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Comment #1

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9499 Bush Street
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February 1, 2004

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Mr. Bill Allan
Regional Environmental Specialist
Bureau of Indian Affairs
2800 Cottage Way
Sacramento, CA 95825

Dear Mr. Allan:

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As if the multitude of impacts this project would bring to the local community were not enough, we now learn that Ikon and the Miwok Indian group have made the decision to use ground water for the proposed project rather obtaining water from the Amador Water Agency. In an area where water resources are scarce to nil this is a total outrage. In our immediate neighborhood there are multiple examples of wells that have gone dry and new wells that have produced as little as 0.5 gpm. The well that supplies our home and animals only produces 7.5 gpm. We have been able to manage by using water judiciously but have no guarantees and can not imagine a facility the size of the proposed casino drilling enough wells to produce the estimated 150,000 gallons needed per day.

In summary we have been opposed to this casino since we became fully informed about it. The recent decision for them to provide their own water is the final blow. Our ranch and the land and lives of all those around us would be without value without the limited water we already have.

Very truly yours,

William E. Allison
Doris A. Allison

Encl.
Cc: Gale Norton, Dept. of Interior ✓
R. Lee Fleming, BIA
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We own a 285 acre ranch within a mile of this proposed project. We are retired from careers in business and the health care industry and came here to raise a few cattle and enjoy a quiet rural existence during our remaining years of life. As we see it the negative effects of such a huge project are almost too numerous to mention. However, here are a few of the reasons we believe this is a very bad idea.

- Traffic – Highways 49 and 16 are country highways that can barely accomodate local traffic. Improvements to the road could never get ahead of the major increase caused by the casino and hotel.
- Water – Ikon has proposed connecting Plymouth's water to the Amador Water Agency lines. This would solve the immediate need for water for their project but Californians need to look at the regional scarcity of water. Historically Plymouth has taken its water from wells and the Cosumnes River. Most residents of the surrounding area have wells for drinking and agriculture. We simply cannot continue to use larger amounts of this precious resource for recreation—it must be used cautiously to assure our long term survival.
- Lights/Noise – This will be a 24 hour business with a high need for security. Light pollution will be something we all have to see, not just the people at the casino and hotel. Noise will be the same—people coming and going with voices and vehicle sounds all day and all night.

- Public Intrusion – Because we own land in historic mining country with a creek, we expect a major problem with people leaving the casino and trying to get into the country (all private roads) for a few beers by the side of the road, exchange of drugs or sex in an area off the public streets, target shooting or four wheeling in the pasture. Gates will be left open, fences will be cut, cattle will be out.
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Comment #3

Name:

First: John Last ASMUS

Phone: 2965681

Address:

Street: 18880 PARDONOSA ADRNEX P.O. Box _____

City SUTTER CREEK Zip 95685

E-mail address: _____

Comments (for or against casino)

They have No Legal Right to
Be here. They Do not Live here
or Vote here

Areas of interest where you might be of assistance:

When are you available to help? (Days or evenings)

YES

Recommendation of people who might be willing to serve as officers or on a committee:

Comment #4



Grace Fellowship Church

of Amador County

Dale Barrett, Pastor
Mark Johnson, Associate Pastor
Ward Willoughby, Senior Adult Pastor

Bureau of Indian Affairs
Sacramento Area Office
Att: 2800 Cottage Way
Sacramento, California 95825

October 7, 2003

Dear Sir:

I pastor the congregation of Grace Fellowship Church in Amador County. We have a congregation of about 500-600 that participate and call our church "home".

I have been back in Amador County for seven years and this is my thirty-sixth year in pastoral ministry. I am concerned about the proposed development of another casino in Plymouth, California. I am persuaded that one casino—not three that would be here if one were built in Ione in addition to the one in Jackson—is more than adequate for our county population of 35,000 people. We have worked hard in this county to allow for normal growth while at the same time preserving the "small town" atmosphere that is so appealing to residents and guests in this area.

I feel that the anticipated financial gain from the gambling industry is nullified by the sacrifices that we would have to make in terms of increased traffic, accelerated crime, and the other unavoidable management issues that are concomitant to the gaming industry.

We hope that you will give strong consideration to the wishes and desires of the people here who have made Amador County their home.

Sincerely,

Dale Barrett, Senior Minister
GRACE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

Cc: Ailda Mallick, Paul Cherry

Comment #5

Bureau of Indian Affairs
2800 Cottage Way
Sacramento, CA 95825

My name is Don Becker and I live at 5756 Voorhies Ct., Plymouth.
The following organizations and elected officials are strongly opposed to a Casino in Plymouth:

Amador County Board of Supervisors
Jackson City Council
Sutter Creek City Council
Amador City Council
Ione City Council
Community of Burke Ranch
Community of Willow Creek
Amador County Unified School District
Board of Directors of Amador Air District
Assemblyman Alan Nakanishi representing the Plymouth area
Senator Rico Oller representing the Plymouth area
Bethel Assembly of God Church
Plymouth Pentecostal Church of God
Fiddletown Community Church
Superintendent, Amador County Office of Education

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These organizations compelling reasons for opposing the casino are detailed in their enclosed separate letters.

In light of this we respectfully ask you how justice and fairness are served if you support a non-reservation land casino in the face of overwhelming opposition by the citizens of Plymouth and the surrounding county of Amador.



Don Becker

Cc: George Skibine
BIA
1849 C St. N.W.
Washington, DC 20240

Mario Biagi
500 Argonaut Ln.
Jackson, CA 94652



November 19, 2003

Bureau of Indian Affairs
2800 Cottage Way
Sacramento, CA 95825

My name is Don Becker and I Live ^{ON} ~~at~~ ^{IN} Voorhies Ct., Plymouth ~~CA~~.

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Comment #6

IONE BAND OF MIWOK INDIANS - FEE-TO-TRUST PROJECT

November 19, 2003 - 6:00 - 9:00 PM

Amador County Fairgrounds

COMMENT SHEET

Your Name: Barbara Bevelaegue Your Organization: Citizen U.S.A

and for the people
Since our government is based on "of the people, by the people" it is reasonable that all individuals, indian or other, should be listened to, whether or not government officials or bodies act as "the people" wish. Casinos, as separate nations in the country's midst are a sad way of livelihood for a once proud and moral people. We as a country have failed the native indians in a great neglect, but casinos are not a good or moral answer. Our country can do better!

Comment #7

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500 ARGONAUT LANE • JACKSON, CA 95642-9534 • (209) 223-6470 • FAX (209) 257-0619



May 22, 2003

Jacqueline Lucido
Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 596
Jackson, CA 95642

Re: Board of Supervisors' Opposition to Proposed Casino in Plymouth

Dear Ms. Lucido,

Enclosed is a package of letters opposing the proposed casino in Plymouth. Letters were sent to the cities and the Governor. Also enclosed is the Board of Supervisors Resolution and the minutes pertaining to this subject. We are seeking the support of the Chamber of Commerce at this time.

Please call me if you have any questions.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mario Biagi", is written over a faint, larger version of the same signature.

Mario Biagi
Vice-Chairman of the Board of Supervisors

encl.

*Leonard W. & Marian L. Randolph & Family
17800 Randolph Ct
Plymouth, CA 95669
PH: 209-245-6207
e-mail: lenmar30@twinwolf.net*

Besides the water problems, the City of Plymouth currently has complex sewer problems as the sewer is at its capacity. The usage of 60,000-80,000 gallons on its face, demonstrates the enormous quantity of wastewater that will be created by such an establishment.

The casino promoters estimate that 7,000 car trips daily will occur. Realistically this will probably multiply tenfold, which is much more than the city of Plymouth, or the surrounding community can tolerate. Along with the economical disaster; traffic and utilities impact; comes the air and noise pollution which will be horrific. Plus, our life of looking at the night skies will be diminished with neon and flood lights on 24 hours per day. Automobiles and delivery trucks causing air pollution and sirens and traffic noise causing health pollution—all unnecessarily.

Any help you can offer will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you,

Leonard W. Randolph

Marian Randolph

Thomas Dillian

LaVonne J. Dillian

Leonard Randolph, Jr.

Kelleen Randolph

May 21, 2003

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The Honorable Gray Davis
Governor of the State of California
State Capitol, First Floor
Sacramento, Ca 95814

ORIGINAL RECORDS
AMADOR COUNTY, CA


Dear Governor Davis:

This letter concerns the negotiating process by your office for the issuance of a compact with the Ione Band of Miwok Indians to operate an Indian gambling casino near Plymouth, in Amador County, approximately six miles from my residence.

Being a resident of this area for approximately 20 years and active in my community, I find this proposal frightening. Since our lumber mill was closed, our County has looked for businesses that can adequately support our community services. We need product producing companies that will generate revenue. Another casino is only going to add to the problem of revenue shortfall. Gamblers don't share in the support of a tax base. They are only interested in communicating with "lady luck". Of all the things that concern me regarding the approval of another compact for a gambling casino in our small rural community, approximately 31,000 people, is the serious step we are taking to destroy our culture. What message are we sending our young people? Our parents and grandparents have always stressed the principles of hard work and being thrifty. This has made our country what it is today. Unless you were raised in Nevada, how many of us can boast of having a gambling house in their neighborhood? As good citizens, we have a responsibility to pass on the heritage that was given us. We must give our young people more than a convenient place for spending idle time.

As governor, I look to you to do the right thing and respectfully request that you deny this application for a gambling house compact by the Ione Band of Miwok Indians.

Sincerely,



James I. Bullock

cc: Federal Senators Feinstein and Boxer
State Senator Oller
State Assemblyman Nakanishi
Amador County Supervisor Biagi

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AMADOR COUNTY, CA.

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Jackson, CA 95642
May 20, 2003

Richard Escamilla
Amador County Board of Supervisors
500 Argonaut Lane
Jackson, CA 95642

Ref: Indian Casino in Plymouth

I strongly object to an Indian Casino in Plymouth, California. Our county has one Indian Casino in Jackson and we are familiar with the negative impact that establishment has had on our county services and on the quality of life for our residents.

The Jackson Rancheria cost Amador County over \$1,000,000 per year. How can we afford another Casino? There is the possibility that it could bankrupt this county!

The impact on local infrastructure will be devastating. It will affect the cost of road maintenance, our water supply, schools, police service, fire and ambulance service.

There are environmental issues concerning the air pollution, light and noise pollution, traffic congestion and increased crime.

It is argued that it will provide employment for people living in Amador County. The reality is that the Plymouth Casino, located at the intersection of highways 16 and 49 will have a large percentage of employees coming from the Sacramento and El Dorado counties.

For the homeowners, property values will go down. The largest reduction will be for those living in Plymouth; however, all property values in the county will be affected because of the above listed impacts and issues.

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Ruth Sanders

Mario Biagi

Each of us have also sent
letters to:

1. Governor Gray Davis
2. Senator Rico Oller
3. Congressman Doug Coss
4. Assemblyman Alan Nakashima
5. U.S. Department of Interior
Bureau of Indian Affairs
6. Acting Regional Director
Bureau of Indian Affairs
7. Plymouth City Council Members
8. Plymouth City Administrator
9. Richard Escamilla (Sandy &
Ruth)
10. Richard Forster (Dennis &
Kimberly)

Richard Escamilla

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WILLIAM EDWARDS
AMADOR COUNTY, CA.

Dear Governor Davis:

This letter concerns the negotiating process by your office for the issuance of a compact with the Ione Band of Miwok Indians to operate an Indian gambling casino near Plymouth, in Amador County, approximately six miles from my residence.

Being a resident of this area for approximately 20 years and active in my community, I find this proposal frightening. Since our lumber mill was closed, our County has looked for businesses that can adequately support our community services. We need product producing companies that will generate revenue. Another casino is only going to add to the problem of revenue shortfall. Gamblers don't share in the support of a tax base. They are only interested in communicating with "lady luck". Of all the things that concern me regarding the approval of another compact for a gambling casino in our small rural community, approximately 31,000 people, is the serious step we are taking to destroy our culture. What message are we sending our young people? Our parents and grandparents have always stressed the principles of hard work and being thrifty. These principles have made our country what it is today. Unless you were raised in Nevada, how many of us can boast of having had a gambling house in our neighborhood? As good citizens, we have a responsibility to pass on the heritage that was given us. We must give our young people more than a convenient place for spending idle time.

As governor, I look to you to do the right thing and respectfully request that you deny this application for a gambling casino compact by the Ione Band of Miwok Indians.

Sincerely,


Mary E. Bullock

cc: Federal Senators Feinstein and Boxer
State Senator Oller
State Assemblyman Nakanishi
County Supervisor Biagi

Nov 13 1963

Mr. Wendell Ray Davis
Governor of the State of Mississippi
State Capitol
Trenton, GA 31716

Dear Governor Davis:

I have a great story to tell you about with the so-called "Plymouth" which we have to build a casino in Plymouth. According to a newspaper report, you have a letter on your desk from the state which tells you about this proposition. This is his. There is one exception in the city and state to be considered.

Another county, with a population of 31,000, cannot tolerate three casinos. From the Board of Control we have had an advisory of the area. A casino at Lake View near Lake has been approved. A third casino in Plymouth, all within 15 miles of the other, is totally unacceptable.

Plymouth is a building operation due to water shortage, the power plant is at near capacity, yet an investment group from Mississippi has purchased option on land in Plymouth for a massive 200 acre casino project with 5,000 parking spaces.

The detriment of increased traffic (we have two-lane roads) air pollution (to have many casinos) crime, drugs, etc., not to mention the economic impact on our little town of a thousand people is just too much to bear. Plymouth would be crushed and our way of life destroyed.

I respectfully urge you, Governor Davis, to consider the facts and stop the Plymouth casino. As a Plymouth resident for more than 20 years, I will be grateful.

Sincerely,

Harold J. Williams

Harold Williams

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DEAR GOVERNOR DAVIS,

MY HUSBAND AND I ARE ASKING YOU TO PLEASE NOT SIGN OVER OUR LITTLE TOWN OF PLYMOUTH TO YET ANOTHER OFF-RESERVATION GAMING FACILITY.

I AM ON THE BOARD OF THE AMADOR COUNTY WINE GRAPE GROWERS ASSOCIATION, AND WE FEAR THAT A CASINO WOULD RUIN THE WINERY BUSINESS HERE THAT IS FINALLY SEEING SOME SUCCESS AND RECOGNITION AFTER MANY YEARS OF HARD WORK AND PROMOTION.

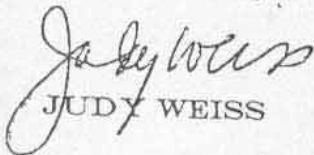
THE COUNTY OF AMADOR CANNOT SUPPORT A THIRD CASINO. TRAFFIC (7000 CAR TRIPS PER DAY), WATER (60,000 TO 80,000 GALLONS PER DAY), SEWAGE DISPOSAL OF 60,000 TO 80,000 GALLONS PER DAY IN A SYSTEM THAT IS ALREADY AT CAPACITY, SCHOOLS (THAT CAN NOT HANDLE AN INCREASE IN STUDENTS WITHOUT PROPERTY TAX AND IMPACT FEE INCREASES OF WHICH THE RESERVATION WOULD BE EXEMPT), AND FINALLY POLLUTION (AIR QUALITY, NOISE LEVELS, BUMPER TO BUMPER TRAFFIC, DRUGS, ALCOHOL, AND CRIME RATE).

WE HAVE SEEN AND PAID FOR, THROUGH THE COUNTY, THE PROBLEMS GENERATED FROM THE RANCHERIA IN JACKSON — OVER ONE MILLION DOLLARS IN EXPENSES A YEAR.

YOU AND I KNOW THIS HAS VERY LITTLE TO DO WITH INDIANS, AND A WHOLE LOT TO DO WITH BIG GAMBLING OUT OF MISSISSIPPI, FLORIDA AND NEVADA THAT HAVE FOUND A LOOPHOLE IN A BILL WRITTEN IN GOOD FAITH.

THANK YOU.

SINCERELY,


JUDY WEISS

CC TO:
PLYMOUTH CITY COUNCIL
DIANNE FEINSTEIN
BARBARA BOXER
DOUG OSE
ALAN NAKANISHI
PAUL MOOREHEAD

GREG BERGFELD
DALE RISLING
AUREEN MARTIN
GALE NORTON
RICO OLLER
MARIO BIAGI

They don't really care about us, do they?

In early July, we received a letter from Matthew Franklin saying that he was the Chairman of the Lone Band of Miwok Indians Tribal Counsel; this letter being about the proposed new casino soliciting our comments. We immediately sent him a letter (copies enclosed), which was subsequently returned to us as the ZIP code was incorrect. We looked up the address using the Internet and resent the letter with the correct ZIP code for the address on the letter. A second time, our letter was returned to us. Why did the Lone Band of Miwok Indians send a letter to citizens of Amador County with an incorrect return address, or does this man really exist. He exists, but REALLY is NOT interested in our comments and concerns?

Citizens of Amador County, please do the math. Regarding the front page article about the Plymouth Casino mitigation plan, 8-15-03. The water project...who is going to pay the \$5 million needed to make this work (after the Indians contribute \$2.74 million), the project estimate is \$7.24 million! The city of Plymouth will get \$2 million, but citizens of Amador county (or the city of Plymouth?) will have to come up with the needed \$5 million to allow this project to go forward. ??? How does this help our local economies ... we will start out in the hole and perhaps never be able to climb out of it. To the residents of the town of Plymouth, please, do not be fooled by a pretty picture, read the fine print! Reject this project.

Betty Riley Hoddy
Plymouth, California
August 16, 2003

Betty Riley Hoddy
10721 Shearwood Rd
Plymouth CA 95669
245-4843

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AMADOR COUNTY,

From: "" <mjbiagi@centralhouse.net>
To: <mbiagi@co.amador.ca.us>
Date: Thu, May 15, 2003 12:04 PM
Subject: Fwd: Fwd: NO CASINO in Plymouth -- proponents applied to State for compact Gaming license stating

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From: Betty Riley
Sent: 5/14/03 4:44:04 PM
To: mjbiagi@centralhouse.net
Subject: Fwd: NO CASINO in Plymouth -- proponents applied to State for compact Gaming license stating "no opposition" -- yeah, because Amador County citizens were not notified !!!

> Mario, I am hoping you will welcome the media attention... if they come our way. It was actually Rosemary Wreaks idea, and I was put up to the task of seeking phone numbers for her. I decided to try email.

>
> If they contact you, I am hoping you can correct any mis-informs I may have made (and, I only said you would "share all" ... to entice them to want to talk to us!)

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> You did a great job with the Plymouth town hall meeting. I will not be able to attend Sunday's meeting at the Little Red Schoolhouse. I will plan to attend Tuesday's Board meeting. I have sent a brief email to John for him to send out to Grape Growers...

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> Thank you too, as always... for caring about all of us. You are a good man, Mario.

> Bet

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> Betty Riley <bettyriley@yahoo.com> wrote:
> Date: Wed, 14 May 2003 23:28:03 -0700 (PDT)
> From: Betty Riley
> Subject: NO CASINO in Plymouth -- proponents applied to State for compact Gaming license stating "no opposition" -- yeah, because Amador County citizens were not notified !!!
> To: news@kvr13.com

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> The small town of Plymouth in Amador County is currently organizing mass opposition to a newly proposed Indian Casino. In a town hall meeting this evening (Wed., May 14), representatives from the "true" Band of Lone Miwok attended stating that they do not even know who these others are who are claiming that they are also Miwok of Lone... Citizens in Amador County are up in arms, alarmed by the potential unmitigatable impacts ANOTHER casino would have on our small communities; two lane roadways would not be able to handle the traffic, the proposed land site does not have water (with proponents claiming they will "truck" in water to the tune of 60-80,000 gallons PER DAY). Sewage is another issue, as the little town of Plymouth is already operating at capacity. Proposed site, lands, are not suitable for septic systems to handle these volumes of daily wastewaters.

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> Apparently, the tribe applied to the Governor stating in their application that there was NO OPPOSITION. DA, of course not, because this was all done VERY quietly with no information leaked until "in the process". There is TREMENDOUS OPPOSITION, and we need your help to get the attention of the Governor and word out in general. We understand this small tribe of people from the Sacramento area, are claiming to be Miwok of Lone...they have investors from Biloxi (spelling?) Mississippi backing their project...and NONE of it sounds good for California. We need your help in getting the attention of Governor Davis!

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> Amador County does NOT need a third casino! Especially with the possibility of each tribe having 2 casinos. Our county supervisors, Mario Biagi, and Richard Forrester, are currently holding Town Hall type meetings to help the public become informed. Mario Biagi will be hosting one of these, this Sunday, May 18 at the LITTLE RED SCHOOLHOUSE on HWY 16 between Rancho Marietta and Plymouth, 2 p.m. If you would like to contact Mario, please do... 209-223-6470.

>
> My name is Betty Riley and I am a Planning Commissioner for the County of Amador. I believe in supporting GOOD projects for our county... Our county's experience with existing casinos has proven to be excessively costly for taxpayers. Personally, I am not a "public speaker", however, I encourage you to please contact Mario, as he would be pleased to share all and welcome the assistance of the media in our efforts protect our rural countryside in Amador County.

