

Very well.

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JONI GRAY

But, and I want to, I'm sorry. I feel like I'm being stubborn. But I want a yes or no as to whether or not we're going to, I don't, to continue until Chairman Amenta can be here or in the alternative, not send a letter until such time as we meet with the tribe. Because everyone said we don't do it Solvang, we don't do it to Buellton, we don't do it to UCSB. Why would we do it here? So that's, I'm uncomfortable with that and I mean I don't know how the rest of you feel on that.

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BROOKS FIRESTONE

Well, I personally feel that this is a legitimate expression of the County to the Governor and it's not, a little confrontational to the tribe. It is simply asking to be part of the negotiations and I think that's, I don't understand your uncomfortable nature.

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JONI GRAY

Well, we, okay. I'm uncomfortable because his representative asked on behalf of the tribe that it be continued for two weeks. The discussion at the Board level was take the testimony and then I thought that Supervisor Carbajal was supporting my request to at least vote on whether or not it'll be continued. It may get voted down, but that's where I'm...

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BROOKS FIRESTONE

You know...

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JONI GRAY

...and maybe I don't have support here.

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BROOKS FIRESTONE

...I would submit to the Board that, you know, we have been through this a number of times. These hearings are long and agonizing and difficult for the community and difficult for the tribe and certainly difficult for the Board. And frankly, I think it's time to move on with this. I, because what we're contemplating is opening the entire matter up again and I just don't think it's appropriate.

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JANET WOLF

Can we do this? If we approve this item and then contact Chairman Armenta and let him know of this letter and then ask him if he wants to come back to the Board because he's not happy with it? And then we'll have another hearing. If he's happy with it or he may, he's probably not gonna be happy with it either way. But he may decide that he doesn't want to come and speak to us.

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BROOKS FIRESTONE

Well, yes, I...

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JANET WOLF

So...

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BROOKS FIRESTONE

...I would certainly entertain, if there is a reasonable and definitive objection and of substance, I think that the Board would, it would be appropriate to hear it.

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JONI GRAY

Is the motion...

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BROOKS FIRESTONE

But to let ourselves in for a whole other afternoon of this, I don't think it's appropriate.

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JOSEPH CENTANO

Mr. Chair, I guess a couple of issues. In the timeline here, is it critical that this thing be set tomorrow or the next day to the Governor's office? Or is it possible that between now and then, I don't know where Chairman Armenta is. You know, there's an indication here that he needed a couple of weeks. I'm just wondering if he's going to be available within this next week, between now and our next Board meeting, so that we could sit down with him and chat with him about this. And I don't, maybe we can get a feel from the representative from the...

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MALE

Today is his birthday. (LAUGH)

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BROOKS FIRESTONE

I couldn't hear you.

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MALE

He said today's the Chairman's birthday I believe, Mr. (WORD?) .

[2]02:18:23 **BROOKS FIRESTONE**

Oh, okay. But what about next Tuesday?

[2]02:18:27 **MALE**

(UNINTELLIGIBLE)

[2]02:18:32 **JOSEPH CENTANO**

Okay. You know, I just think that we need to give him an opportunity to look at what we're, what it is we're doing because he is obviously the Chairman of the tribe and he needs I think to have access to that. And I, and we said that the last time. We wrote the letter. We were gonna run it by the Chairman not necessarily to get his stamp of approval on it but just to give him the courtesy of looking at what it is we're sending to the Governor.

[2]02:18:56 **BROOKS FIRESTONE**

I'd...

[2]02:18:57 **JOSEPH CENTANO**

And that's exactly what I think Supervisor Gray wants to do and I don't see anything wrong with that.

[2]02:19:03 **BROOKS FIRESTONE**

Okay. So the sense of it's not a motion but it is an agreement to sit down with the Chair and submit the letter and if there is a reasonable and substantial purpose in having another hearing on this, to do so. But we're not, what we're not doing is committing ourselves to another hearing.

[2]02:19:34 **JONI GRAY**

I like to not commit (SOUNDS LIKE) self to another hearing. I hate to be the person in charge of determining reasonable.

[2]02:19:40 **BROOKS FIRESTONE**

Could you like, would you like to suggest a subcommittee?

[2]02:19:44 **JONI GRAY**

I think that a subcommittee should meet which should call Chairman Armenta tomorrow...

[2]02:19:49 **MALE**

It's being done.

[2]02:19:50 **JONI GRAY**

...and ask him to meet with us and go over the letter and send the letter after we go over it.