> Sincerely,

> Betty Riley

> 209-245-4843

> EMAIL: bettyriley@yahoo.com

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Congressman Doug Ose
4400 Auburn Blvd., Suite 110
Sacramento, CA 95841

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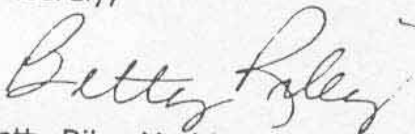
Dear Congressman Ose,

I am writing to request your support in opposing the proposed Indian casino in Plymouth. Amador county is really quite small in terms of population (approximately 35,000) and taxpayers should not be expected to support 3 Indian casinos. One is too many, as we have all realized with the Jackson Rancheria (costs incurred by the county to support emergency services, maintain roads, etc). A second casino is pending in the Ione area, and a third would be pushing us all toward desparate measures. Not good.

Our roads are small two lane highways. Increased traffic flows would lead to horrific increases in accidents; which lead to increased costs for supporting our county's emergency services. Water is a major issue, and appropriate means for handling wastewater (which would be generated by this casino) non existent. In every way imagineable, our lives would be impacted negatively with possible damages to our land which would be extremely costly if even possible to repair. Once the damages are done, with the State having no control over Indian lands, we, citizen of the State of California—loose. Please do not allow this to happen.

The Ione Band of Miwok Indians have acquired options to purchase about 220 acres of land. It is wrong for the State of California to expect any small community (like Amador County) to support multiple Indian reservations. This would be an "acquired site for an Indian reservation", and this we do have a right to oppose. I ask that you help the citizens of this county, fight the acquisition of these lands for Indian gaming.

Sincerely,



Betty Riley Hoddy
10721 Shenandoah Road
Plymouth, CA 95669

Enc: copy of letter in local paper "Open letter to Governor Gray Davis"
✓ Cc: Mario Biagi, Supervisor, District V, Amador County

May 28, 2003

Honorable Governor Gray Davis
Office of the Governor
State Capitol
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Dear Governor Gray,

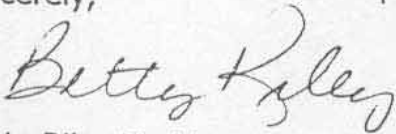
I am writing to request your support in opposing the proposed Indian casino in Plymouth area. Please do NOT approve a compact with the Ione Band of Miwok Indians who now have a proposal before you for approval.

Amador county is really quite small in terms of population (approximately 35,000) and taxpayers should not be expected to support 3 Indian casinos. One is too many, as we have all realized with the Jackson Rancheria (costs incurred by the county to support emergency services, maintain roads, etc). A second casino is pending in the Ione area, and a third would be pushing us all toward desparate measures. Please put yourself in our shoes and consider the impact to your own community if we were you. In approving another gaming facility in Amador County, you would be sacrificing our lives, for state monies?, but in the long run...we all loose as we may never regain all that would be lost as a result of this type of development in our small community. Amador county, simply cannot support 3 gaming facilities!

Our roads are small two lane highways. Increased traffic flows would lead to horrific increases in accidents; which lead to increased costs for supporting our county's emergency services. Water is a major issue, and appropriate means for handling wastewater (which would be generated by this casino) non existent. In every way imagineable, our lives would be impacted negatively with possible damages to our land which would be extremely costly if even possible to repair. Once the damages are done, with the State having no control over Indian lands, we, the "other" citizens of the State of California—loose. Please do not allow this to happen. I respect the Indians rights to own land and have gaming facilities—but let's be reasonable, please.

It is wrong for the State of California to expect any small community (like Amador County) to support multiple Indian reservations. This would be an "acquired site for an Indian reservation", and this we do have a right to oppose. I ask that you help the citizens of this county, fight the acquisition of these lands for Indian gaming.

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The Honorable Selby Beck, Mayor
City of Plymouth
P.O. Box 429
Plymouth, CA 95669

Dear Mr. Mayor,

I am writing to request your support in opposing the proposed Indian casino in Plymouth. I realize the City of Plymouth has been offered some sort of incentives, but even millions of dollars will not give the city all that it will loose in the long run. Think about this.

If the population of Plymouth doubles or triples in Indian population, what will happen to the existing city structure. Is the million dollars promised enough to take care of the city forevermore. Undoubtedly not, and even these moneies are not guaranteed. If the city wants to give it's land to the Indians, ask for 20 BILLION dollars! At least acquire enough money to redo or restore the city to a state of wealth before the building of any casino. BEFORE, not after or during.

Our roads are not equipped to handle the traffic flows, we do not have water to support such activities, we do not have sewer systems to hand the wastewaters. There are so many reasons NOT to allow this type of facility, but most importantly perhaps is how such a casino would completely, most radically, change the atmosphere of our rural, agricultural lands. There are better ways to development our community and I beg you to consider alternatives and I respectfully ask the city to stand with the County of Amador in fighting the acquisition of our Plymouth lands by this Indian tribe.

Sincerely,

Betty Riley

Betty Riley Hoddy
10721 Shenandoah Road
Plymouth, CA 95669

✓Cc: Mario Biagi, Supervisor, District V, Amador County

GUEST COMMENTARY

Open letter to Governor Gray Davis

Governor Davis: I understand your office is in the process of negotiating a compact with the Lone Band of Miwok Indians for an Indian gambling casino in Amador County. Amador County frankly does not have the resources to absorb the impacts of another casino. I respectfully ask that you please improve a gambling compact with the Lone Band of Miwok Indians. Amador County is a geographical rural county and has a population of approximately 31,000 people.

Plans to build another casino in the lone area of Amador County were recently announced — this is in addition to the proposed Plymouth casino and the already existing Jackson Rancheria Casino.

While the lone proposal is presently on hold, even two casinos is excessive for such a small county and three major casinos would virtually destroy the quality of life in Amador County.

A Plymouth casino would be a mere fifteen minutes from the expanding and very busy Jackson Casi-

no. Plymouth lacks the basic infrastructure to handle the traffic and commerce that a casino attracts.

First, Highway 49 in Plymouth is a twisty, two-lane road that is not equipped to handle the traffic a large casino would generate. Second, water resources in the Plymouth area are already strained. In fact, Plymouth is presently under a building moratorium due to an inadequate supply of water. Finally, a new casino will only

add to the large costs presently incurred by several county departments in providing additional services due to the impacts of these casino developments, including all facets of law enforcement (sheriff, jail, district attorney, probation, courts), public health, public works and roads, emergency medical services and fire.

Furthermore, the increased traffic generated from such development impacts the entire county, not just the specific casino sites.

As an additional matter, I understand that there is a membership dis-

pute within this tribe. Further, it appears that there is a question regarding the band's historic ties to the land being considered for the casino site. At a minimum, compact negotiations should be halted until these fundamental issues are resolved.

Please consider these concerns as you consider authorizing a gambling compact with the Lone Band of Miwoks. I would be happy to speak with you about this matter to help clarify any of these issues as you move toward a decision.

Jeffrey I. and Mary A. Juell
16484 Rolling Oaks Court
Fiddletown, CA 95629

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August 6, 2003

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The Honorable Gray Davis
Governor of the State of California
State Capitol Building
980 9th Street, Suite 1800
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Davis:

We are writing to bring to your attention our wish to have our names included among all of those in Amador County who are adamantly opposed to the establishment of a casino in the town of Plymouth. Our opposition is based, in part, on the following:

- The impact on our limited source of available water. We depend on our wells to meet *all* of our water needs.
- A distressing increase in traffic along both Highway 16 and Highway 49.
- The subsequent escalation in traffic accidents. Highway 16 (which has only *two* lanes) is the primary artery that we, as well as many other residents in our county, use to commute to and from Sacramento and beyond.
- The intolerable noise and air pollution that will accompany the increased traffic.
- A rise in crime, as is evidenced by crime that surrounds similar casinos, including felony drug and alcohol abuse. Moreover, the proposed Plymouth casino is *less than one mile* from an elementary school.

We encourage you to visit the town of Plymouth to appreciate its rural character, and to drive through its lovely Shenandoah Valley vineyards and stop to sample award winning wines in this region's easygoing, friendly wineries. The development of a casino in Plymouth would change the character of this community beyond recognition and, if built, the damage to this area, along with the demise of its historical significance, can never be undone.

Respectfully,

Jeff and Mary Juell

cc: Citizens Opposed to Development of the Plymouth Casino
Amador County Board of Supervisors ✓

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August 2, 2003

Honorable Phil Hogan, Chairman
National Indian Gaming Commission
1441 L Street NW
Washington D. C. 2005
Fax: 202-632-7066

RE: OFF-RESERVATION CASINO PROPOSAL IN PLYMOUTH CALIFORNIA

Dear Chairman Hogan:

I'm writing you to let you know about an **off-reservation** casino proposal by the Ione Band of Miwok Indians here in Plymouth California. Plymouth is a small Northern California foothill town of 950 plus population with a larger surrounding population in the area.

A group of Indians calling themselves the Ione Band of Miwok Indians ("Tribe") has proposed, primarily through a promoter, to acquire approximately 300 acres of land not owned by the Tribe both in the City of Plymouth and in the adjacent unincorporated area of Amador County on which to place a tribal casino, retail businesses, housing and other tribal facilities. The Casino itself will be located in the City. On May 20, 2003 the Board of Supervisors of Amador County adopted a resolution stating its opinion "that the establishment of the Casino would have significant, even grotesque, adverse impacts on the County". The reasons the Board, the majority of Citizens in Plymouth and Amador County oppose this Casino are as follows

1. The land proposed for the Casino is not now and has never been Indian land.
2. Most of the Tribe's members are not Amador County residents.
3. Amador County already has one very large Indian Casino, the Jackson Rancheria located about 15 miles from Plymouth.
4. Another Indian casino has been proposed in the Buena Vista area of the County near the Amador-San Joaquin County line about 12 miles from Plymouth.
5. Amador County has a population of 31,000 people and Plymouth has a population of about 950. Amador County and Plymouth are too small to accommodate another casino.
6. Though the Jackson Rancheria does give some money to the County and local charities, the County taxpayers are subsidizing the casino through the County's general fund in the amount of around \$1,000,000 annually to cover increased costs for law enforcement and social services.
7. Traffic impacts of the proposed Casino will be enormous. State Route 49 runs through the City of Plymouth. The proposal is to build the casino on Highway 49. It is a two lane highway as well as are all other roads coming into Plymouth. It is anticipated that traffic will triple on Highway 49.
8. Neither Plymouth nor the County can supply the Casino with water. Plymouth's water supply comes from wells in and around the surrounding area and from a 17 mile open ditch running from the Cosumnes River.
9. Currently, sewage treatment and disposal is inadequate for Plymouth and there is no capacity or space to add the Casino's sewage to it.

10. The City Councils of all of the towns in Amador County voted to oppose the casino with the exception of Plymouth. The Amador County School Board has also opposed the casino.

Stand Up For California, the preeminent organization in California addressing statewide gaming issues, is currently working on sending letters to two legislators to develop statewide legislation to prevent **off-reservation** casinos. We would greatly appreciate your support in opposing this reservation shopping effort and associated gaming by the Miwoks. The County cannot afford it and the vast majority of voters oppose the project. Thank you for your attention to this very important matter. Please keep me informed on steps you are taking to help the citizens of Plymouth and Amador County.

Sincerely,

Sue Dimmers
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Plymouth, Ca. 95669
Fax: 209-245-3418
e-mail: sawdim@centralhouse.net

CC: Greg Bergfeld, National Indian Gaming Commission
United States Senator Diane Feinstein
Governor Gray Davis
Attorney General of California, Bill Lockyer
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Honorable Governor Gray Davis,
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Sacramento, CA 95814

Date: June 20, 2003

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RE: OPPOSITION TO A PROPOSED CASINO IN PLYMOUTH, CA

Dear Governor Davis,

More than a month ago you received a deceptive letter stating that there was no opposition to a proposed Plymouth Casino. There is in fact very strong opposition to the proposed casino. All early planning for the proposal was kept secret and the options on the properties involved were obtained under false pretenses.

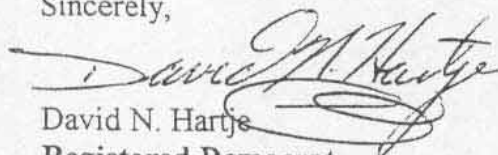
The general public, and public servants were not made aware of the proposal until after you received their letter requesting a compact.

Please do not enter into a compact with the Ione Indian Tribe. The proposed casino will be in the city limits of Plymouth which has been under a water moratorium for several years, and with a sewer system is at capacity. Only two-lane winding roads (Hwy. 49 & Hwy. 16) lead to Plymouth.

The local, county and state infrastructure here would be severely taxed in every way imaginable—water table drain, sewage & waste disposal, road upgrades, traffic lights, new turning lanes & bypasses, police, fire & rescue. Additionally, our thriving local wine industry (27 local wineries, all accessed through Plymouth) and local Plymouth restaurants and businesses would be squeezed out of business by outrageous traffic and cut-rate casino food.

All this would result in the biggest negative impact of all – on our environment and way of life.
Please do not allow this to happen!

Sincerely,



David N. Hartje
Registered Democrat
17121 DeMartini Rd.
Plymouth, CA 95669
209-245-3789

CC: ~~Mario Biagi~~ Amador County Supervisor
Plymouth City Council

Governor Gray Davis
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RE: NO COMPACT for the IONE BAND proposing a casino in Plymouth, CA

Dear Governor Davis,

This letter is to urge you to NOT sign a Compact with the Ione Band of Indians for a proposed Indian casino in Amador County. We currently have one casino in Jackson, CA, and another that YOU already approved in Buena Vista, CA. Both are less than 15 miles from each other. This fledgling 'band' wants to put ANOTHER casino in PLYMOUTH, CA.

The so-called IONE BAND is proposing a complex that would consist of a 120,000 square foot building to contain 2,000 gaming machines and 40 table games and include 3,000 parking spaces. Plymouth is a small town of less than 500 residents. It does not have the facilities nor infrastructure to support a doubling of its residents and a three-ten-fold increase in traffic on our two-lane highway 49.

We are registered Democratic voters in the state of California. The people who are planning this are from Sacramento and those who will be contracted for the casino, are from MISSISSIPPI!!

This "tribe" did not even have federal status until 1994 when it was reaffirmed without specific information on land acquisitions. How can this "tribe" who does not OWN Indian land, nor reside in our county, be allowed to BUY land and construct an INDIAN casino????


The negative impact of this casino to ALL residents of the City of Plymouth, all surrounding areas and Amador County, as well as to the State of California, are enormous. The additional funding that will be required for highway construction, police protection, utilities and pollution will be an unnecessary strain on all concerned. And with no additional county, sales, or STATE taxes, who will end up picking up the tab!!!

Water is another huge concern throughout our county. The proposed casino estimates it will need a minimum of 60,000 to 80,000 gallons per day. The majority of residents in the area depend on wells for our water supply. Our wells are already going dry, without the enormous drain a casino would add to the water table.

Along with the safety infrastructure, economic, water and traffic drains on the community will come air and noise pollution. It will suffocate our current wine and tourism industry. The very rural character that draws people to this area will be polluted and trashed—all so a few "newly found" tribal members and a company in Mississippi can get their "share of the American profit dream".

This scenario is totally unnecessary. All you have to do is NOT SIGN A COMPACT with the IONE Band of Indians. Your decision might be clearer if you imagined that each casino compact you sign would be built right next to your home.

Thank you,


David N. Hartje
17121 DeMartini Rd.
Plymouth, CA 95669

CC: ~~_____~~ Amador County Supervisor
Plymouth City Council

Governor Gray Davis
Office of the Governor
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Sacramento, CA 95814

Date: July 30, 2003

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c: M. Biagi file

RE: PLEASE DON'T SIGN A CASINO COMPACT WITH THE IONE BAND

Dear Governor Davis,

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Whatever benefits Town of Plymouth or state of CA gain from **Indian Gaming in NO WAY compensates for the negative impact on surrounding communities.** Nor does it appear to create successful, well-balanced Native American community members.

The local, county and state infrastructure here would be severely taxed in every way imaginable—water table drain, sewage & waste disposal, road upgrades, traffic lights, new turning lanes & bypasses, police, fire & rescue. Additionally, our thriving local wine industry (27 local wineries, all accessed through Plymouth) and local Plymouth restaurants and businesses would be squeezed out of business by outrageous traffic and cut-rate casino food.

All this would result in the biggest negative impact of all – on our environment and way of life.
Please do not allow this to happen!

Sincerely,

June Williams
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17205 DeMartini Rd.
Plymouth, CA 95669

CC: ~~Mario Biagi~~, Amador County Supervisor
Plymouth City Council

Governor Gray Davis
CA State Capital
Sacramento, CA 95814

Date: July 31, 2003

RE: OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED CASINO IN PLYMOUTH, CA

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California has more than enough Indian Casinos. Let's think of another way to encourage tribal members' participation in their communities rather than slowly blighting their surrounding neighbors. These people were not even part of a 'Band' prior to a few years ago. And, they don't live anywhere near Plymouth!

I have lived in Plymouth, California, for 30 years and have never seen a worse idea for this town. The traffic increases will drive away other legitimate tourism. The huge water drain would severely tax our already limited water table. And the associated increase in crime and accidents will be more than our community can deal with.

Please don't approve the lone Band's request for a casino in Plymouth (and many others in CA). The short term cash offered by the out-of-state, slickly financed casino promoters who are backing this and other bands of Indians will not be able to compensate for their overall impact and the degradation of our community. Think of the healthy futures of all our children. Let's create a better legacy for California's future.

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Plymouth City Council

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State Capital
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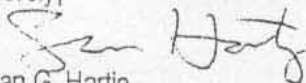
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As registered Democratic voters, we have support you as our leader. But we won't continue to do so if you approve of the Ione Band of Indian's casino proposed for Plymouth, CA. These people were not even part of a 'Band' prior to 1994. Their status as "The Ione Band" is challenged by an historic Ione Band who already owns 40 acres in Ione, CA. The petitioning Ione Band members mainly live Sacramento, 40 miles from Plymouth and have secretly purchased options on private land for their casino!

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17121 DeMartini Rd.
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Plymouth City Council

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We are registered Democratic voters in the state of California. And we have voted for you and continued to support you during these trying economic times. But we won't be able to do so if you approve of the lone Band of Indian's casino proposed for Plymouth, CA. These people were not even part of a 'Band' prior to a few years ago. And, they don't live anywhere near Plymouth!

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Plymouth City Council

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Ms. Gale Norton
Secretary of Interior
U.S. Department of the Interior
1849 C Street NW
Washington DC 20240

July 25, 2003

Subject: The landless Ione Band of Miwok Indian's claim that they are going to buy land and develop an 120,000 square foot alcohol serving gambling casino within and next to the City of Plymouth, California.

Dear Ms. Norton:

We were pleased to read that Federal Officials in Washington are now aware of Indian Tribes attempts to develop offreservation casino sites. We understand that Realtors in some counties are now including such information in disclosure packets to prospective buyers of real estate. Unfortunately those of us who have already built our homes in areas that are now being selected for casino sites and reservation lands by various bands of Indian tribes will not have the advantage of such information.

My wife and I are retired and we live adjacent to the town of Plymouth, California. This area is a community blessed with many wonderful families, networks of dear friends, and organizations that typically exist in lightly developed rural areas. Our agrarian ranching quality of life is a special heritage. The legacy we wish to provide our children, grandchildren and future generations is one free of an alcohol serving gambling casino within our town. We feel such a government sponsored and subsidized activity near our homes is inappropriate.

The Ione Band of Miwok Indians don't own the land nor have any proven exclusive connection to the area proposed for the Casino. Certainly another band of Miwok Indians could dispute any such ancestral claim. The existing Jackson Rancheria Indian Casino is located approximately 15 miles from Plymouth and is governed by a separate band of Miwok Indians.

Disagreements place some of our local Miwok Indian people who do reside in Amador County (The Traditional Band of Miwok Indians) against this other landless group. According to the local Amador County newspaper, The Ledger Dispatch, "the warring Bands of the Miwok Tribe apparently each have documents that back their tribe's legitimacy." How membership and boundaries in these tribal bands is established remains unclear. Government actions that created such a horrible situation should be revisited; conflicts of interest should be exposed and the issue should be made right. A meeting in Plymouth should be held by other than the Federal Bureau of Indian Affairs to clarify tribal memberships and permit questions from the public. I say this because there is a fear of mismanagement and great distrust of the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs within this State.

Data, facts and experiences from experts, government officials, individuals and various organizations were brought together for an informational meeting conducted by and for the Plymouth City Council, on July 2, 2003. The residents from the Plymouth area were each given a brief and limited opportunity to speak to this issue. The number of speakers in opposition were so many that they overran the allotted time made available. The result at this public forum showed overwhelming negative consequences and opposition to any casino proposal in Plymouth.

We are requesting your leadership in the investigation of this entire proposal. We also are looking forward to guidance you may present to the Governor of California regarding opposition to any gaming compact with the Ione Band of Miwok Indians.

Thank you for this opportunity to convey the concerns shared by many citizens of California who are opposed to and dismayed that reservation shopping by landless bands of Indian tribes is being permitted by the Federal Government.

Sincerely,

Kenneth E. Martin Cynthia Martin

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Martin,
18090 Burke Dr.
Plymouth, California, 95669.

Cc: Gray Davis, Governor of California
Dianne Feinstein, U.S. Senator
Barbara Boxer, U.S. Senator
J. Dennis Hastert, Speaker United States House of Representatives
Doug Ose, U.S. Congressman
Amador County Board of Supervisors

Cc: Sup. Braggi e' Binder

The Honorable Alan Nakanishi
Assemblyman, 10th District
California Legislature

July 15, 2003

Dear Mr. Nakanishi:

We wish to thank you for your opposition to the Ione Band of Miwok Indian's proposal to place a alcohol serving gambling casino within our town of Plymouth. We also wish to thank you for a copy of your letter to Governor Davis.

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We welcome your leadership to oppose this casino proposal. We also are looking forward to any guidance you may present to the Governor regarding the decision to oppose a gaming compact with the Ione Band of Miwok Indians for a casino in the Plymouth area.

Again thank you for acknowledging and acting on the wishes of your constituents in Amador County.

Sincerely,

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Cc: Honorable Gray Davis
Amador County Board of Supervisors
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Mrs. Darlene Estey-Scanlon, Member, City Council of Plymouth
P.O. Box 429, Plymouth, Ca, 95669

6-2-03

Dear Mrs. Estey-Scanlon:

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Mr. Gary Colburn, Member, City Council of Plymouth
P.O. Box 429, Plymouth, Ca, 95669

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Mr. Ryan Gillaspie, Member, City Council of Plymouth
P.O. Box 429, Plymouth, Ca, 95669

6-02-03

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Mr. Rich Martin, Vice Mayor, City Council of Plymouth
P.O. Box 429, Plymouth, Ca, 95669

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Mr. Shelby Beck, Mayor, City Council of Plymouth
P.O. Box 429, Plymouth, Ca, 95669

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Dear Mayor Beck:

The proposal by the Ione Band of Miwoks for an Indian Gaming Casino in the City of Plymouth will change forever the Plymouth Area impacting people within a radius of several miles.

If this proposal is approved by the City Council the Gambling Casino will be the Plymouth landmark defining the community where our homes are located. Property will be taken off the tax rolls and your control no longer will exist, or at most be limited, over issues affecting your quality of life. Also the City of Plymouth's sphere of influence for these casino lands will no longer be relevant as part of the City's and County's General Planning process. Sovereignty is a strong word defined as "supreme power over a body politic" and "freedom from external control".

A common mantra from people hired to support this type of proposal is "Trust us to do what is right"; "Agreements to mitigate will be signed"; "Jobs will be created"; "We will provide funds to help you solve local problems". Unfortunately, many individuals have been taken in by this rhetoric. Sadly, those left in the community will bear the brunt of unenforceable agreements, broken promises, dead-end jobs, and funds no longer being provided to solve problems. To obtain their objectives, proponents will sign MOU's, or any other document that will allow them to infiltrate a community. Documents such as those are designed to expire, change, be subject to interpretation or be outright ignored at some future date.

Well meaning elected officials are under considerable pressure to do what is right. Be assured the City of Plymouth will never have the funds to pay for legal or other consultant advice at a level matching those financed by the proponents of a casino.

Proponents of this Gambling Facility have said "wait until the engineering studies are completed". These studies should have been completed before presenting the proposal so the findings can be reviewed for clarity, accuracy and truth. From what we know has happened through-out California I even question the necessity to have such documents to become aware of all the problems created by existing Gambling Casinos. We can learn from the people that have been through it elsewhere and suffered greatly as a result of gambling being established in their community.

A Casino isn't attracting people to the area to spend money at our local businesses. Their objective is to provide everything a client needs on-site; the money will flow directly to the financial backers and a select privileged few, undercutting prices charged by local business which would devastate our local community.

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The strain on City financial and administrative resources will be horrible. Do you truly believe that our small community will receive all the money and resources to make everything right over time?

My wife and I were attracted to this beautiful area and built our retirement home. We frequently invite family, friends and business associates to Plymouth.. Some of these people have invested money in the area and spend a considerable amount of money in support of local businesses. The 49er travel park, Rory's, the Pokerville market, the auto parts store, real estate office, gas stations, vet and the Plymouth hardware in town all benefit from our referrals and patronage. Important to us are the local restaurants.

Had this proposed Plymouth Casino been in place we would not have bought land, constructed our home or moved here. We have no desire to subsidize Gambling Casinos and the type of lifestyle they draw to the community. Also it would be sad that, as grandparents, we could no longer provide our visiting grandchildren with an experience free from the impact of a Gambling Casino.

The overwhelming negative comments of people who live in the vicinity of existing Casinos are clear. Seek them out, hear first hand the terrible impact on their lives. Talk to members of City Councils and Board of Supervisors where casinos were established. Hear what was promised and what was delivered. Find out how those gambling facilities have affected nearby residents.

Council member Estey-Scanlon was quoted in the Stockton Record as having said "Here we are, this little community,(the casino developers) come in, hit us hard and in five years they're out of there and we're left to survive". Her instincts are right and you are in a powerful position to say no to this casino. You cannot mitigate finite resources and quality of life. Be proud of the legacy you will leave the families of Plymouth including our children and grandchildren. This is a critical decision regarding future control of land in Plymouth. Don't squander your opportunity to make a difference. Please support a resolution by the City Council to the Governor that opposes this Indian Gaming Casino in Plymouth.

Respectfully yours,

Kenneth and Cyndi Martin
Kenneth and Cyndi Martin
18090 Burke Dr., Plymouth Ca. 95669

Cyndi Martin

cc: Mario Biagi, Supervisor, District 5

Governor Gray Davis
State Capitol Building
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Dear Governor Davis:

This is a request that you oppose the creation of a project, which will establish an alcohol serving gambling casino, within the small rural town of Plymouth in Amador County. Please do not sign a Gaming Compact with the Ione Band of Miwok Indians for a Casino in the Plymouth area.

According to the 2000 census, the City of Plymouth is a small community with 980 residents. My wife and I reside in a rural subdivision called Burke Ranch adjacent to the City of Plymouth. To be consistent with the Amador County Regional Plan for the City of Plymouth's "sphere of influence"; the Plymouth City Council directed staff to add Burke Ranch to the City of Plymouth's General Plan as being within the City's "sphere of influence".

You were sent a letter by the proponents of a Casino in Plymouth which told you that there is no opposition. This is untrue. There is overwhelming opposition to such a facility in this small town. A survey, presented to the City Council, was conducted of the residents by Plymouth Citizens that indicated 80% of Plymouth residents were opposed and 20% were undecided. An additional survey conducted within the Burke Ranch subdivision, also presented to the Council, indicated 97% of Burke Ranch residents were opposed to the Casino and 3% were undecided.

The proponents claim that the lands, not yet acquired by the tribe or their out-of-state financial backers, are considered ancestral land. This may be true of the Sierra Miwok Indians but there is no evidence that this was the land of the Ione Band of Miwok Indians. The Jackson Band, or whatever other Band of Miwoks, could certainly dispute such a claim. The disagreement in our area among the Indians; mother against son, family against family, is sad. How membership and boundaries in these tribal bands is established remains unclear. The government representatives actions that created such a horrible situation should be revisited and this issue should be made right.

Our local elementary school, church, park, grocery market, auto parts store, hardware and gas station are all next to or within a mile or so of this proposal. The proposed casino fronts historical Hwy. #49 which is the main access within our town. This proposal will have a harsh and severe impact with very painful consequences to this community. How do you mitigate the destruction of our existing quality of life? How do you mitigate the hostility or pain that has already been created and which will be certain to follow this project? Token efforts by the Casino proponents to address other issues becomes almost insignificant and meaningless.

We pray for your protection from this proposal by the Ione Band of Miwok Indians. Further we ask that you refrain from signing a Gaming Compact with the Band.

Sincerely,

Kenneth E. Martin

Cyndi Martin

Kenneth and Cyndi Martin
18090 Burke Dr.,
Plymouth, Ca. 95669.

Mr. Mario Biagi, Member of the Board
Amador County Board of Supervisors
500 Argonaut Lane, Jackson, Ca. 95642

May 16, 2003

Re: Our Opposition to an Indian Gaming Casino in Plymouth.

It is an incontrovertible fact that the proposal by the Ione Band of Miwoks for an Indian Gaming Casino in Plymouth and adjacent to the City of Plymouth will change forever the Plymouth Area. Not just the City but the entire area within a radius of several miles. The question becomes will this change make our lives better or worse?

A common mantra from people hired to support this type of proposal is "Trust us to do what is right"; "Agreements to mitigate will be signed"; "Jobs will be created"; "We will provide funds to help you solve local problems". Unfortunately, many sophisticated individuals have been taken in by this rhetoric. Sadly, those left in the community, bear the brunt of unenforceable agreements, broken promises, dead-end jobs, and funds no longer being provided to solve problems.

The additional financial strain on the County infrastructure such as water, law enforcement, traffic and sewage will never be adequately mitigated. We have no desire to subsidize Gambling Casinos and the type of lifestyle they draw to the community.

Local families that have resided in this area for generations have left a wonderful legacy that we cherish and are thankful for. Their hard work and sacrifices should not be destroyed by the impact of another Gambling Casino.

My wife and I were attracted to this beautiful area and built our retirement home. We spend a considerable amount of money in support of local businesses. Had this proposed Plymouth Casino been in place we would not have moved here.

Please talk to people who live in the vicinity of existing Casinos. The overwhelming negative comments are clear. Those who have moved to Amador County to get away from Casino induced environments and urban lifestyles have much knowledge. Please seek them out and listen to their experiences. Also it would be sad that, as grandparents, we could no longer provide our visiting grandchildren with an experience free from the impact of a Gambling Casino.

Please support a resolution by the Amador County Board of Supervisors to oppose this Indian Gaming Casino in the Plymouth area.

Respectfully yours,

Kenneth and Cyndi Martin
Kenneth and Cyndi Martin
18090 Burke Dr., Plymouth Ca. 95669

cc: Sup. Biggie Binder

The Honorable Rico Oller
Senator
California Legislature

July 17, 2003

Dear Mr. Oller:

My wife and I wish to thank you for your opposition to the Ione Band of Miwok Indian's proposal to place a alcohol serving gambling casino within our town of Plymouth. We also wish to thank you for your letter to Governor Davis opposing the Plymouth Casino.

Data, facts and experiences from experts, government officials, individuals and various organizations were brought together for an informational meeting conducted by and for the Plymouth City Council, on July 2, 2003. The residents from the Plymouth area were each given a brief and limited opportunity to speak to this issue. The number of speakers in opposition were so many that they overran the allotted time made available. The result at this public forum showed overwhelming negative consequences and opposition to any casino proposal in Plymouth.

We welcome and are thankful for your leadership, in addition to that of our other elected officials, in opposition to this casino proposal. We also are looking forward to any guidance you may present to the Governor regarding the decision to oppose a gaming compact with the Ione Band of Miwok Indians for a casino within the town of Plymouth.

Again thank you for acknowledging and acting on the wishes of your constituents in Amador County.

Sincerely,

Kenneth E. Martin Cynthia Martin

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Martin,
18090 Burke Dr.
Plymouth, California, 95669.

Cc: Honorable Gray Davis
Amador County Board of Supervisors
United States Department of the Interior

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cc: Sup. Biagi & Binder

Congressman Doug Ose
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Washington, D.C. 20515

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Dear Congressman Ose:

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We are requesting your opposition to the Ione Band of Miwok Indian's proposal to place an alcohol serving gambling casino along historic Highway #49 within the town of Plymouth, Ca. Our homes, elementary school, church, park, grocery market, hardware store and gas station are all near this proposal.

This is a community blessed with many wonderful families, networks of many friends, and fraternal organizations that typically exist in rural areas. Our agrarian ranching quality of life is a special heritage. The legacy we wish to provide our children, grandchildren and future generations is one free of an Indian Gaming Casino within our town. We feel such a government sponsored activity permitted near our homes is inappropriate.

The Ione Band of Miwok Indians don't own the land nor have any proven exclusive connection to the area proposed for the Casino. Certainly another band of Miwok Indians could dispute any such ancestral claim. The Jackson Rancheria Indian Casino is located approximately 15 miles from Plymouth and is governed by a separate band of Miwok Indians.

Disagreements place some of our local Miwok Indian people who do reside in Amador County (The Traditional Band of Miwok Indians) against this other landless group. According to the local Amador County newspaper, The Ledger Dispatch, "the warring Bands of the Miwok Tribe apparently each have documents that back their tribe's legitimacy." How membership and boundaries in these tribal bands is established remains unclear. Government actions that created such a horrible situation should be revisited; conflicts of interest should be exposed and the issue should be made right. A meeting in Plymouth should be held by other than the Federal Bureau of Indian Affairs to clarify tribal membership and permit questions from the public.

On July 2, 2003, data, facts and experiences from experts, local government officials, individuals and various organizations were brought together for an informational meeting regarding the Indian Gambling Casino. The residents within Plymouth were each given a brief and limited opportunity to speak. The number of speakers in opposition were so many that they overran the allotted time made available. The result at this public forum showed overwhelming negative consequences and opposition to any casino proposal within Plymouth.

We are asking for your leadership, in addition to that of our other elected officials, in opposition to this casino proposal by a landless tribe. We also are looking forward to any guidance you may present to the Governor of California regarding a decision to oppose a gaming compact with the Ione Band of Miwok Indians for a casino in the Plymouth area.

Sincerely,

Kenneth E. Martin Cynthia Martin
Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Martin,
18090 Burke Dr.
Plymouth, California, 95669.

Cc: Honorable Gray Davis
Amador County Board of Supervisors
Gale Norton, Secretary of the Interior

Christine Price

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AMADOR COUNTY, CA.

Councilman, Ryan Gillespie

Plymouth City Council

Plymouth City Hall

9426 Main

Plymouth, CA 95669

Re: Proposed Casino in Plymouth

Dear Councilman Gillespie

The sign on Hwy 49 states "Plymouth, Entrance to the Wine Country".
Another sign previously stated "Plymouth Beautification Project".

Do we beautify Plymouth by opening a gambling casino, do we
make our entrance to the wine country a gambling casino??

I am dismayed to hear that the Plymouth City Council would even
consider the allowance of such an operation in this small community

The long term effects of such an operation would be devastating
on this community & the outlying unincorporated areas of Amador
County. i.e. environmental impact on water & sewer services, traffic
impact, crime & strain on law enforcement agencies, decrease in
property values etc. Moral impact: example to our youth that

gambling is an acceptable life style and an acceptable "career" choice
breakdown of family values as gambling becomes a pathway to
addiction (a quick fix for money problems) etc. Do you want
our youth to be employed at a gambling casino instead of
encouraging college & other professional options?

Do the right thing for this community, VOTE NO on all
aspects of this ~~same~~ proposition. - Do you want Plymouth to be a
gambling town — We say no.

Very truly yours

Christine Price
P.O. Box 144
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Amador County Tax Payer

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Councilman, Gary Colburn
Plymouth City Council
Plymouth City Hall
9426 Main
Plymouth, CA 95669

Re: Proposed Casino in Plymouth

Dear Councilman Colburn:

The hedge Dispatch dated 5/16/03 states, "Colburn said he didn't know of the tribes plans for the 11 areas of family property when he sold it. They basically scammed us. We have been lied to and used".

How do you think the people of Plymouth & the residents of the out-
incorporated areas of Amador County are going to feel if you
allow your own personal interests to supersede the interests of the
people who voted you into your position? Why am I surprised to
read that an elected politician did not research all the details as
to who the buyers were of your property. "Everytime I have purchased
or sold property I have been very informed of all aspects of the
transaction - you must have known or researched who, what & why
an out-of-state corporation would have been interested in purchasing
your land - Are you naive in real estate transactions?

Put the interests of the community before your own: Do the
right thing, Vote NO on all aspects of this Casino proposition.
It is not too late - now is the time to act, We don't want this
in our community. Recall Gary Colburn may also be the right
thing to do.

Very truly yours

Christine Price

cc: Mayor
Vice Mayor

Daleen Estey
Mario Biasso

Christine Price

From: "Christine Price"
 To: <webmaster@bia.gov>
 Cc: <governor@governor.ca.gov>
 Sent: Tuesday, July 08, 2003 1:46 PM
 Subject: Proposed Casino in Plymouth, CA
 U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs
 Ladies and Gentlemen:

This e-mail is sent to express my concerns in regard to the proposed casino in Plymouth, CA.

I live within a 2 mile radius of Plymouth in an unincorporated part of Amador County and as a property owner and tax payer of Amador County I am outraged to learn that such a project would even be considered for this small rural community. The long term effects of such an operation would be devastating on this community and the outlying unincorporated areas of Amador County. Some of these effects are outlined as follows:

Negative environmental impact on water and sewer services, pollution/air quality, traffic impact, crime & strain on already overburdened law enforcement agencies and the legal system prosecuting cases relating to crimes committed on casino property, decrease in property values, burden to a small school district which does not have the dollars to currently provide for its existing needs, the moral impact on the youth and family values as gambling is presented as an acceptable life style, etc

AMADOR COUNTY IS THE SMALLEST COUNTY IN CA. IT CANNOT AFFORD TO SUBSIDIZE 3 CASINOS IN AN 8 MILE RADIUS OF EACH OTHER - JACKSON RANCHERIA, BUENA VISTA, AND PROPOSED PLYMOUTH. Official research and statistics already prove that this new casino, if granted, would be too many casinos for Amador County to support per capita. Official financial data gathered in CA (printed in the Sacramento Bee) and current political investigation also shows that already existing casinos in CA owe local and state agencies millions of dollars in unreimbursed funds.

In addition, the citizens of CA supported Proposition 1A so the tribes could keep what they had at the time. WE DO NOT SUPPORT INVESTORS FROM MISSISSIPPI AND ELSEWHERE TO ESTABLISH NEW CASINOS ON "OFF RESERVATION" LAND. I emphasize, this is not a racial issue as some tribal members may perceive it to be, the bottom line is that the majority of residents of Amador County do not want another gaming casino in this county, whether it be run under the guise of an Indian gaming casino or whether it be run by Caucasians, Hispanic, Asians and/or other ethnic group(s).

Furthermore, the lone Band of Miwok casino proposal is a blatant and self-serving scheme which will benefit the tribe's out-of state investors, who shamelessly assert lone Miwok sovereignty to the detriment of the very citizens of the City of Plymouth that voted to support the economic self-reliance of tribal gaming.

Please do your homework and research all aspects of this proposed project. Do not be "dupped" by these out of state investors. Do not be lured into thinking that any Miwok tribe member, resident and/or local business is going to financially benefit in the long run from profits made by the casino. Do you think that these out of state investors are going to share their profits with anyone but themselves? Please do not allow the lone band of Miwok to open a casino in this county. Do not allow the state to make a compact with this tribe.

Thank you. Christine Price, P.O. Box 144, Plymouth, CA.

cc's. Mayor and Plymouth City Council Members
 City Administrator, Charles Gardner
 Amador County Board of Supervisors
 Mathew Franklin, Chairman Lone Band of Miwok Tribal Council
 Governor Gray Davis
 Senator Rico Oller
 Assemblyman, Alan Nakanishi
 Congressman, Doug Ose
 Acting Regional Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs

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TO: Walt Dimmers (facsimile: 245-3418)
Mario Biagi (facsimile: 257-0619)

FROM: Leeann Lane

DATE: July 17, 2003

SUBJECT: Final Letter to the Citizens of Plymouth

The final letter drafted by Jon Colburn and edited by Pat Henry is herewith as requested this afternoon.

One notation: The words "This is NOT a done deal!" were added to the last paragraph on page two subsequent to the last committee meeting (6/15/03). The addition was at the suggestion of Mike O'Meara. In all other respects the letter follows the draft presented to the committee at the meeting Tuesday night.

I will be delivering a final original to Jon at his home this evening within the hour.

July 17, 2003

To the Citizens of Plymouth:

In the next few weeks the City Council will be polling the registered voters of Plymouth to see if the majority support or oppose the proposed Indian gambling casino. The Plymouth Council has not been successful in getting the Indians to provide a plan for the project, or how they intend to mitigate its impacts. They have given the tribe 15 days to respond with their intentions detailing the project and their offer to offset its impacts.

WHAT TO EXPECT

1. We expect that in 15 days the tribe will come forth with a grand plan to get the voters to endorse their casino.
2. We expect to see the tribe to increase their lobbying efforts on the governor to sign a compact with the tribe before the City makes a decision, or his recall election. (Indian tribes are the largest contributors to California campaign funds),
3. We expect that in the next few weeks you will receive a large amount of information both for and against the casino.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Read all materials available to you, carefully seek out other information from existing casino operations, talk to others, and make the best-informed decision possible.
2. Respond to the City Questioner. It is important for them to know your opinion.
3. Let your opinion count by writing to the Governor, and to your State and Federal legislations.