[2]02:19:58 **MALE**

Mr. Chair and Supervisor Gray, I believe the Allocation Committee which is made up of your Boards and Solvang councilmen and some of the tribal board members is meeting Thursday and you would have that opportunity and I understand that Chairman Armenta is to be at the meeting. So you can do it relatively quickly.

[2]02:20:20 **BROOKS FIRESTONE**

(OVERLAPPING) Well, that would be, that would then be Mr. Centeno and myself who would take the opportunity to visit with the Chairman on that regard. Very well. Will you accept that?

[2]02:20:37 **MALE**

(UNINTELLIGIBLE)

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JONI GRAY

You know, that's all right with me. I just, I don't know if that, if you folks really want that in that particular...

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BROOKS FIRESTONE

Well, it wouldn't be in that venue. It would be a side bar.

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JONI GRAY

A side bar.

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MALE

Just saying you have a convenient way to (UNINTELLIGIBLE) .

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BROOKS FIRESTONE

(OVERLAPPING) Yes.

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JONI GRAY

Okay. Because I don't think you want to do it in that (WORD?) .

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BROOKS FIRESTONE

(OVERLAPPING) No, no.

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MALE

It wouldn't be the subject of that.

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JONI GRAY

(OVERLAPPING) Okay. (LAUGH)

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BROOKS FIRESTONE

Very well.

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JONI GRAY

(SOUNDS LIKE) They call his money and give his money.

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BROOKS FIRESTONE

We have a motion and a second?

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MALE

What is it?

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BROOKS FIRESTONE

The motion is the clerk will read.

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FEMALE

Well, as I understand it, the motion is to...

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BROOKS FIRESTONE

Or Mr. (UNINTELLIGIBLE)

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FEMALE

(OVERLAPPING) ...redraft the letter the proposed changes and execute it.

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MALE

Well, the part that I'm not clear on that part of the motion is clear is a motion to send the letter to the Governor and what I'm not sure about is whether there would be a deferral of the actual physical sending of the letter...

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BROOKS FIRESTONE

(OVERLAPPING) It would be after consultation with the Chair by the members of the, what's the name of the committee? It's...

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JONI GRAY

Indian Gaming.

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BROOKS FIRESTONE

...Indian Gaming Allocation Committee.

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MALE

To send the, to, yeah, pending consultation with Chairman Armenta by the committee?

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BROOKS FIRESTONE

Yeah. Very well.

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JONI GRAY

And you know what? If he double duty or hates it, he could put it back on the agenda again.

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MALE

Well, he can certainly request...

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JONI GRAY

Request that it be put on the agenda.

[2]02:22:07

MALE

(OVERLAPPING) One of you...

[2]02:22:08

JONI GRAY

Yeah.

[2]02:22:08

MALE

...any one of you can do that.

[2]02:22:12

JONI GRAY

I don't want to.

[2]02:22:12

BROOKS FIRESTONE

Michael, what's the date of that meeting? It's next week I believe, isn't it?

[2]02:22:16

JOSEPH CENTANO

It's 13th I think.

[2]02:22:18

MALE

Then it's the first.

[2]02:22:22

FEMALE

The first.

[2]02:22:22

MALE

March first.

[2]02:22:24

BROOKS FIRESTONE

Very well.

[2]02:22:24

MALE

(UNINTELLIGIBLE)

[2]02:22:25

SALUD CARBAJAL

Mr. Chair, I haven't spoken because I think I made myself clear in previous hearings. And I think a lot of my sentiments were expressed by a number of the supervisors that spoke. Supervisor Gray and Supervisor Centeno. So that's why I've been just sitting back and listening and weighing and seeing how I'm gonna vote.

[2]02:22:47

BROOKS FIRESTONE

Thank you very much. The clerk.

[2]02:22:50

FEMALE

Mr. Centeno?

[2]02:22:51

JOSEPH CENTANO

Aye.

[2]02:22:52

FEMALE

Mr. Carbajal?

[2]02:22:53

SALUD CARBAJAL

No.

[2]02:22:54

FEMALE

Miss Wolf?

[2]02:22:55

JANET WOLF

Aye.

[2]02:22:56

FEMALE

Miss Gray?

[2]02:22:56

JANET WOLF

Aye.

[2]02:22:57

FEMALE

Mr. Firestone?

[2]02:22:58

BROOKS FIRESTONE

Aye. Thank you very much. Thank you all for attending. Shall we take just a brief, we'll take a brief break after which we have one more item I believe. (ALL TALKING AT ONCE)

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