SOME THINGS TO CONSIDER

1. Once the casino is built it will become a sovereign nation. Nothing they agree to now will be enforceable in the courts (communities throughout the state have already seen this road block.)
2. Even if this tribe says that they will give up partial sovereignty, it will be unenforceable unless it is part of the governor's new compact.
3. The Governor is trying to rewrite the standard compact. It is in progress now. Under pressure from counties and cities in California the compact is expected to contain:
 - A. All new gaming casinos must mitigate all impacts with local communities.
 - B. All new gaming casinos must give up partial sovereignty so agreements with local communities will be enforceable in the courts.

4. How does it change the City's bargaining position in the future if they oppose or support the casino now?
 - A. Nothing they agree to now will be enforceable,
 - B. If the state compact is changed as expected, they must meet all impacts of the local communities anyway.
5. Is it true that the casino is a done deal? Absolutely NO! After much research the supporters, as well as the opposition agree, there are many areas in which this casino might be stopped.
6. Can we trust what the tribe is saying in trying to get our support? At the inception of this project they spoke of housing on a portion of the reservation. In a letter sent out by Mr. Franklin he states, "It will work to make our community a promising place where our young people will stay, find jobs, start careers and raise families." Two days later they distributed a paper that said, "no Indians will be living on the development and they will not be voting in Plymouth" which is it, housing, or no housing?
7. There are many impacts of this casino, but one of the impacts that cannot be mitigated is the quality of education for our children. Whether the tribe's children or employee's children, our schools can not handle the increase without seriously impacting the quality of our children's education. This has been shown in other casino impacted school districts.

Eight weeks ago the City Attorney told the council that the city could influence the outcome of this project if they moved swiftly because the clock is running. Two weeks ago the county council of Yolo County said the same, if all effected groups acted in unison.

This is NOT a done deal! We think it is time for our city council to act; and act in unison with the rest of the County.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike O'Meara
Served as Mayor of Plymouth

Jon Colburn, Served on Plymouth City
Council & County Board of Supervisors

Pat Shackleton
Served as Plymouth City Council Member

Irene Cranford
Served as Plymouth City Council Member

July 4, 2003

The Honorable Gray Davis
Governor of the State of California
State Capitol, First Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Davis,

I have lived in Amador County for over 30 years and am writing you today to ask you to deny the gambling compact with the Ione Band of Miwok Indians.

The proposed casino is not a good thing for this rural community. The impact on Highway 16 would be a disaster. There is considerable traffic on this road with the daily commuters. The accidents increase yearly.

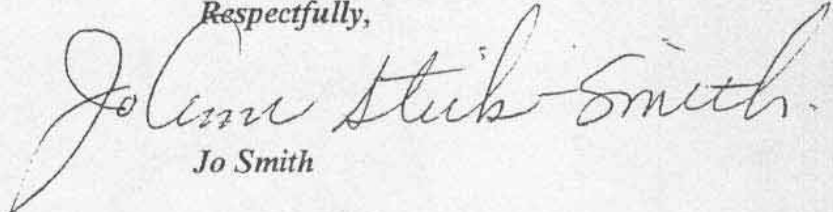
I am also concerned that the local businesses would suffer as a result of the casino. The sewage and water systems are not adequate for this venture.

I have been to several meetings and have found that opposition to the project far outweighs a few people in favor of it.

At the last meeting there was still confusion as to which group of Indians is indeed the true Ione Band of Miwok Indians. There are two groups of Indians claiming to be the true tribe.

California has too many casinos as it is. Amador County has 2 of them already. That is about 2 too many!!!!

Respectfully,



Jo Ann Stueb-Smith

Jo Smith

Jo Smith
24100 Upton Rd.
Plymouth, CA 95669
cc. Mario Biagi

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Plymouth City Council
City Hall
9426 Main St.
Plymouth, CA 95669

Governor Gray Davis
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Plymouth Council Members
Governor Davis

I am opposed to the Indian Casino in Plymouth for the following reason(s):

(Letter author pick 1,2 or all of the following.)

1. Our roads cannot handle the huge traffic increase.
2. A casino will destroy our small rural town way of life.
3. Amador County cannot support another Indian Casino.

Dennette Luhenko
18430 Empire Street
Plymouth Calif
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cc: Mario E. Binder

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I am writing to you to address my concerns over the proposed Indian Gaming Casino in Plymouth.

I would appreciate your assistance in dealing with the impact issues that the Casino will bring to the County of Amador.

I am very concerned and am requesting that in the course of reviewing and negotiating all potential impacts on the issues such as water, sewer, traffic, crime, environment, etc that you also examine and make allowances for additional impacts to the people, homes and properties in the surrounding area not incorporated into the City of Plymouth, but directly impacted by any decisions the City of Plymouth makes. (Burke Ranch, Willow Creek area, et al)

In addition to the items of concern already listed I am very concerned with the future availability of the Ground Water we are dependent upon for the quality of our lives, and the impact the proposed development and Casino will have on depleting the aquifer. My concern remains despite any assurances that water usage will come from other sources.

Since ground water is an area of unknown and with the potential of no recourse on damages I am requesting specific wording to protect our homes and properties from the impact the Development and Casino will have on our availability to use our natural resources.

The Developers and subsequent Trustees need to be requested to pay for water supply and conveyance as a contingency to the properties in the surrounding impacted area not protected by any agreement with the City of Plymouth. I also request the burden of proof be placed on the Parties involved in any development agreements for any and all impacts.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Henrietta Lubenko

Henrietta Lubenko
P.O. Box 250
Plymouth, CA 95669

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Plymouth City Council
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Plymouth, CA 95669

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AMADOR COUNTY, CA.

July 1, 2003

Dear Governor Davis and Plymouth City Council Members,

We are opposed to the proposed Indian Casino in Plymouth. The casino would have significant adverse impacts on the environment and our local economy.

The casino would increase traffic on Highway 16 and in the town of Plymouth. Highway 16, without passing lanes, is already dangerous and heavily traveled. The casino promoters suggest that the casino would increase traffic on the highway by 7,000 car trips daily. Noise and air pollution from this volume of traffic is a significant environmental impact to our rural community. Widening the highway to accommodate additional traffic would just further increase noise and air pollution, and increase urban sprawl into our rural county. The counties east of Sacramento already have high ozone levels due to valley air pollution.

Current water supply is not sufficient to support the casino. Additional water that could be secured by the Amador Water Agency should not go towards a development that does not support the quality of life in the area or provide significant revenue back to the County.

A significant amount of wastewater would be generated from the casino. It is our understanding that the sewage treatment plant is at capacity and could not handle the additional inflow.

The casino would burden Plymouth and Amador County with infrastructure costs that they cannot afford. A casino, open 24 hours and serving liquor, will most likely increase the need for City and County emergency services. Despite reimbursements paid to the State Gaming Fund, Amador County

subsidizes Jackson Rancheria with thousands of dollars a year in emergency services.

Since casino visitors tend to visit only the casino they do not spend their tourist dollars at local businesses. The casino will not benefit Plymouth residents or businesses. It will more likely compete with current restaurants, and detract from our quality of life.

We agree with the Amador County Board of Supervisors (Resolution No. 03-236) in opposing the Ione Band of Miwok Indians Plymouth Casino. We request that Governor Davis not sign a compact with the Ione Band approving this casino and that the Plymouth City Council oppose the proposed casino.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signatures of Gwen Starrett and Steven Doss in cursive script.

Gwen Starrett and Steven Doss

5731 Harris Court
Plymouth CA 95669

Cc: Supervisor Mario Biagi, Amador County

19735 Shenandoah School
Plymouth, Ca. 95669
June 28, 2003

Dear Supervisor Marsio Biagi:

As a homeowner in Shenandoah Valley since 1969, I adamantly oppose the development of a gaming casino in Plymouth which will cause:

- an explosion of traffic requiring a huge expenditure of taxpayer money to accommodate.
- a complete destruction of the rural atmosphere people come here to appreciate.
- an intensified drain on our water supply already adversely effected by the expanding wine industry.
- an eruption of crime and drugs associated with other gaming communities.
- a sharp increase in public safety service needed, by, and paid for by the citizens of the community and not by the owners of the casino.

In addition, as there is a gaming casino only 15 miles away, I respectfully request that you vote against the establishment of a casino in our peaceful community.

Respectfully yours,

Jean D. Christ

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Gray Davis
California State Governor
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Davis:

I write to you as a concerned property owner in Amador County and as a life long Democrat (in fact my father was appointed to the bench by Earl Warren.) I am writing to you to strongly disapprove of any casino in Plymouth. The casino is being pushed not by local residents or even Indians. The casino is being pushed by out of state gambling concerns. This casino threatens the tranquility of Amador County as well as the safety of its residents. The area around Plymouth was not designed to accommodate the amount of traffic which this casino would generate. The pollution alone would ruin the County.

Water is a large problem in Amador County and this casino will not help. In fact, allowing such a casino will have disastrous effect. The casino threatens the viability of all wells in the area.

The County already has a casino. It does not need another one. The one that it does have, the Jackson Rancheria, creates a one million dollar impact on the County. The casino will definitely put the local merchants out of business. Local merchants cannot compete with businesses that do not pay taxes, that do not charge sales tax and are not required to pay Workers Compensation.

Further, another source of distress is the fact that the current casino accounts for 25% of all felonies committed in Amador County.

This casino is being promoted by people who have no care or concern for Amador or its residents. It is not unlike the energy crisis which besieged this State some time ago. Do not allow this to happen again in Amador.

Very truly yours,



Edmund M. Scott

cc: Sen. Dianne Feinstein
cc: Sen. Barbara Boxer

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June 23, 2003

The Honorable Gray Davis
Governor of the State of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

SUBJECT: Opposition to a Compact for Casino Operations for the Ione Band of Miwok Indians - Plymouth, Amador County

Dear Governor Davis:

The City of Sutter Creek joins the Amador County Board of Supervisors in its opposition to the Ione Band of Indians' proposal for a new casino in the City of Plymouth and the adjacent unincorporated area of Amador County.

The tribe that is proposing to open this casino is planning to purchase approximately 300 acres of non-tribal owned property to establish this new gambling facility. This land is not now and has never been Indian land. Approving a compact for this project would set a dangerous precedent for construction of new gambling facilities virtually anywhere within California.

The Sutter Creek City Council urges you to limit Indian casino gaming to Indian Trust property and refuse proposals for compacts on non-tribal land. For the reasons stated above, please do not enter into a compact with the Ione Band of Miwok Indians for a gambling facility in Plymouth.

Sincerely,

W. Brent Parsons
Mayor, City of Sutter Creek

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June 24, 2003
Governor Gray Davis

Opposition to this project is widespread throughout all constituencies in Amador County, and we add our voice to that groundswell of outrage. When this matter crosses your desk for action, please consider the wishes of more than 30,000 Amador County residents rather than the economic benefit to a handful of Indians and their out-of-state gambling partners.

Very truly yours,
Amador Winemakers Association



Dick Aberley,
President

cc: Mario Biagi
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cc: John Doolittle
4th Congressional District Representative
cc: Rico Oller
California State Senator
cc: Tim Leslie
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cc: Plymouth City Council
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June 6, 2003

Honorable Gray Davis
California State Governor
Office of the Governor
Sacramento, CA. 95814

RE: Proposed Ione Band Off Reservation Casino in the City of Plymouth And a Request for a public Policy Statement

Dear Governor Davis:

The Ione proposal is just one of the most recent off reservation proposals in California. Amador County already has a large operational casino by the Jackson Rancheria, a second proposed casino by the Buena Vista Band and now a third proposal by the Ione Band. This small rural county cannot sustain the negative environmental or social impacts created by three tribal casinos. Significant questions of saturation of the area for gambling need to be considered.

One of the most important components of the California Gambling Control Act of 1998 is the consideration of location for gaming establishments. Neither citizens nor established gaming tribes in their yes vote on Prop 1A anticipated "off reservation" gaming. Tribal leaders across California continue to be approached by gaming investors from out of state that intend to push negotiate local agreements with willing/threatened/desperate for money city/county jurisdictions in order to promote off reservation casinos. California unlike other tribal gaming states is without a strong policy of "no off Reservation Casinos".

Tribes promoting gaming off reservation are outside of the scope of IGRA and have no right due to require the Governor to negotiate in good faith for a compact. As for the off-reservation acquisition of land, the tribe cannot take such land into trust without the concurrence of the Governor as specifically required by Section 20(b)(1)(A) of IGRA. That is in the US Code at 25 Section 2719(b)(1)(A).

The Governor's concurrence is actually a right to veto -- and there is no standard of reasonableness or good faith which goes with the right to veto. The law merely says that the Governor must concur -- if the Governor does not concur, then the land cannot go into trust for gaming. Oregon has a strongly stated position that there will be no off-reservation casinos. The Siletz sued the Governor for refusing to concur and the courts through the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals ruled with the Governor. The off reservation casino is purely at the discretion of the Governor. The Governor's refusal or even local jurisdictions refusal to deal with the tribes for off reservation lands is not a matter they can litigate.



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United States Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Washington, D.C. 20240



MAR 22 1994

The Honorable Nicholas Villa, Jr.
Chief, Ione Band of Miwok
P.O. Box 1152
Ione, California 95640

Dear Mr. Villa,

I am writing regarding our meeting on October 28, 1993 and subsequent discussions with Congressman Doolittle. In that meeting I agreed to clarify the United States' political relationship of the Ione Band of Miwok, as well as Mr. Louis Bruce's 1972 letter regarding the tribe's political status and its historic land base.

Upon review of the matter, I am now reaffirming the portion of Commissioner Bruce's letter which reads:

The Secretary also recognizes that obtaining a tribal community land base for the Ione Band is a part of his policy of Indian self-determination and cultural identification. *** Federal recognition was evidently extended to the Ione Band of Indians at the time that the Ione land purchase was contemplated. *** As the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, I therefore, hereby agree to accept by relinquishment of title or gift the following described parcel of land to be held in trust for the Ione Band of Miwok Indians. (See Bruce letter attached)

As Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs I hereby agree to accept the parcel of land designated in the Bruce letter to be held in trust as territory of the Tribe. As I stated during the October meeting, the Tribe will henceforth be included on the list of "Indian Entities Recognized and Eligible to Receive Services from the United States Bureau of Indian Affairs," last published in the Federal Register on October 21, 1993.

I am hereby directing the Bureau of Indian Affairs and specifically the Sacramento Area Office to deal with the tribe accordingly. The Bureau will maintain contact with the tribe to address the relevant details. I extend my personal congratulations and look forward to working with you and your people.

Ada E. Deer

Ada E. Deer
Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs

Federal recognition was evidently extended to the Lone Band of Indians at the time that the Lone Land purchase was contemplated. As stated earlier, they did not reject the Indian Reorganization Act and thus are eligible for the purchase of land under this act. The Sacramento Area Office of the Bureau of Indian Affairs should determine that the land is merchantable and free of encumbrance. I am directing the Sacramento Area Office to assist in the preparation of a document concerning a membership roll and governing papers which conform with the Indian Reorganization.

As the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, I therefore, hereby agree to accept by relinquishment of title or gift the following described parcel of land to be held in trust for the Lone Band of Miwuk Indians:

beginning at the point of intersection of the center line of the County Road to Jackson, with the westerly line of the fifty-two acre tract of land owned by Anthony Meach, Armando Dellarings, Rocco Dellarings, and Albert Dellarings, as recorded in book 130 Official Records, Amador County, California page 98; thence following the center line of said County Road, North sixty-five degrees, fifty minutes West (N. 65° 30' W.) One thousand seven hundred twenty five (1725) feet to a point; thence at right angles, North twenty-four degrees, ten minutes East (N. 24° 10' E) One thousand seventy two (1072) feet to a point; thence at right angles, South sixty-five degrees, fifty minutes East (S. 65° 30' E) One thousand five hundred thirty one (1531) feet to the West boundary of the said property of Anthony Meach, Armando Dellarings, Rocco Dellarings and Albert Dellarings; thence following said boundary line, South fourteen degrees, eight minutes West (S. 14° 08' W) One thousand eighty-seven (1087) feet to the point of beginning.

Sincerely,

Forrest K. Brown
Commissioner

any authority either to [*4] act under those regulations or to disregard the fact that the regulations are the exclusive mechanism by which Departmental officials may acknowledge Indian tribes. Appellant should present its arguments in connection with its petition for acknowledgment under those regulations.

Therefore, pursuant to the authority delegated to the Board of Indian Appeals by the Secretary of the Interior, 43 CFR 4.1, this appeal is docketed, and the Sacramento Area Director's May 11, 1992, decision is affirmed.

Anita Vogt, Administrative Judge

Kathryn A. Lynn, Chief Administrative Judge

addressed to Villa as "Chief, Ione Band of Miwok." It appears that, at the time the Assistant Secretary issued her letter, the Band consisted of two groups, one headed by Villa and the other headed by Harold Burris, Sr. Thus, the fact [*3] that the Assistant Secretary addressed her letter to Villa as "Chief" gave rise to questions as to whether she intended to recognize only Villa's group or whether, possibly, she intended to recognize Villa as leader of the entire Band. On July 14, 1994, and July 27, 1994, the Assistant Secretary issued memoranda addressing these and other questions. In her July 27, 1994, she made it clear that she intended to recognize "as one entity the entire group of Indians associated with the lands near the town [evidently Ione] in Amador County, California." In a September 15, 1994, letter to Villa, she stated:

The Department has not anointed you or Mr. Burris as the single leader of the Ione Band and it has not recognized two distinct entities. The BIA does recognize that the Ione Band of Indians is deeply divided among political factions and is providing technical assistance in helping these factions overcome their differences.

Assistant Secretary's Sept. 15, 1994, Letter at 1.

n4 Both constructions are reflected in the administrative record. It is not necessary, for purposes of this appeal, to determine which construction is correct. All parties agree that, at the time of the events at issue here, the Band was a Federally recognized tribal entity. [*4]

Pursuant to instructions in the Assistant Secretary's July 14, 1994, memorandum, the Area Director and the Superintendent, Central California Agency, undertook to sponsor discussions between the Villa and Burris groups for the purpose of developing a preliminary membership roll and establishing an interim governing body. Meetings were held on September 30, October 14, and November 21, 1994, the last one chaired by a Federal mediator. However, the two groups were unable to agree on either membership or leadership.

When the groups had not reached agreement by September 1995, the Deputy Commissioner of Indian Affairs appointed Jerry Cordova, a BIA employee from BIA's Central Office, who was experienced in tribal government matters, to assist the groups. n5 In a September 20, 1995, memorandum, the Deputy Commissioner outlined the steps she believed should be taken by Cordova.

n5 Cordova had participated in the Sept. 30, 1994, meeting and therefore had some familiarity with this dispute.

The first meeting called by Cordova took place on October 18, 1995. The second meeting was scheduled for November 7, 1995. On November 6, 1995, Villa informed the Area Director that he was "cancelling" [*5] the meeting on the advice of his attorney. Although Cordova and the Burris group appeared at the appointed place and time on November 7, and Cordova informed Villa by telefax that he was still welcome to participate, Villa evidently did not do so.

On December 20, 1995, Villa's group, by a vote of 13-0, removed him from his position of leadership and replaced him with Loren Hill. BIA recognized the change in leadership of the group, thereafter called the "Hill group."

By this time, settlement of internal Band disputes had become a goal in Ione Band of Miwok Indians v. Burris, CIV S-90-0993 LKK PAN (E.D. Cal.), a lawsuit filed in 1990. n6 The Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) representing the Federal defendants undertook to facilitate a settlement. In a February 25, 1996, letter to attorneys for the Burris group, the Hill group, and Villa, she outlined a detailed proposal made by BIA for the establishment of an Enrollment Committee and an Election Board. The Burris and Hill groups agreed to the proposal, and each selected its representatives to the Enrollment Committee and Election Board. In an April 18, 1996, order based upon the apparent agreement of the parties, Judge Nowinski [*6] approved the proposal and ordered that "no person shall seek to influence the process of settling tribal membership or identifying a tribal government except through the above-described proceedings." Apr. 18, 1996, Order at 2.

n6 This suit is described in the Findings and Recommendation re Dismissal issued on May 31, 1996, by Magistrate Judge Peter A. Nowinski:

"In 1990, a group of ten persons calling themselves the Ione Band of Miwok Indians, including Nicholas Villa Sr. and Nicholas Villa Jr. commenced this action claiming that about 40 acres in Amador County that the plaintiffs and defendants occupied is Indian Country. * * * The defendants * * *, including Harold E. Burris, crossclaimed and

n10 Eben served as Chair of the Election Board, which also included two members from the Hill group and two members from the Burris group. Eben was to vote only in the case of a tie. He was never required to vote.

n11 Villa was present at the beginning of the May 8, 1996, meeting but left soon thereafter, stating that he and his group were "withdrawing from this process." Tr. of May 8, 1996, Meeting at 68.

Working with lists submitted by the two groups, and assisted by BLA staff, the Enrollment Committee prepared a list of individuals potentially eligible for membership in the Band. The list was published in several local papers prior to May 24, 1996, together with notice of a June 1, 1996, public meeting and a description of procedures for appealing or challenging the inclusion or omission of persons from the membership roll. With respect to membership criteria, the notice stated:

The criteria chosen by the Enrollment Committee and [*11] the Election board for membership in the Ione Band is (1) lineal descendency from an individual listed on the 1915 Ione census or from one of the individually-named plaintiffs identified in the October 31, 1972, Judgment entered in Villa v. Moffat, No. 8160 (Cal. Super. Ct. Amador County) ("1972 judgment"), (2) possess Miwok blood and (3) consistent interaction with the tribe through cultural contacts with residents of the 40-acre tract that was the subject of the 1972 judgment.

Examples of acceptable documentation to establish lineal descendency include but are not limited to birth certificates, death certificates, and roll numbers from one of the California Indian Judgement fund rolls maintained by the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Acceptable documentation to establish interaction with the tribe will be written verification of cultural contacts by three (3) descendants of the 1915 census or someone listed on the 1972 judgement, each of whom is 60 years of age or older.

At the June 1, 1996, public meeting, the Enrollment Committee and the Election Board explained the procedures for appeals and challenges concerning membership and the procedures for election of the Interim Council. [*12] Questions and comments were taken from those in attendance.

The Election Board met on June 29 and 30, 1996, to consider membership appeals. A further meeting was held on August 23, 1996, for the purpose of considering objections that had been made to the enrollment procedures by counsel for the Burris group.

The Election Board held a public meeting on September 6, 1996, at which it described its handling of membership appeals and explained procedures for the upcoming election. It also responded to a number of questions and comments from those in attendance.

The election took place on September 28, 1996. Those elected to positions on the Interim Council were: Kathy Ramey, Chairperson; Matthew Franklin, Vice Chairperson; Lisa Pulskamp, Secretary; Karen Green, Treasurer; Johnnie Jamerson, Member at Large; and William Franklin, Sr., Elder.

The Superintendent acknowledged the election results in an October 8, 1996, letter to Ramey.

On December 11, 1996, counsel for the Burris group wrote to the Area Director, alleging that the Superintendent had failed to act on a challenge made by Carol Boring n12 to BLA's recognition of the election results. The Area Director responded by letter of January [*13] 31, 1997. He stated that both the enrollment process and the election were tribal actions and that Ms. Boring should make her complaint to the Band. The Burris Appellants appealed the Area Director's letter to the Board. The Board received their notice of appeal on March 3, 1997.

n12 Carol Boring was a member of the Election Board.

In a document dated March 26, 1997, and received by the Board on March 31, 1997, Villa stated that he intended to appeal to the Board from the Area Director's January 31, 1997, letter and, simultaneously, to appeal to the Area Director from the Superintendent's October 8, 1996, letter to Ramey. The Board accepted Villa's appeal from the Area Director's January 31, 1997, letter as timely, because the Area Director's letter had not provided appeal information (see 25 C.F.R.

of Miwok Indians that the 30-100 appeal forms for the Jamerson family members bearing my signature were misrepresented to me and I signed under pressure." The statement signed by Elmer Moman reads:

I Elmer Moman wish to inform the Membership Committee of the Ione Band of Miwok Indians that it is suspected by many potential members of this Tribe that the appeal forms signed by myself and two others for the Jamerson family may have been obtained fraudulently and copies were made without consideration for or consent of the involved parties

It should also be noted that I have no personal knowledge of the Jamerson family having had continued [*18] contact with the families of the Ione Band of Miwok Indians that I have maintained contact with over the last 83 years of my life.

n15 This was the same attorney who represents the Burris Appellants in this appeal. The Board presumes that the present Burris Appellants are leaders of the Burris group and do not necessarily constitute the entire Burris group.

The AUSA referred the attorney's letter to the Election Board, which considered the complaints at its August 23, 1996, meeting. After considerable discussion, the Board concluded that the elders' original signatures would stand. Among other things, the Election Board members observed that the attorney's complaint was not made until late in the enrollment/election process and that the elders' statements alleging pressure might themselves have resulted from pressure.

The Burris Appellants refer to the elders' statements as "affidavits" and "declarations." The statements, however, were not made under oath or under penalty of perjury. The Election Board members, while not speaking in legal terms, clearly understood that the elders' later statements were not inherently any more credible than were the statements they had [*19] made through their original signatures. Further, as the Area Director and the Interim Council point out in this appeal, both of the later statements were vague and unsupported.

Upon review of the transcript of the Election Board's August 23, 1996, meeting, the Board finds that the Election Board took the complaint seriously, gave it careful consideration, and made a reasoned decision.

Although the Burris Appellants now object that appeal times were too short, the times were agreed to by the Burris group's representatives. Further, even though the agreed-to procedures did not specifically provide for the consideration of complaints such as the one submitted by counsel for the Burris group, the Election Board undertook to consider it. The fact that the Election Board rejected the complaint may easily be attributed to the inadequacy of the complaint itself, for which the Burris group has only itself to blame, rather than to any shortness of time or to any fault on the part of the Election Board. The Board finds no reason to fault the Election Board's decision.

The Burris Appellants next argue that the Burris group was deprived of fair representation on the Election Board. They allege [*20] that they discovered in the summer of 1996 that two of the group's representatives to the Election Board, Randy Yonemura and Laura Yonemura, n16 had switched allegiance to another group. They allege further that BIA "prohibited Burris Group's leadership and counsel to attend [sic] the [Election Board's] meetings, discouraged Burris Group's representatives from fully disclosing the substance of their discussions, and wrongfully ignored Burris Group's replacement of its defecting representatives on the [Election Board]." Burris Opening Brief at 8.

n16 The Burris group's primary representatives were Randy Yonemura and Carol Boring. Laura Yonemura served as an alternate.

The Burris Appellants do not support their allegations. Of the record documents they cite in this part of their brief, only one even mentions the issue. That document is an October 3, 1996, (i.e., post-election) letter from counsel for the Burris group to the Deputy Regional Solicitor, which makes a number of complaints and alleges, inter alia, that, when the Burris group "attempted to replace Randy Yonemura and Laura Yonemura, [BIA] and the [Election] Board refused to acknowledge the change." Oct. 3, 1996, [*21] Letter at 2. Like the allegation made in this appeal, the allegation in the October 3, 1996, letter was unsupported by any evidence. Further, in both complaints, the allegations are extremely vague. For instance, both fail to include any information regarding when the alleged replacements were chosen, who they were, or when and how they were presented to BIA and/or the Election Board.

The Board finds that, even if Ramey was initially a member of the Election Board, as indicated in the AUSA's March 8, 1996, letter, she was not a member on September 28, 1996. The Board therefore concludes that there was no need for Ramey to resign from the Election Board prior to running for elective office.

In a related argument, the Burris Appellants contend that the election results were invalid because they were not certified by the Election Board and/or because they were in conflict with a certification signed by Carol Boring on October 15, 1996. [*26] Boring stated in her certification that she was the sole remaining member of the Election Board. She further stated that she believed that, under Election Board rules, Ramey, Green, Pulskamp, and Randy Yonemura had been ineligible to run for office. Based upon her interpretation of the rules, she certified that those elected to office were: Harold Burris, Chairperson; Matthew Franklin, Vice Chairperson; Jeanette Innerrarity, Secretary; Tracy Tripp, Treasurer; Johnnie Jamerson, Member at Large; and William Franklin, Sr., Elder.

The Burris Appellants submit a declaration from Carol Boring, in which she states that, on October 3, 1996, Dorson Zunie asked her to certify the election results. Because the Area Director does not deny Boring's statement, the Board assumes, for purposes of this decision, that the statement is accurate. The Board observes, however, that Zunie's request to Boring is not determinative of the question whether certification of the election was required as a matter of tribal law.

Both the Area Director and the Interim Council contend that there was no requirement for certification of the election in the rules established for the September 28, 1996, election. Further, [*27] the Area Director notes that BIA representatives were present at the election, as well as at most of the preceding meetings, and that there was a transcript of the election. Therefore, he contends, BIA had sufficient documentation to rely upon in recognizing the results of the election.

The Interim Council also contends that Boring had no authority, on her own, to issue an interpretation of the Election Board rule or to certify election results based upon her personal interpretation of the rule.

As evident from the discussion above, Boring's interpretation of the Election Board rule is in conflict with the interpretation of the majority of the Election Board members. It is also in conflict with the decision of the tribal voters to proceed with the election based upon the interpretation expressed by the majority of the Election Board members. Accordingly, the Board concludes that Boring's interpretation was not in accord with tribal law.

The Burris Appellants produce no evidence that certification of the election was required under the rules adopted for the September 28, 1996, election. The Board finds therefore that the Burris Appellants have failed to show that certification of the [*28] election was required.

The Board further finds that the Burris Appellants' allegations concerning the September 28, 1996, election provide no basis for overturning the Area Director's decisions.

Villa Appeal

The main premise of Villa's appeal is that the entire enrollment/election process was unlawful because the Assistant Secretary, in her March 22, 1994, letter, "confirmed the status of the Ione Band of Miwok Indians as a tribe that was already recognized, that already had a defined population, and that already had a functional government organized under a tribally-ratified 'permanent' constitution." Villa Reply Brief I at 4. n18 Villa's filings indicate that he believes the Assistant Secretary recognized him as the leader of the Band.

n18 Villa filed two reply briefs, replying separately to the answer briefs filed by the Interim Council and the Area Director.

Villa ignores the fact that the Assistant Secretary, in her July 14 and July 27, 1994, memoranda to the Area Director and her September 15, 1994, letter to Villa, made it clear that she had not recognized Villa as the leader of the Band and that she considered the preparation of a membership roll and the formation [*29] of a tribal government to be tasks remaining to be accomplished. Thus, to the extent decisions were made not to recognize Villa as the Band's leader, not to recognize any existing tribal government, and not to recognize Villa's membership roll as controlling, those decisions

Sept. 30, 1994, Oct. 14, 1994, Nov. 21, 1994, and Oct. 18, 1995; the Enrollment Committee meeting of Apr. 25, 1996; the Election Board meetings of May 8-9, 1996; June 29-30, 1996; and Aug. 23, 1996; the public meetings of June 1, 1996, and Sept. 6, 1996; and the election of Sept. 28, 1996.

The record shows that those who served on the Enrollment Committee and Election Board performed admirably. It is clear that those individuals, as well as the BIA employees who assisted them, took their responsibilities seriously, putting in long hours and serving with the greater interests of the Band in mind. Given the deep rifts in the Band, it was not an easy task to bring the [*33] enrollment/election process to completion.

Finally, the record shows that, despite the animosities of some members of the Band toward each other, there are a number of individuals, including those who were elected to office on September 28, 1996, who are committed to helping the Band move forward. Thus, it clearly seems possible for the Band to succeed in establishing a stable government, with all the benefits that would accrue from that accomplishment. Appellants now have the opportunity to join in that positive effort. The Board urges them to do so.

Pursuant to the authority delegated to the Board of Indian Appeals by the Secretary of the Interior, 43 C.F.R. § 4.1, the Area Director's January 31, 1997, and January 23, 1998, decisions are affirmed. n22

n22 Arguments made by Appellants but not discussed in this decision have been considered and rejected.

Anita Vogt, Administrative Judge

I concur: Kathryn A. Lynn, Chief Administrative Judge

The casino, which generates \$100 million in revenue a year, has been under the control of a group that said it took over in March because an elected council ignored petitions for a recall election. Members said the tribe's hereditary chief, Charles Old Bear, had appointed them.

Federal officials gave the tribe notice last month that it was in violation of gaming rules. A deadline to return casino operations to the elected council led by Alex Walker Jr. was missed.

Talks of splitting power between the tribal councils until a special election could be held ended without a compromise.

Then last week, the Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals followed with a warning that a gambling agreement, or compact, with the tribe would dissolve unless the elected tribal council resumed control by June 5.

Now, state officials are monitoring the federal action, said department Director Steve Young.

"NIGC's order of temporary closure is a separate and distinct action from that taken by the Department of Inspections and Appeals, under the terms of the compact," Young said in a statement.

The national commission's order on Tuesday said the casino must close because the appointed tribal council's government violates federal law and officials recognize only the elected council as the tribe's leaders. The dissident group also refused to allow authorized tribal officials into the casino and put the public at risk "by their forcible occupation of the gaming operation and tribal offices," the order said.

The commission's order will be lifted if the appointed tribal council surrenders power to the elected council. An attorney for the elected tribal council said he didn't expect the other side to throw in the towel. Mark Jarboe, a Washington, D.C., attorney who represents the elected council, said federal regulators indicated the casino could be closed for months.

Federal judges will have authority to rule now that regulators have enforced a federal law, said Jarboe. A federal judge refused to step into the fray last month.

"This is a totally different claim," Jarboe said. "There isn't any question about federal court jurisdiction."

The national commission has closed casinos in the past, but "in every case I've been aware, it has been . . . casinos that have opened illegally," Jarboe said.

The casino and hotel employs about 1,300 people and brings thousands of visitors a year to the settlement. McCloskey said 4,100 people come through the casino's doors every 24 hours.

*M. Biagi
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From: "schmit" <schmit@quiknet.com>
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Date: Tue, May 27, 2003 9:47 AM
Subject: Letter from Rico Oller opposing off reservation casino

Open letter to Governor Gray Davis

Friday, May 23, 2003

- State Senator Rico Oller

Dear Governor Davis:

I understand your office is in the process of negotiating a compact with the lone Band of Miwok Indians to operate an Indian gambling casino near Plymouth in Amador County.

Amador County frankly does not have the room or the resources to absorb all the impacts of another casino. I write to respectfully ask that you not approve a gambling compact with this tribe.

Amador County is a geographically small rural county and has a population of approximately 31,000 people. Plans to build another casino in the lone area of Amador County were recently announced - this is in addition to the proposed Plymouth casino and the already existing Jackson Rancheria Casino.

While the lone proposal is presently on hold, even two casinos is excessive for such a small county and three major casinos would virtually destroy the quality of life in Amador County.

A Plymouth casino would be a mere fifteen minutes from the expanding and very busy Jackson Casino. Plymouth lacks the basic infrastructure to handle the traffic and commerce that a casino attracts.

First, Highway 49 in Plymouth is a twisty, two-lane road that is not equipped to handle the traffic a large casino would generate. Second, water resources in the Plymouth area are already strained. In fact, Plymouth is presently under a building moratorium due to an inadequate supply of water. Finally, a new casino will only add to the large costs presently incurred by several county departments in providing additional services due to the impacts of these casino developments, including all facets of law enforcement (sheriff, jail, district attorney, probation, courts), public health, public works and roads, emergency medical services and fire.

Furthermore, the increased traffic generated from such development impacts the entire county, not just the specific casino sites.

As an additional matter, I understand that there is a membership dispute

June 16, 2003

Gray Davis
Governor, State of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

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AMADOR COUNTY, CA.

Dear Governor Davis:

This letter is regarding our opposition to an Indian Casino in the town of Plymouth, CA, in Amador County.

First of all, let me say we strongly resent the fact that the Indian tribe communicated with you that there was no opposition to this casino. We only found out about the casino after you were told this. That certainly sets a bad standard of dealing with the Indians by their lying from the beginning. What can we believe from them from now on?

This little gold country town, and for that matter, Amador county, with only 30-35,000 county residents, will forever be changed by putting in this casino. There is already one casino, another already passed, and now they want a third one? This rural town and county cannot support the services that the casinos require already. The town of Plymouth has a building moratorium because of lack of water, yet a casino is to be built? Where will the water come from to support a big casino? Will they pull all the water out of our aquifers so that our wells go dry? What about the businesses in Plymouth? Are we to be swallowed up by a casino because we are a small rural town? How will our 2-lane roads handle the extra traffic and buses from all over northern California? How will we handle the criminal element that is always associated with gambling in some form or another?

Please carefully consider these questions in your decision regarding this rural area of Plymouth/Amador County. We don't want another casino in this county.

Sincerely,


Jeff and Rebecca Cartwright

Cc: Mario Biagi, Amador Co. Board of Supervisors
Plymouth City Hall
Rico Oller, Senator, 1st District
Alan Nakanishi, Assemblyman, 4th District
National Indian Gaming Commission, Greg Bergfield, Regional Director
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Dear Governor Davis,

I am a lifelong resident of the town Plymouth in the county of Amador in our beautiful state of California. My children parents, grandparents, great grandparents and myself have enjoyed a rural lifestyle in this community for years. We are growing in many areas and continue to do so. This is a wonderful place to raise children, livestock and be part of a small country area. We are a bedroom community that commutes to Sacramento daily. We love our home and lifestyle so much that we are willing to drive hours a day to work. Many people from the bay areas are also finding homes here because of the privacy, and country beauty. We are the folks that sit on site councils for our local schools, fix spaghetti by the gallons to raise money for areas of need in our community.

Indian gaming promoters are trying to acquire property and develop a gaming casino with liquor privileges in our small town population of 500. We understand that many taxes and laws do not apply to Indian tribes. This brings the question where is the benefit to our small town? Impacts to our community arise. Our county supervisors have not supported this venture, our schools cannot handle the overload of students that this would bring, the crime and drugs that accompany such a business will ruin our town and create problems that will change our town forever. We know that even if the city was reimbursed for some of the utility changes needed we could not be assured that future financial backing could be guaranteed.

Our county already has one casino operating at this time (Jackson Rancheria) with approval of a second one in the near future. This is all within 12-14 miles of one another.

Amador County is known for our country atmosphere, wineries, daffodils, Italian restaurants, antiques and small town charm.

My family and I ask you to take our views into consideration before granting Indian Gaming in our small town of: PLYMOUTH.

Sincerely,

Denise & Benard Moreno

Cc: City of Plymouth

Amador County Supervisors

Dear Mayor Beck and City Council Members of Plymouth:

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I am writing this letter to explain my opposition to the proposed casino in Plymouth. I am sure that you have heard many of the arguments why a third casino is bad for Amador County. I would like to present a history lesson, remember history? It's that thing that we always asked the teacher why we had to bother with and when they answered so that we could learn from it, our response was - look at history, people don't learn. I am hoping that you will be the exception.

I am 45 years old and lived in Santa Cruz County prior to moving here two year ago. This is what happened to two cities in Santa Cruz County in my lifetime.

The first city is Santa Cruz itself. Santa Cruz allowed the University of California to build a college in the early 1960's. Prior to the college, Santa Cruz was a sleepy town filled with families and mostly retirees, with summer tourist that came and went. The residential population was small. Then came the university, it seemed like a good idea, and an opportunity for local youth. However, what happened was a disaster for Santa Cruz and has changed it forever. The population of the students was larger than the town at that time, the regents of the college decided to take a very liberal stance with the college, (you could not get BA in business, or even a teaching credential until the early 1990's). As the residents started to lose control over local politics due to the large student vote, they tried to make it so temporary residents such as students could not vote. The courts ruled this was unconstitutional, that because students resided during the school year in Santa Cruz, and used that as their mailing address, they had the right to vote there. The end result is that you can not get a conservative on the City Council, marijuana is passed out on the steps of City Hall, and a county about the size of Amador has the 2nd largest planning department in the state. All manufactures and business except retail have closed down or relocated.

The second city is Scotts Valley, located about 6 miles west of Santa Cruz, in Santa Cruz County. Scotts Valley was a very rural town made up mostly of families. People my age remember riding their ponies into town in the afternoon to get an ice-cream or snack at the market that kept a hitching post for us to tie up to. Today it would be difficult to find an empty lot in town. However, despite progress, today Scotts Valley is the most desirable city to live in within the county. Why? When progress happened, homes were built, all kinds. There are two all-age mobile home parks, two over 55 only aged mobile home parks, expensive homes, expensive town-houses, low-income apartments, business parks, (including Borland International, and Seagate), and several nice shopping complexes. The schools are considered the best in the county, with waiting list of children from other cities wanting to attend. The politics are middle of the road.

What is the difference change has brought to these two cities? Families bring diversity, there is not one group with a single viewpoint controlling growth. I am not saying the casino controllers are going to be liberal, or conservative. My point is that whatever their viewpoint, or goals are, (outside of self profit, it is a business), they will be able to vote, and therefore set policies for more than just their property. It would be unjust to current

Dear Governor Gray Davis:

I am writing you to hopefully gain your support in opposing the proposed purchase of property in Amador County, (specifically in the town of Plymouth) solely for the purpose of building an Indian casino.

Amador County already has one casino, and another one has been approved. Both of these casinos are on existing reservation land. However, the one being proposed in Plymouth is not only not on existing Indian held land – **the majority of the tribe resides in Sacramento**. This land is not being looked at to purchase for the tribe to build a sense of belonging and community, it has been bought by outside interests from Mississippi who have approached this tribe, (whose legality is being questioned), to build a casino. The front of this property is Highway 49, and the only access in or out is the highway, it would be hard to argue that this is prime residential property.

Amador County already incurs debt of \$800,000 to \$1,000,000 each year in support services to the one currently operating casino. This money comes out our taxdollars, and the Jackson Casino is a "dry" one. The already approved Buena Vista Casino is looking to serve alcohol, and the proposed one in Plymouth has stated they definitely will be serving alcohol. If we are already incurring extra expenses from the operating casino, imagine what that will look like with the additional police, highway patrol, fire, and social service support that the other casino operations are going to require. We can not afford to hire more of these people now, with the increased traffic, drunk driving, and accidents that are bound to occur, this County will soon become lawless, because we can not respond to incidents timely. This fact will not be missed by the types of people who are attracted to gambling, the nice ones will go somewhere "cleaner" and we will be left with the dregs of society.

Aside from the social/economic issues, there is the environment. Amador already receives air pollution from the Bay Area, and the Valley. The proposed casino states themselves they expect 7,000 cars a day to drive to Plymouth, this is over ten times the current population of Plymouth.

Then there is sight pollution. Plymouth is a very rural area, filled with older residents, young families, cattle ranchers, horse breeders, and vineyards. There is still a lot of open space, but this casino would take up the majority of that open space in the city of Plymouth. Upon entering Plymouth we would see a big, gaudy, complex, with neon signs and a huge parking lot. Sewage treatment has been brought up as a problem to the developers, and their response is that they will build their own. So will get to look at that upon entering town too.

Where the water for this plant and the casino at large is going to come from is another problem. The developers state there are five wells on the property now, while this is true, they don't produce even 7 gallons per minute each. The main reason this property has not been developed yet is that there is not adequate water for families to maintain their homes, or large business. The developers answer is that they will truck water in. This

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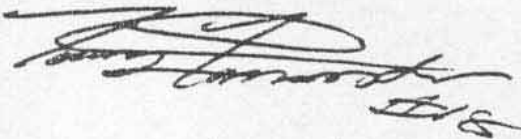
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Alexia Kuster

Amador High Student

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CC Mayor & City Council Members, Plymouth

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Dear *Deanna Tracy Davis*

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June 10, 2003

The Honorable Gray Davis
Governor of the State of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Subject: Opposition to a Compact for Casino Operations for the Ione Band of Miwok Indians
City of Plymouth, Amador County**

Dear Governor Davis:

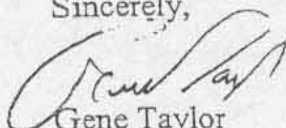
The purpose of this letter is to join the Amador County Board of Supervisors in its opposition to the Ione Band of Miwok Indians' proposal for a new casino in the City of Plymouth and the adjacent unincorporated area of Amador County.

Unlike most other Indian casino operations in the state, this Tribe is proposing to purchase approximately 300 acres of non-Tribal owned property to establish this new gambling facility. This land is not now and has never been Indian land. Approving a compact for this project would set dangerous precedent for construction of new gambling facilities virtually anywhere within California.

The City of Jackson already experiences additional traffic and related casino impacts from the Jackson Rancheria. The rural nature of Amador County's roadway system is incompatible with casino-generated traffic and the addition of another gambling facility within such a short distance of the Jackson Rancheria would exacerbate this impact within our county.

The Jackson City Council urges you to limit Indian casino gaming to Indian Trust property and refuse proposals for compacts on non-Tribal land. For the reasons stated above, please do not enter into a compact with the Ione Band of Miwok Indians for a gambling facility in Plymouth.

Sincerely,



Gene Taylor
Mayor

cc: Amador County Board of Supervisors
City of Plymouth
Jackson Rancheria

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T.C. and Donna Sisney
P.O. Box 221
Plymouth, CA 95669

June 8, 2003

Governor Gray Davis
State of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Reference: Proposed Casino in Plymouth, CA

Dear Governor Davis:

As supporters of your position on crime and punishment, we write this letter asking you to oppose another casino in Amador County, which has been proposed for the small community of Plymouth, CA.

Currently we have a casino in Jackson, CA and another one approved in the Buena Vista area. Our County cannot support another facility and the impact on the County resources would be detrimental to our community with the increased demand on emergency services and law enforcement.

Please oppose this casino!

Sincerely,



T.C. and Donna Sisney

cc: Amador County Board of Supervisors
Plymouth City Hall

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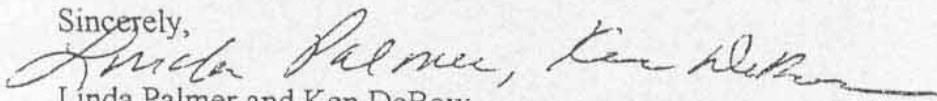
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We are writing you to express our opposition to the proposed casino in Plymouth, Amador County. Our reasons for opposing the casino are many, but those that are primary are issues of traffic, safety, infrastructure costs, and water. As you know, Amador County is a small, rural county, and Hwy. 16, which serves the area, is a two lane road which, as the county population inevitably increases, has reached its limit in terms of carrying capacity. We are both faculty members at CSUS and commute on Hwy. 16 daily, and over the past years we have seen significant increase in traffic. Growth is, of course, inevitable, and we accept that; but a casino with 3000 parking spaces will inevitably bring in a dramatic increase of traffic which we do not believe Hwy 16 can safely accommodate. Safety on the highway, as well as on Hwy 49, which winds from Plymouth to Placerville will be compromised, and that problem will surely be exacerbated by the sale of alcohol at the proposed casino.

Water is another of our significant concerns. Currently, hundreds of families living on rural land around Plymouth and depending on wells and septic systems are suffering from depleted water supplies. Last summer, one of the most common sights on any of our rural roads was well-digging rigs at houses whose owners were putting in second wells as they saw their water supplies dwindle, often to nothing. We are deeply concerned that a large casino will lead to a further dwindling of water supplies in Plymouth and surrounding areas, and that water will be contaminated by the considerable output of waste from a large casino.

In short, Amador County infrastructure can not accommodate this casino (and two others). As the casino would not be subject to taxation, the county will have to absorb costs of accidents and crime, the roads cannot accommodate the traffic, and the water supplies cannot accommodate so large a facility. All of these concerns are paramount in our minds as we watch our county work to meet the demands of inevitable (and not necessarily bad) growth. As residents of a county we love, we ask that you not agree to put this Plymouth land in trust and not sign a compact enabling this large casino in this very rural area.

Sincerely,


Linda Palmer and Ken DeBow

cc: Plymouth City Council
Supervisor Mario Biagi
Senator Rico Oller

15407 Muller Rd.
Plymouth, CA 95669

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Governor Gray Davis
State Capitol Building
980 9th Street, Suite 1800
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Dear Governor Davis:

Please read this letter through before either "round filing it", or throwing it into your Out basket.

One hundred three years ago, my late Father-In-Law was born on this ranch. Eighty One years ago, my husband was also born here. Through the years, there has been much growth, Shenandoah Valley and the wine industry as an example, and many other changes we have learned to live with and accepted. The idea of looking down from our hill to an Indian Casino and all it entails really goes beyond the pall. It is just plain unimagineable !

This is a delightful, peaceful, beautiful, neighborly community and the proposed casino would be detrimental to a quiet, trusting way of life for many.

It is not just a question of increased services, increased traffic, increased sewer and water problems, but the decrease in taxes for a small community, loss of privacy, and, as with other casinos, a rather unsavory element dependent on alcohol and drugs seem to follow casinos.

The Jackson Rancheria out of Jackson is in a sparsely populated region of large acreages devoted to cattle and other livestock. The proposed Buena Vista Casino would also be in a low density area, mainly devoted to agricultural. This third casino, (too many for such a small, rural county) would be in, or close to the City of Plymouth, population about 700. We not only do not need three casinos in Amador, but we certainly are not in favor of one in a fairly densely populated area, but also on one of the busiest two-lane highways in the Mother Lode.

Please Governor Davis, before you even consider granting a gambling compact to the Mi-Wuk tribe, take the time to drive East on Highway 16 to our area and see for yourself an area that is rapidly becoming unique in this hustle-bustle world, including our very picturesque and friendly Shenandoah Valley.

Respectfully,



Enid J. DalPorto
(Mrs. Frank P. DalPorto)

cc: Diane Feinstein, U.S. Senator
Barbara Boxer, U. S. Senator
Doug Ose, U. S. Congressman, District 3
Rico Oller, Senator, 1st District
Alan Nakanishi, Assemblyman, 4th District
Mayor Selby Beck, Plymouth
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Dale Risling, Superintendent
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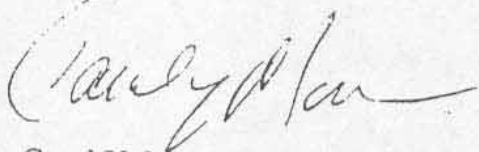
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Dear Sir,

I am writing in regard to an Indian Gaming casino that a "landless tribe" is trying to place adjacent to the city of Plymouth. As a life long citizen of the town, I am very concerned about the repercussions that will take place. This casino would be completely disruptive to the local community with increased and damaging effects on traffic, automobile accidents, air quality, water, crime, and local businesses. I am particularly bothered by the fact that the proponents have reported to authorities that there is no opposition when in fact at the first town meeting concerning the casino, which was not widely publicized, the city hall could not hold the crowds which showed up to protest the building of this casino.

Most of the citizens who are aware of the situation oppose the building of the casino, and we ask that you represent our voices in protecting our community and preventing this casino from being placed in our town.

Sincerely,



Carol Y. Moreno

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Governor Gray Davis
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Re: The Proposed Indian Casino in Plymouth, California

Dear Governor Davis:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed casino in Plymouth to be located a short distance from Plymouth Elementary School. This casino would have a devastating effect on our lifestyle. There is already one casino in our small county and it is located less than twenty miles from the proposed site of the new Plymouth casino.

Sincerely,


Pamela J. Howard

cc: Plymouth City Council
Supervisor Mario Biagi

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Honorable Gray Davis
Office of the Governor
State Capital
Sacramento, Calif. 95814

Re: Ione Band of Miwok
Proposed Casino in Plymouth, Amador County

Dear Governor Davis:

The above tribe is proposing a gaming casino in Plymouth, California. They have sent their request to you. In that request they have stated there has been no opposition. That is a false statement. Their letter was sent to you before the government and residents of Amador County were informed about the proposal. I object to this casino and there is strong opposition to it by the residents.

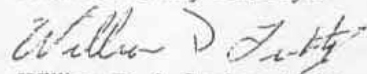
This county, per capita, cannot support another casino. There is already a large casino, the Jackson Rancheria, in our county with yet another being worked on in the Buena Vista area. It is a tremendous drain on the tax payers and I know you are already aware of the obvious impacts; water, sewer, traffic, loss of property taxes, crime, over powering the politics of a very small city, school impacts, etc. There is also the tourism- Plymouth brings in a lot of revenues from its vineyards and the "Motherlode Gold Country" theme. That history would soon be lost.

The citizens supported Proposition 1A so the tribes could keep what they had at the time. We do not support investors from Mississippi and elsewhere to establish new casinos.

There is also at issue the "true" tribal government. There is inner fighting going on as to who exactly the Ione Band of Miwok's are.

Please do not allow the Ione Bank of Miwok to open a casino in this county. Deny a state compact with this tribe.

Amador County Tax Payer


William D. & Gaylene Lichty
15460 Vaira Ranch Road
Drytown, Calif. 95699
(209) 245-5388

c.c: Mario Biagi, Amador County Supervisor
Plymouth City Council

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Supervisor Mario Biagi
Supervisor Fifth District
County of Amador
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Dear Sir,

I am writing in reference to current issues with the Indian Gaming in California. In a state where gambling is prohibited, it is very contradictory to find 42 casinos in operation and many more planned to open. This growing issue has recently landed on my front doorstep—I have just learned that there are plans for an Indian casino to be built just a few blocks from my house.

This is disturbing for several reasons. Plymouth is very small with a population of only about 1,000 people, and the effects of this large casino would be absolutely devastating on the small-town, country lifestyle that exists. The traffic that the proponents expect will clog the nearby highways that are already burdened with commuters and tourists, as well as adding to the needed upkeep of the roads. There is also the issue of pollution and failing air quality that will result from increased exhaust outputs. Our town also has limited water, which will be adversely affected with the launching of the casino. The Indians will also be able to build housing for its employees, which would further impair water supplies as well as strain our small local schools that are already short on space and faculty. The casino will also hurt local businesses, particularly the local wineries. Since the proponents plan to build right at the entrance of town, the majority of the incoming people is expected to make the casino their first and primary stop, and will be deterred from giving their business to the smaller local establishments down the road. Yet another issue, and the one I find most disturbing, is the increase of crime rate that is unavoidable. Up to this point Plymouth has had a sort of "Mayberry" feel, where the crime is minimal and neighbors are friends. Citizens are not afraid if they forget to lock their doors at night, and do not hesitate to let their children walk to the store alone. But this will change with amount of people that will be passing through the area to visit the casino. The casino also plans to serve alcohol, which has been shown to increase the number of arrests and car accidents in other areas under similar conditions. The over all result of all these factors is the destruction of my town.

There is already one Indian casino just 20 minutes from Plymouth, and we already feel its effects in the increased amount of traffic, crime, and automobile accidents in our county. We do not need another casino that will further damage this quaint town. I am appealing to you to help protect my community. Please do not allow the Indian casino in Plymouth.

Sincerely,



Danelle Moreno

PO Box 396
Plymouth, CA 95669

June 5, 2003

Dear Governor Davis,

I am writing this letter with the hope that you, as our elected leader and as an honorable man that is interested in doing what is right for his constituents, will take a stand against an insidious blight that is creeping over our land and threatens to destroy our very way of life if it is allowed to continue unchecked. The threat to which I refer is the recent rash of unregulated Indian gambling casinos being proposed for off reservation land in California, and in particular, the one proposed for the Plymouth area by the "Ione Band" of Miwok Indians and orchestrated by out of town profiteers known as the Ikon Group, LLC from Mississippi.

This investment group and band of Indians are clearly trying to take advantage of well intentioned government and state laws that were originally designed to help impoverished and down trodden tribes to become economically self reliant. This is a clear case of a tribe actually being formed with the express purpose of building a gambling casino for profit, and our little town of Plymouth was targeted because it would be a profitable site and they do not believe that we have the resources or gumption to oppose them. There are no current members of this Indian tribe that has **ever even lived in our town!** They came into our town, told us that it was "their aboriginal land," they were going to build a casino here, and that there was nothing that we could do to stop it. I have attended every town hall meeting since this bomb shell was dropped and have seen a clear majority of attendees in opposition to the casino (for obvious reasons: traffic, noise, crime, water, sewer, etc.); and yet, they had the gall to send you a letter saying that there was no opposition to them building a casino in Plymouth! That was an outright lie to you! There is no question that the casino will have a negative impact on both Plymouth and the surrounding communities! There are already two other casinos (one in full swing and the other in the planing stages) within 15 miles of Plymouth. **We do not need another!!!**

Many of us have followed the American dream by working hard, saving our money, buying land and building our homes here only to see it threatened by the wolf in sheep's clothing....people whose only goal is to line their pockets with money from a highly profitable scheme of questionable morality. Please let Californians know that you are against the twisting of government laws for personal gain and put the lid back on this Pandora's box that has been so slyly opened, and that can potentially ruin California for its hard working honest citizens. Do this by refusing to enter into a compact with the Ione Band of Miwok Indians. Do this by opposing their attempts to put into trust lands around and in Plymouth. Do this by vetoing off reservation land acquisition for Indian casinos.

Please respond to my letter and let me know how you stand on this matter of vital importance. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you,


Jennifer A. Minnis, citizen

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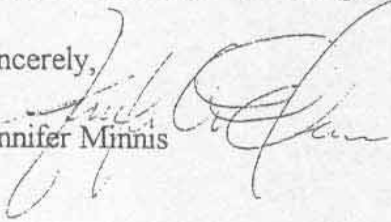
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Dear Supervisor Biagi,

Enclosed are copies of my letters to the Plymouth City Council. Again, thank you for all the good work you are doing for our county and our opposition to the Plymouth casino!

Sincerely,

Jennifer Minnis



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June 10, 2003

Dear Councilwoman Estey-Scalon,

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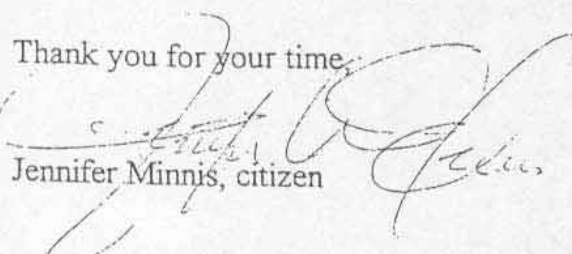
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Thank you for your time.


Jennifer Minnis, citizen

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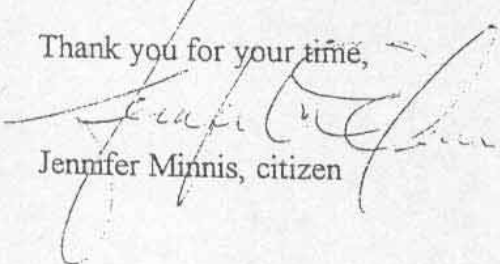
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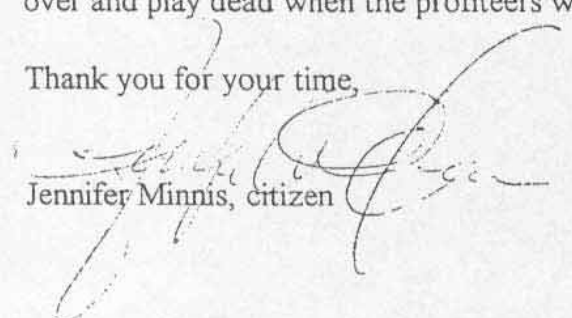
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Dear Councilman Gillaspie,

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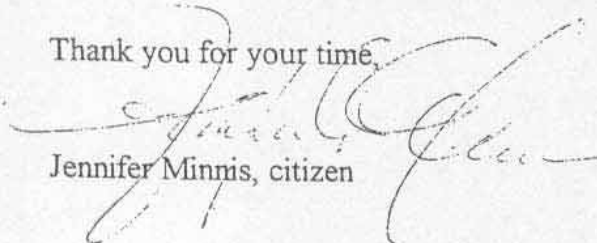
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Thank you for your time.


Jennifer Minnis, citizen

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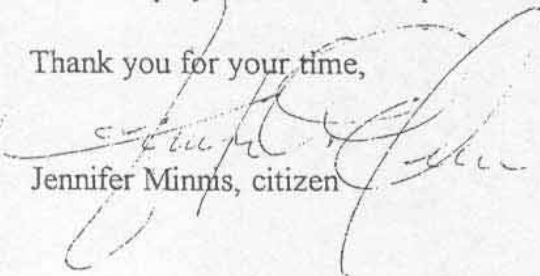
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To the U.S. Department of Interior
Bureau of Indian Affairs

I am writing to you to address my concerns over the proposed Indian Gaming Casino in Plymouth.

I would appreciate your assistance in dealing with the impact issues that the Casino will bring to the County of Amador.

I am very concerned and am requesting that in the course of reviewing and negotiating all potential impacts on the issues such as water, sewer, traffic, crime, environment, etc that you also examine and make allowances for additional impacts to the people, homes and properties in the surrounding area not incorporated into the City of Plymouth, but directly impacted by any decisions the City of Plymouth makes. (Burke Ranch, Willow Creek area, et al)

In addition to the items of concern already listed I am very concerned with the future availability of the Ground Water we are dependent upon for the quality of our lives, and the impact the proposed development and Casino will have on depleting the aquifer. My concern remains despite any assurances that water usage will come from other sources.

Since ground water is an area of unknown and with the potential of no recourse on damages I am requesting specific wording to protect our homes and properties from the impact the Development and Casino will have on our availability to use our natural resources.

The Developers and subsequent Trustees need to be requested to pay for water supply and conveyance as a contingency to the properties in the surrounding impacted area not protected by any agreement with the City of Plymouth. I also request the burden of proof be placed on the Parties involved in any development agreements for any and all impacts.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Jack A. Cain
Jack A. Cain



M. & Mrs. Richard D. Minnis
P.O. Box 881
Plymouth, CA 95669-0881

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Mano Biagi
Amador Co Board of Supervisors
500 Argonaut Drive,
Jackson, Ca. 95642

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AMADOR COUNTY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
AMADOR COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION

Resolution No. 02/2003-19
Re: Proposed Casino in Plymouth

WHEREAS, the proposed Plymouth gambling casino would be located less than one mile from Plymouth Elementary School; and,

WHEREAS, many of the streets and roads students use to go to and come from Plymouth Elementary School do not have sidewalks; and

WHEREAS, the dramatic increase in traffic would present a significant danger to an area that does not have stop lights or crossing guards for students;

WHEREAS, a significant increase in families moving to the area as casino employees would likely result in a dramatic impact on educational services with restricted funding; and,

WHEREAS, this increase would likely result in overcrowding at a school site that already shares space with the Amador County Fairgrounds to meet the needs of the current student population; and,

WHEREAS, a number of new housing units that would accompany a casino would not be subject to the developer fees that help offset the costs of needed additional classrooms; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Board of Amador County Unified School District and Amador County Office of Education opposes any plans to build the proposed gambling casino due to serious safety and educational concerns.

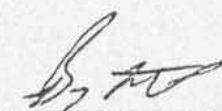
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Barry Franks, ACUSD/ACOE Board President

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Office of the Governor
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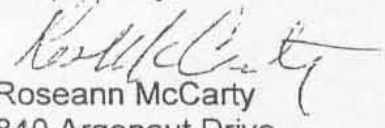
Dear Governor Davis,

I am a resident of Amador County and I am writing to you today to ask you to deny the gambling compact to the Band of Miwok Indians who wish to build an Indian Casino in the small rural community of Plymouth California. The impact on roads, water, sewage, and the quality of life to the area would be insurmountable.

We already have two other Casinos in the County of only 30,000 people. The cost to the County is great and would be a burden. The new Casino would be 15 miles from the existing Jackson Rancheria Casino.

I hope that you will deny the gambling compact.

Respectfully,



Roseann McCarty
840 Argonaut Drive
Jackson, CA 95642

Cc: Mario Biagi, Supervisor, District 1

Lorin and Michelle Jones
5723 Elaine Ct.
Plymouth, CA 95669

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Governor Davis
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Dear Governor Davis:

We are aware that your office is in the process of negotiating a compact with the Ione Band of Miwok Indians to operate an Indian gambling casino in Plymouth in Amador County.

Plymouth, as well as Amador County does not have the resources to accommodate such a large facility. The water availability to the county is now limited. The roads to and from Plymouth are small two lane highways, not capable of absorbing anymore traffic. With the current casino, Jackson Rancheria, the possibility of another one to be built in Ione, and the proposed Plymouth Casino, this small rural county would not have the community resources to take care of fire or emergency needs.

We write to respectfully ask that you **do not** approve a gambling compact with this tribe.

Sincerely,

Lorin S. Jones
Michelle L. Jones

Lorin and Michelle Jones
5723 Elaine Ct.
Plymouth, CA 95669

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c: M. Bragi
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June 2, 2003

Plymouth City Council
Darlene Estey
Selby Beck
Rich Martin
Ryan Gillespy
Gary Colburn
PO Box 429
Plymouth, CA 95669

Dear Ms. Estey, Mr. Beck, Mr. Rich, Mr. Gillespy, Mr. Colburn;

We are aware that the Ione Band of Miwok Indians wants to operate an Indian gambling casino in Plymouth in Amador County.

As residents in this city, we are opposed to this Casino being built. We currently have the Jackson Rancheria in this small county and feel that the possibly of two more Casinos would be an over kill. Our roads and community services would not have the resources to deal with such a big operation. We are concerned with the quality of life and feel that this casino would create more problems for all the residents in the surrounding area.

We write to respectfully ask that you **do not** approve a gambling compact with this tribe.

Sincerely,

Lorin S. Jones
Michelle L. Jones

Ernie and Suzanne Mauck
17695 East Overlook Court
Plymouth, CA 95669-0457

May 30, 2003

Honorable Governor Gray Davis
Office of the Governor
State Capitol Building
980 9th Street, Suite 1800
Sacramento, CA 95814

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Dear Governor Davis:

Out of state developers have purchased land adjacent to the small City of Plymouth in Amador County. The intent is to

1. "Revive" a tribal population that chose to disband many years ago,
2. Have the tribal population create Indian Trust land on the acquired property through the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), and
3. Establish a gambling casino.

How can anyone encourage a gambling casino adjacent to a small town?

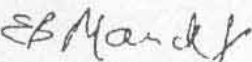
- The casino would be situated within 2 miles of the elementary school.
- Alcohol is predicted to be available at the casino.
- The limited infrastructure would not allow the surrounding area to cope with the impact of local traffic, noise, water and sewer treatment.
- Amador County already provides police protection for the existing gambling casino, Jackson Rancheria, in the Jackson area.
- Because the "revived" tribal population is equal to (or more) than the towns population, the livelihood of the small town would be undermined by a gambling casino operation.


Where is the equity? The State of California has been more accomodating to gambling casinos operating on Indian Trust land than any other state in the nation. The precedence that has been set is an injustice to all California residences.

PLEASE do not allow the land acquired in Plymouth to become entrusted Federal lands through the BIA!. The small City of Plymouth could not cope with the additional stress and impact of a gambling casino.

Your compassion on this issue is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,


Ernest B. Mauck, Jr.


Suzanne Mauck

cc: Supervisor Mario Biagi
Supervisor Fifth District
County of Amador
500 Argonaut Lane
Jackson, CA 95642

Plymouth City Council
City of Plymouth
P.O. Box 429
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May 29, 2003

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OFFICIAL RECORDS
AMADOR COUNTY, CA.

Re: Ione Band of Miwok Proposed Casino, CA.
in Plymouth, Amador County

Dear Sir,

The above tribe is proposing a gaming Casino in Plymouth, California. In that request they have stated there has been no opposition.

I am writing to you today to inform you of a water shortage that existed a few years ago. I served on a committee with the Amador County Grand Jury investigating a water shortage complaint from a Plymouth resident. At that time there was barely enough fresh water to serve the community and the annual County Fair.

How in the world could this Casino be provided with water for thousands of visitors to the community year after year?

Our small County has a Jackson Rancheria Casino and Hotel which is causing traffic problems.

I hope you will investigate Plymouth's water shortage before approving any construction of another Casino in Amador County. Besides, one is enough.

Amador County tax payer
James L. Gouze

James L. Gouze

11165 Quail Drive
Pine Grove, CA 95665
(209)223-1343

J.L.G/ELG

CC: Mario Biagi, Amador County
Supervisor
500 Argonaut Lane
Jackson, CA 95642

CC: Plymouth City Council
Plymouth City Hall
9426 Main
Plymouth, CA 95669

May 29, 2003

The Honorable Gray Davis
Governor of the State of California
State Capitol, First Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

We were born in Amador County over 80 years ago, and have watched our County grow and change. The one change we are not willing to accept is the proposed Indian Gambling Casino.

The traffic on Highway 16, the water system, the sewage system and the quality of life would be severely impacted.

Plymouth is a very small rural community that cannot support this casino. Amador County cannot support three casinos.

We urge you to refuse a gambling compact with the Ione Band of Miwok Indians for the purpose of building a casino here. We understand that the proposed site is not Tribal land.

Respectfully,

Dena D'Agostini

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Michele D'Agostini

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Mr. And Mrs. M. D'Agostini
12210 Stiener Road
Plymouth, Ca 95669

Cc: Mario Biagi

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To: Gov. Gray Davis
From: Donald James Finch
Date: 05/18/03

Re: Proposed building of an Indian Gambling Casino in the town of Plymouth, California
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Gov. Davis:

Sir, today [05/18/03] I attended a meeting at our town hall here in Plymouth, California, a meeting that occurs about every two months. Our district supervisor was present today at the meeting with a report that a proposal to build an Indian Gambling Casino was in the works to begin. Sir, I, along with others from our community are opposed to this Casino for several reasons beginning with the following;

TRAFFIC, The estimates of the casino promoters themselves are that 7,000 car trips daily would occur. Realistically, vehicle trips through town, every day of every week, would equate to ten times the total population of Plymouth. Next would be our WATER, supply, a finite resource we all depend upon. Proponents of casino projects in this part of California are estimating usage of 60,000 to 80,000 gallons per day, minimum, with offers to truck in this quantity if it is not readily available. Trucking water into town adds significantly to local, daily, casino traffic estimates, and at the same time depletes a most important resource of the State- all for the benefit of an unwanted casino.

SEWAGE, The usage of 60,000 to 80,000 gallons of water daily, on its face, demonstrates the enormous quantity of wastewater created and the overburdening of our sewer system [already at capacity] that would occur. Wells could be contaminated, or wells could be run dry, or BOTH. Next would be POLLUTION- air quality can only be degraded by the horrific volume of traffic anticipated. Pollution also includes noise levels, water quality, your view of the night be surrounded by neon signs, nor did we move to Plymouth to endure bumper-to-bumper traffic through our town 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. We did not choose to reside in Plymouth to be close to noisy concert or arena events. Rather, we chose a peaceful City, a small town to raise our children, to know our neighbors, to enjoy quiet evenings, and the other innumerable benefits offered by the rural ambiance we have and wish to have remain.

ECONOMIC: Both our City and our county would suffer irreparable financial burdens. Our City cannot afford the financial burden of increased demand on emergency services created by the daily volume of patrons to a casino. Our County cannot afford the financial burden of further increasing the demand on emergency services; our County is already overburdened by one casino; our County will be further overburdened by its second casino, already approved but not yet constructed. Our City merchants cannot compete with businesses that do not pay taxes and do not charge sales taxes. The resulting failures of local businesses add financial burdens to our citizens, to our City and to our County.

QUALITY OF LIFE: Casino promoters will own our City. A small amount of money paid to our City to "offset" any impacts may sound rational, But a Casino in Plymouth will change our way of life forever. No money is worth the safety of our children walking the streets safely, or neighbors enjoying the company of each other in the quiet safety of this beautiful community. Sir, I am originally from Santa Cruz, California. I watched this small town give way to promoters, Silicon Valley, and a host of others bent on financial self gain which eventually destroyed this quiet little town and made it the growing metropolis it is now. Please Gov. Davis, don't let this happen again in my life, please let my children enjoy the safety of our city.

Sincerely yours, Donald James Finch

Amador County Republican Central Committee

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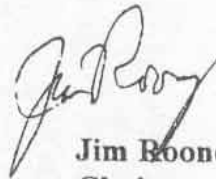
Date: May 8, 2003

To: Amador County Board of Supervisors

From: The Amador County Republican Central Committee

At the regular meeting of the Amador County Republican Central Committee a motion was made and passed to oppose the construction and operation of an Indian gaming casino in Plymouth, CA.

Respectfully submitted



**Jim Rooney,
Chairman**

May 19, 2003

Supervisor Mario Biagi
Supervisor Fifth District
County of Amador
500 Argonaut Lane
Jackson, CA. 95642-9534

Dear Supervisor Biagi:

Thank you for attending the informative meeting in regard to the Casino that has been proposed for the Plymouth Area, on last Tuesday Evening.

I am totally apposed to the Casino project proposed for the Plymouth Area. It will be of no benefit to anyone in the area, or County for that matter. The TRAFFIC, POLLUTION, WATER, SEWAGE, DRAIN ON OUR ECONOMY, IMPACT ON OUR SCHOOLS, AND LOCAL BUSINESSES, QUALITY OF LIFE, just to mention a few problems.

If we have water and sewer to spare, it should be used for homes, many people would like to locate in this rural, peaceful area. It certainly should not be used for something that would be a detriment to all of us.

The only ones to benefit from this endeavor are the promoters, which are far removed from this area.

We have one Casino in the County, and another one proposed for the Ione Area. We certainly do not need a third one in the second smallest County in the State.

I urge the Board of Supervisors to take all action necessary to put a stop to this detrimental endeavor on the part of money hungry promoters that are far from our community.

I am a resident of Plymouth. My Grandparents came here in the late 1800's. I was a member of the Plymouth City Council for seven years. I was Branch Librarian for Amador County Plymouth Branch for twenty-eight years. I have been involved with the youth of the community for many years, and presently in Monarch Montessori. I am very concerned about the impact a Casino will have on our youth.

Sincerely,

Patricia J. Shackleton
Patricia J. (Miller) Shackleton

P.O. Box 174

Plymouth, CA. 95669

From: "WILLIAM ADMIRE" <admire@volcano.net>
To: <mbiagi@co.amador.ca.us>
Date: Mon, May 19, 2003 5:37 PM
Subject: Fw: Indian gaming compact

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To: governor@governor.ca.gov
Sent: Monday, May 19, 2003 5:52 PM
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Respectfully submitted,

William M. Admire
Chairman: Amador County Secret Witness
ACUSD Oversight Committee
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Amador County
500 Argonaut Lane
Jackson, California 95642-9534

ATTN: Patrick Blacklock, Administrator

RE: IONE MIWOK LAND TO TRUST

Dear Mr. Blacklock:

I was informed today that Supervisor Biagi held a meeting yesterday with the City of Plymouth for the purpose of organizing a campaign against our Proposed Economic and Residential Land to Trust Proposal, we had discussed before your Board on April 29, 2003.

It was my understanding that the Board appointed an Ad-Hoc Committee to investigate our proposed project and report their findings back to the Board. To date no one from that committee has contacted us.

Supervisor Biagi has however, appeared at a public meeting in Plymouth on April 29, 2003 opposing the project as well as requesting opposing support from the Fair Board and local Wineries.

What is difficult for me to understand is that at your Public Meeting on April 15, 2003, it was decided to communicate with the Jackson Rancheria Tribe via Committee between Tribe and County.

In addition the County has a Signed Agreement with the Buena Vista Tribe in the form of an Intergovernmental Service Agreement.

Why then the approach of discrimination displayed toward our Tribe?

We have offered to mitigate any impacts formed in the Environmental Assessment that affects the County. We have also expressed our desire to work with your Ad-Hoc Committee.

Therefore it is my request that before the County pass a Proposed Resolution opposing our Project at your May 20, 2003 meeting, we be given the opportunity to work with the County and be given the same consideration as the other Tribes in Amador County.

Monday May 19, 2003

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Jackson CA 95642

Supervisor Louis Boitano
Board of Supervisors
500 Argonaut Lane
Jackson CA 95642

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Dear Supervisor Boitano,

This letter is to inform you of our family's strong opposition to the proposed casino in Plymouth. While we do not reside in Plymouth, we conduct much of our business in and around the area. As concerned citizens of a neighboring town, we are horrified by the negative impact such an operation would create.

This county is not designed to support large influxes of people. Its two-lane country roads will become congested, overwhelmed by the traffic. The demand on local infrastructure will be intolerably high, as a town of little more than five hundred residents will be asked to provide for the needs of thousands of visitors. There is not one area of society that will not be adversely affected, be it the roads, schools, public safety, and public works.

Our quality of life as well as our livelihood is at stake. Tourists come to the Amador county region for fresh air, scenic rolling hills, wineries, and to experience first-hand one of the last bastions of early California history. Yet another casino would only help to destroy this environment, jeopardizing one of the last national treasures. Whatever jobs the casino might provide will not compensate for the increase in crime and pollution. The loss in property values will not be recompensed by slot machines.

In conclusion, my family would like to thank you for taking the time to read this letter, and for your thoughtful consideration of this very important issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cristopher and Dale Lisa Flint". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending from the end.

Cristopher and Dale Lisa Flint

Monday May 19, 2003

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Supervisor Richard Escamilla
Board of Supervisors
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State Capitol Building
Sacramento, CA 95814

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Plymouth City Council
9426 Main St.
Plymouth 95669

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Plymouth City Council
9426 Main St.
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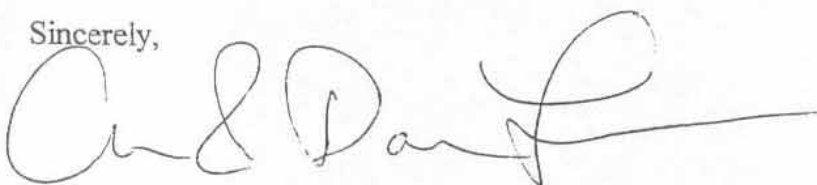
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Honorable Governor Gray Davis
Office of the Governor
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

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Honorable Governor,

I am writing to you to request your support in opposing the proposed Indian Casino in the city of Plymouth. The Ione band of Miwok Indians is a landless tribe whose legitimacy is currently under question. I am appalled at the prospect of a second Indian casino in rural Amador County.

Plymouth is a very small town. It is home to less than 1,000 residents and we all enjoy our small town life. There are families who have lived here for 5 generations! (mine included). I have to tell you, if this casino is built here, you will see a small exodus of happy Californian's leaving the state, searching for another area as quiet as we have in Plymouth.

Having 2 Indian Casinos in such a small county as Amador, is absolutely unthinkable. I would like to see you as the Governor who had the foresight to bring a limit to the building of Indian Casinos. They are growing at a very rapid rate nationwide, and I feel it is time to put a stop to them. We have given ENOUGH back. It is time to take a stand! Your consideration and quick action on this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Deborah L. Cowan
11190 Shenandoah Rd.
Plymouth, CA 95669
e-mail: cowzin@centralhouse.net

Respectfully,

Deborah L. Cowan

Howard C. Grover
P O Box 425
Plymouth, CA 95669

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Mario Biagi, Supervisor 5th District
Amador County District of Supervisors
500 Argonaut Lane
Jackson, CA 95642

May 16, 2003

Dear Supervisor Biagi:

I am a resident and registered voter of Plymouth. I am writing to express my concern about the potential negative effects that the building and operation of a casino would have on the quality of life in Plymouth. I am strongly opposed to the casino and ask that you go on record as being opposed to its development also.

Thank you,

Howard C. Grover

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Supervisor Mario Biagi
Amador County Board of Supervisors
500 Argonaut Lane
Jackson, Ca. 95642

Dear Supervisor Biagi:

Attached are copies of my letters regarding the proposed Casino by the Miwok Indians to be built in Plymouth.

I want to personally thank you for all the information you have given us. Your loyal support is greatly appreciated. Thank you again.

Sincerely,



Mrs. Arlene Reeves
Committee to oppose Plymouth Casino
Burke Ranch
10500 Fiddletown Rd
Plymouth, Ca. 95669

May 17, 2003

The Honorable Selby Beck, Mayor
P.O. Box 429
Plymouth, California 95669

Dear Mayor Beck:

I am very concerned regarding the Band of Miwok Indians attempting to have a gaming casino in Plymouth. A casino in Plymouth will be a very serious burden on our public safety, schools and especially our water. As you are aware many of our wells have gone dry and a reliable source of water in Plymouth does not exist.

Our quality of life and the value of our properties in the Plymouth area will be greatly impacted. Plymouth will no longer be a safe or desirable place to raise a family. This proposed casino will significantly increase our air and noise pollution and serious traffic congestion.

I am also concerned on the impact it will have on our already established restaurants that have served us well in the past. These restaurants cannot compete with a Casino that does not pay taxes or charge sales tax.

I sincerely urge you to use every means possible to oppose the establishment of a casino in Plymouth.

Respectfully,



Mrs. Arlene Reeves
10500 Fiddletown Rd.
Plymouth, Ca. 95669

CC: Supervisor Mario Biagi

May 15-03

Sirs -

As a landowner and
tax payer on property in
Sutter Creek, Shenandoah
Valley and the Carbondale
area, I wish to go on
record as definitely
opposing any Indian
Casino in Plymouth,
Amador Co, California.

Sincerely

Audrey Savage

Box 673

Sutter Creek

Ca 95685

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David & Helen Kindall
18505 Burke Dr.
Plymouth, Ca.
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May 7th. 2003

Proposed Indian Casino.

I would like to register my very strong opposition to the location of yet another Indian casino in the town of Plymouth.

We already have a casino in Jackson, just 12 miles away.
Do we need another ??

Plymouth is much too small of a town to support this casino.
It would have a devastating impact on roads, water and sewage as well as the town's image.

We also host the Amador County Fair and the casino would be just across the street.

The wine business is a growing industry up here and we'd rather be known as the gateway to the Shenandoah wine country.

Thank you.

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March 12, 2003

Mr. Mario Biagi, Supervisor
500 Argonaut Lane
Jackson, Ca. 95642

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Dear Mr. Biagi,


As you requested I am enclosing a copy of the letter I wrote regarding the Indian casino. I sent the same letter to the following as per the list of addresses you sent me:

Dianne Feinstein
Barbara Boxer
Doug Ose
Gray Davis
Rico Oller
Alan Nakanishi
Mayor Selby Beck and City Council
Gale Norton
Aureen Martin
Dale Risling
Bureau of Indian Affairs, Cottage Way
Greg Bergfeld
National Indian Gaming Commission, Washington, D.C.
Calif. Gambling Control Commission
Division of Gambling Control
Paul Moorehead
Patricia Zell
Michael Olsen

I am also enclosing a copy of the notice I put up on our neighborhood bulletin board. I advised Jeff Cartwright, the president of our association, that you would be willing to speak at our yearly meeting May 18 at the red school house. He said he would call you.

I hope all this work will be useful in our fight against the proposed Indian casino in Plymouth.

Sincerely,


H. Hillner
15535 Westgate Ct.
Plymouth, Ca95669

Enc., (2)

*Copy of notice on
bulletin board*

THE PROPOSED INDIAN CASINO IN PLYMOUTH

I know this is a lot to read, but it is of great importance to our neighborhood and the preservation of what brought us here.

The Ione Band of Miwok is hoping to build a casino in Plymouth, - location roughly where the Shenandoah Motel is (across from Plymouth Hardware) .

If you think the commute traffic is heavy now on Highway 16, can you imagine the traffic day and night - 24 hours a day, every day. Can you imagine the pollution this traffic will cause, in the air, and the noise. We will be faced with these same problems the neighbors of the Jackson Rancheria have and - the potential increase in crime. Eventually we will be going to meetings as they are now doing to fight widening of roads to accommodate all the cars that come to the casino.

There is no need for another casino in this location as the Jackson Rancheria is about 15 miles from here and another casino at Buena Vista is supposed to be built in Ione. We didn't move out here to find ourselves becoming another Reno.

No one can foretell what the water situation will be in the future in Willow Creek. Plymouth already has a water problem. The proposed casino plans to use the water the Shenandoah Motel has as a start, and will increase immeasurably. If our neighborhood has future problems, where will that leave us? Will we have to go on piped water that will cost us dearly to hook up to and then pay for monthly?

The tribe will be helped to develop this casino in the amount of \$120,000,000 by a company based in Mississippi. With that much money to invest, you can imagine what type of campaign they can put on to have this become a reality.

If you want to prevent this from happening to our surroundings our District 5 supervisor, Mario Biagi, strongly suggests we write individual letters to our representatives in Washington, California, and locally and has supplied the attached lists of addresses. He also requests that you send him copies of those letters so that he can show the backing he has in opposing this project. Please send these copies to his office at 500 Argonaut Lane, Jackson 95642. These letters should be written as soon as possible.

Mr. Biagi also advises there will be an open meeting regarding the casino on May 20 at 9AM at the Board of Supervisors office at 500 Argonaut Lane and invites everyone who can to attend. A good showing of opposition would make an impression on all the supervisors of this county.

(signed) H. Hillner
May 10, 2003

From: "" <mjbiagi@centralhouse.net>
To: <mbiagi@co.amador.ca.us>
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 8:55 AM
Subject: Fwd: no casino in Plymouth.com

----- Original Message -----

From: Baker, Barbara
Sent: 5/6/03 2:33:47 PM
To: mario@centralhouse.net
Cc: 4like@centralhouse.net
Subject: no casino in Plymouth.com

> Mario, I will be working on creating the website on Wednesday, can you email
> the information you have collected so I can put it on the site. Please
> email it to my home email 4like@centralhouse.net. I have not looked at the
> website email as of yet at: citizen4@nocasinoinplymouth.com. I will not be
> home until late tonight, I have a 4-H council meeting.

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> Barbara Baker
> work:
> Phone 916.341.6446
> Fax 916.319.7625
> Email bbaker@ciwmb.ca.gov
> Mailing Address P. O. Box 4025, MS21
> Street Address 1001 "I" Street
> Sacramento, CA 95812-4025

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> Home
> Phone 209.245.5769
> Email 4like@centralhouse.net
> Mailing Address P. O. Box 786
> Street Address 5777 Carbondale Road
> Plymouth, CA 95669

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Plymouth City Council
City of Plymouth
P.O. Box 429
Plymouth, CA 95669

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Re: Casino in Plymouth

I implore the City council of Plymouth to take a stand against the proposed Casino to be placed in Plymouth. This is not an existing reservation this group is purchasing land with the purpose of establishing a casino. I would not be apposed to a tribal homeland.

The impact on the City of Plymouth and surrounding areas will be devastating to our quality of life. Increase Traffic with a casino which will serve Alcohol, water issues, Sewage, schools, pollution because of traffic, and the economic impact generated by an Indian Casino which does not live by the same tax and labor laws as the existing business will dramatically change the quality of life which I now enjoy to a negative end. As a small county with one existing casino in Jackson and a second casino approved in lone we do not need a third casino established in Plymouth all with in 12 miles of each other.

Please inform the Governor that the City of Plymouth does not want another Indian reservation established in our community for the soul purpose of building a Casino.

Sincerely,

Wayne T. Moore

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Cc: Mario Biagi; John Colburn

May 1, 2003

Mario Biagi
Supervisor, District 5
Amador County Board of Supervisors
500 Argonaut Lane
Jackson CA 95642


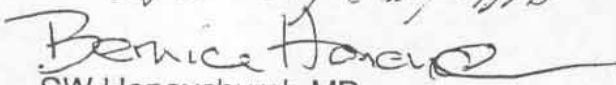
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In the Amador Ledger Dispatch article on April 30, it was stated that a letter was sent to Governor Gray Davis claiming that there was no opposition to the casino. Please be assured that there is strong opposition to the casino. At the meeting the other night the representative of Ikon LCC was very unclear on the details of the proposed casino and was apparently surprised that the water supply is a real and present problem in Plymouth. He had not done his homework. The road infrastructure will not support an additional 6000 car trips per day that a 3000 car parking lot might well generate. There are additional concerns with law enforcement and sewage.

This is a real Pandora's Box. The proponents say that it will help the community but it will actually cause immense long range problems. Don't let it happen to Plymouth.

Sincerely,



SW Honeychurch MD
Bernice Honeychurch

Plymouth

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Dimitris and Elaine Zorbas
P.O. Box 92
Fiddletown, CA 95629

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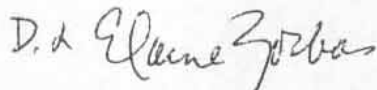
Amador County Board of Supervisors
Louis Boitano, Chairman
500 Argonaut Lane
Jackson, CA 95642

To the Amador County Board of Supervisors:

We ask you strenuously oppose the proposal by the purported "lone Band of Miwok Indians," to establish a gaming casino in and near the town Plymouth. The legitimacy of the tribe proposing this second casino is being questioned by members of a pre-existing lone Band of Miwok Indians, long established in the Plymouth area, and the entire project is being developed by the Ikon Group, LLC from Mississippi.

As you know, the Jackson Rancheria Hotel and Casino, is having serious impacts on traffic and crime and will only cost the county more with its proposed expansion. A second gambling casino in the Plymouth area would cost the county even more in road maintenance and law enforcement. Futhermore, it would completely erode the surrounding rural countryside, which is the entrance to the beautiful Shenandoah Valley. This is not a way to make Plymouth viable. Instead, it will tax local resources (namely water and roads), create horrendous traffic, and undermine the quality of life that we treasure in this county.

Sincerely,



Dimitris and Elaine Zorbas

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Amador County Board of Supervisors
500 Argonaut Lane
Jackson, CA 95642

Dear Supervisors::

We want to voice our opposition to an Indian casino in the Plymouth area. We have lived, voted, and paid taxes in Amador County for 23 years. We cherish the rural nature of our chosen home. We are residents of District 5.

Since Indian casinos are not subject to the same laws as other businesses, they create an unfair competitive advantage. The majority of jobs created would be low paying. Other concerns that we know you are considering are traffic, water supply, and waste management.

Please vote to maintain the rural character of our beautiful area.

Sincerely,

Dennis Mickel
Karen Mickel

Dennis and Karen Mickel

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Amador County Supervisor, Mario Biagi.

I would like to Thank you for
The Job well done in representing
The North County. The Indian
Gaming Casino proposal in Plymouth
has caused a great deal of distress
and anxiety especially among our
older residents. Many are fearful
that such a development will
destroy the rural ranching &
farming characteristics of this
community. I don't understand
How such a County as Amador,
with so small a resident
population, can deal with more
than one Indian Gaming
Casino. Please know that you
have our support in doing
every thing possible to prevent
this Plymouth Indian Gaming
Casino.

November 4, 2003

Governor Elect Arnold Schwarzenegger
First Floor State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

As a homeowner in Plymouth, CA I am opposed to the construction of a casino in Plymouth located in Amador County.

My reasons are:

1. Amador is a small rural county that already has one casino and a second one approved for construction. We cannot afford a third casino.
2. The proposed land has never been proven to be tribal land and thus represents a power play by monied interests.
3. The infrastructure cannot support the additional traffic without deteriorating the quality of life in this region.

Thank you for considering my opposition to this project.

Sincerely,



Randy Unthank
10700 White Oak Rd.
Plymouth, CA 95669

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professional law corporation

Michael F. Dean
Attorney at Law
916-556-1531

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June 17, 2003

Hon. Gray Davis
Governor
State of California
State Capitol Building
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Indian Gaming Casino Proposal in Plymouth, California

Dear Governor Davis:

The undersigned is the City Attorney of the City of Plymouth, California. I have been requested by the City Council of Plymouth to express the City's concerns regarding a currently pending proposal for an Indian gaming facility in Plymouth which has been or will be submitted to you for approval of a compact by the Ione Band of Miwok Indians ("the Tribe").

The City of Plymouth is a very small community of approximately 800 persons, located in Amador County in the foothills above Sacramento. It is located on California State Route 49, approximately 15 miles north of the Jackson Rancheria casino which is currently undergoing extensive expansion. It is within approximately 20 miles of the City of Ione, in which another tribe of Miwok Indians is currently seeking approval of a gaming facility.

The City has been approached within the last several months by the Tribe, and by its Biloxi, Mississippi financial partners, Ikon, LLC, with respect to a proposed casino project to be located on what is currently non-Indian trust property partially located within the City and immediately adjacent to the City. The project has been represented to the City as potentially including extensive associated ancillary development such as Tribal residences, commercial establishments, clinics and community centers. To say that the casino proposal has caused concern within the community, and in the surrounding unincorporated area, would be a vast understatement.

The Plymouth City Council has not yet taken a position either in favor of or in opposition to the project. The City Council's response to the Tribe to this point has been that, if the Tribe can explain what the full, ultimate extent of the casino project and its ancillary development would be, and if the Tribe were willing to fully mitigate the impacts, then the City might be willing to enter into a so-called "memorandum of understanding" with the Tribe in which the City would support the project and would support the transfer of the property into trust and the execution of a compact by you with the Tribe. Unfortunately, the City is not yet in a position to lend its support to the project.

In large part, this is due to the nearly complete lack of information that has been forthcoming regarding just what the proposal would entail, and what the impacts of the project might be. It is clear that the casino and any ancillary development will entail a great deal of increased traffic not only within the City itself, but also on the small, two lane country roads surrounding the City and on State Highway 49, which is already severely impacted by traffic demands. It is similarly clear that there will be a great deal of demand for water, in a community which is already laboring under a building moratorium imposed by the California Department of Health Services which has declared area wells to be undependable. Likewise, there will be a great deal of demand for sewage treatment, in a community already laboring under an order from the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board to construct expensive improvements to its publicly owned treatment works, but not having the financial resources to accomplish the task. Finally, it is clear that there will be a great deal of additional demand for law enforcement, prosecution, defense, incarceration facilities, fire protection and ambulance services to be provided either by the City or by the County of Amador. Unfortunately, it is currently not at all clear just how extensive these impacts will be, nor how they will be mitigated. This is, of course, not to mention the economic and social impacts of such a project.

The City has requested that the Tribe and Ikon provide a more detailed project description, but thus far this has not been forthcoming. The City has requested that the Tribe and Ikon execute a reimbursement agreement with the City, which would enable it to retain the professionals necessary to analyze the proposals and advise the City Council about the impacts it might generate. At this point, the request has been rebuffed, and Ikon has instead suggested that it would be willing to pay certain sums of money to the City on an annual basis as mitigation. Of course, not knowing either the extent of the project nor the extent of the impacts the project might cause, the City has no way of knowing whether the offer is generous or not, nor of judging whether the project is appropriate for the City even if the mitigation is adequate.

The City of Plymouth is aware that several of our sister local government agencies, including the County of Amador, the City of Ione, and the Amador County Unified School District, have already taken a position in opposition to this project. The City Council of Plymouth is concerned that its silence to this point not be construed by the Governor's Office as consent, or worse as support, for the Tribe's and Ikon's proposal. Rather the City is trying very hard to be fair to the Tribe and Ikon, to permit them to make their case for the proposal prior to taking a position. However, the City frankly anticipates that it will formally oppose the project unless it can be assured that it will understand the project and the project's impacts, and that those impacts will be fully mitigated by the Tribe and Ikon.

In the interim, I have been requested by the Council to advise you that the City conditionally opposes the proposed casino unless and until those conditions are met, and it urges you not to execute any compact with the Tribe until such time as a memorandum of understanding, fully mitigating all impacts, is executed.

Thank you for your attention.

Very truly yours,

MEYERS, NAVE, RIBACK, SILVER & WILSON



Michael F. Dean

MFD/srb
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cc. Mayor and Members of the City Council
Charles Gardner, City Administrator
Eileen Shaw, City Planner
Patrick S. Blacklock, Amador County Administrative Officer
Gene Albaugh, Ione City Administrator
Barry Franks, Chair, ACUSD Board
Willard E. (Bud) Smith, Ikon LLC Project Manager
Mathew Franklin, Tribal Chairman, Ione Band of Miwok Indians


Mike O'Meara Jr
18280 Sutter St

As a resident of Plymouth for 14 yrs,
I am extremely opposed to the ~~proposed~~
building of a casino within city limits.

Traffic in this ~~area~~ ^{area} has steadily worsened
in the past ten years. To ³ get to Sacramento,
there is a choice between ~~two~~ roads consisting of
two lanes each. For Stockton there is only
one. This casino, offering full amenities will draw
unprecedented traffic due to the ease of access.
~~A~~ Most Ind casinos I have heard of are
in the outskirts of ~~towns~~ ^{cities}, not within city limits of
a small population town.

I fear that not enough thought has been
put into the fundamental changes in the daily
life in Plymouth that may come from ~~this~~
this venture. And the most affected by them,
will be the ones that chose to live here for
less profitable reasons.

This is a quiet, peaceful town for the most
part, and ~~it~~ ^{it} I would like it to stay that way.

Sincerely


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Plymouth, CA 95669

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Gary H. H. H.

PO BOX 46

9244 Main St.

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Justa Hawley (2) PO Box 46 Plymouth, CA 95669
9244 - MAIN ST

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I'm Not in Favor of the Casino

Cynthia Parr

PO BOX 335

Plymouth CA 95669

MARIA ST 2

6/8/03

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I am opposed to the Indian Casino in Plymouth
for the following reasons:
traffic concerns, quality of life,
already have a casino in the county

Thanks
Julie Parr

RESERVATION QUESTIONNAIRE TO PLYMOUTH CITY COUNCIL

I OPPOSE A CASINO IN PLYMOUTH REASONS (✓)

TRAFFIC (✓)
WATER (✓)
SCHOOLS (✓)
ECONOMIC (✓)
QUALITY OF LIFE (✓)

I SUPPORT A CASINO IN PLYMOUTH REASONS ()

TRAFFIC ()
WATER ()
SCHOOLS ()
ECONOMIC ()
QUALITY OF LIFE ()

I AM UNDECIDED ()

COMMENTS (Please write comments on reverse side)

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Your Name Carol Schwabe Plymouth City Council

Address P.O. Box 429

P.O. Box 615

City Plymouth, CA 95669

Phone

245 6941

(209) 245-4023

Signature

Carol Schwabe

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Address *P.O. Box*

P.O. Box 429

City *PLYMOUTH, CA*

Plymouth, CA 95669

Phone

245 6941

Signature

Manuel Andrade

6-8-03

I LIVE AT 18230 SUTTER
AND I AM OPPOSED TO
HAVING A CASANO IN
THE TOWN OF PLYMOUTH.

MICHAEL JAW DPKR
Michael Jaw DPKR

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN,

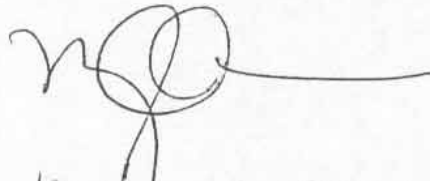
I OPPOSE THE CASINO PROPOSAL FOR
THE CITY OF PLUMOOTH.

DANIEL L. DENTONE
P.O. BOX 880
LONG, CA 95642

06/05/03

6-4-03

I am opposed to the casino being built in
Plymouth or the surrounding community

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael O'Meara". The signature is stylized with a large, circular loop for the letter 'O' and a horizontal line extending to the right.

Michael O'Meara
P.O. Box 727
18261 So Hoa St
Plymouth, Ca.

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Mary Littlefield

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9254 Hay Street
Burb Vaitl

Putting in a casino would change our small ~~town~~ town into an unsafe place to live. The small businesses would suffer & the safety of our children would be at risk - I personally would be affected by the traffic - and safety. Please be consider your actions & help keep our small community and children safe. (Burb)

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Chad E. Vant

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Eri Valtio

*9254 Hay St
Plymouth CA 95669*

9300 Argonaut Lane

To whom it may concern, I am concerned
that there will be more traffic and
alot more people & noise in the community

Jamie Suinarenko

I am very concerned to
the proposed Casino in Plymouth
Calif. We already have a big
Casino in Jackson, and another
going in Jones, both very close
to our little town. This would
affect our water and traffic control.
I am very much against this Casino.
Please help to put a stop to it!

Many thanks

Jessie Ann Mayhew
9350 Argente Dr
Plymouth, Ca.

411

I am against the casino
proposed for Plymouth. Some of my
concerns are water supply, traffic
impact and destruction of quiet
community living.

Sincerely

Judy Bray
P.O. Box 937

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Steven Pinotti
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PLYMOUTH CA 95669

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Willie LaFromboise
9320 Hay St
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Lawrence F. Stoddard
18512 Empire St
Plymouth CA 95669

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Loren V. Lecker
18464 Empire
Plymouth

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Jennifer Dwight-Frost
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CHARLES FROST
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PLYMOUTH CA 95669

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ANGelo T. GAGGELU



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Sincerely,
Marilyn Seratto

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Plymouth, Ca.

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Robert Seratt

18431 Empire St
Plymouth, CA.

DIANE FUHER
9336 Pacific
P.O. Box 358
Plymouth, CA
95669

Diane is apposed to the casino
we don't need any more outsiders.
She is concerned about water issues
as well.

DIANE FUHER
209-267-1615

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Your Name *Kaycie Kall* Plymouth City Council

Address *9330 atlantic st* P.O. Box 429

City *Plymouth* Plymouth, CA 95669

Phone *245 5736* 245 6941

Signature *Kaycie Kall*

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David Brown

13000 Shenandoah RD.
Plymouth, Ca 95669

WILLOW CREEK PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION
PLYMOUTH, CALIFORNIA

11/13/03

Dear Governor Davis,

We are writing to you in regards to the proposed Indian Gaming Casino here in Plymouth, CA. **We would like to go on record that we strongly oppose this plan and are asking for your careful consideration in this matter.** At this time, we already have one casino nearby in Jackson (within 20 miles) and another is going to be built in Buena Vista (also, within 20 miles of our town). We are totally opposed to having ANOTHER casino built right on top of us.

The Ione band of Miwok Indians has purchased an option on over 200 acres fronting Highway 49 in Plymouth, with a plan to build a 120,000 square foot casino-much larger than Thunder Valley which is also nearby. By the way, this is NOT ANCESTRAL LAND at this time, but might eventually be transferred into trust if they have their way. They are looking for your support to do that and we believe that it would be truly devastating to our small town and quiet community of 800 persons if that happened.

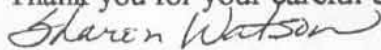
Our small neighborhoods such as Plymouth, Burke Ranch, Shenandoah Valley, Willow Springs, Fiddletown, and Willow Creek will be totally changed forever. We already have a very serious water issue dealing with the availability of ground water that our wells depend on...big cause for concern with country living. A project of this magnitude will also affect other issues such as sewer, traffic, crime level, environment, and aesthetics. No amount of litigation can offset the impact that a casino in our small town would create.

At our last homeowner's meeting we discussed this matter as well as the informal poll of our neighbors that showed opposition to the casino by an overwhelming vote. The Board Members concur unanimously also...NO CASINO IN PLYMOUTH.

We are not the only one's that oppose this issue. The County Supervisors are on record as being opposed to the project, as is Jackson and Ione City Councils, the Amador School Board, and Senator Rico Oller.

Please protect our small town communities here in Amador County.

Thank you for your careful consideration in this matter.



Sharon Watson

Board Member of Willow Creek Homeowner's Assoc.

For the Board of Directors and Property Owner's of Willow Creek

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225 Stan Tyler
Summit St, Jackson, Ca. 95642

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Mary J. Brown

P.O. Box 568

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Fredric A. Waters

Corinne Waters

17075 Greulich Rd.

Plymouth, Ca.

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Nicole Vaith
Quartz mtn.
Drytown 95699

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Sianne Hattwell
Carbisdale

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Plymouth will not allow the
wineries to have restaurants because
of trying to keep growth down - We
do not need a Casino because it would
go against all they've tried to do.
the crime rate would get worse &
we would have to start locking
Pete B...

Plymouth City Council
City Hall
9426 Main St.
Plymouth, CA 95669

Governor Gray Davis
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Plymouth Council Members
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John Brown
13000 Shenandoah Rd.
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June 4, 2003

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California State Governor
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Indian casino in Plymouth

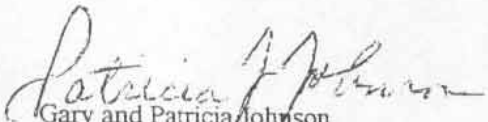
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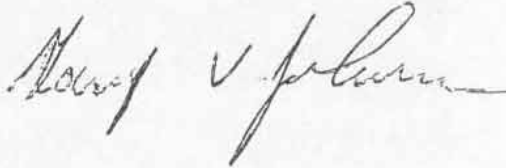
This letter is to voice our opposition to the proposed Indian casino to be located in Plymouth. We feel that it is a bad idea and would have negative consequences for our community.

There are several reasons that we are opposed to this project. They are:

- Traffic issues
 - The quantity of vehicular traffic would pose a significant negative impact. The number of cars traveling to and from the casino would far outnumber the population of our area, causing unavoidable delays and congestion. In addition, the proposed casino would be serving alcohol, which would just compound the issue.
- Water issues
 - Water is a commodity that is in short supply in this foothill community. Many people rely on ground water to survive, and barely have enough to get by on. This facility could cause an irreparable decrease to the water supply.
- Quality of life issues
 - Most people in this area have moved here for the quality of life that has been in existence for far longer than most of us can recall. That includes low population, low traffic flows and quiet and serene surroundings. This would all be lost by allowing this or any other casino to be built.

While we understand the reasons behind the pursuit of land by the Indian tribes, this is more about a very small number of people out to make a lot of money at the expense of our small town community.


Gary and Patricia Johnson
15620 Grainflat Court
Plymouth, CA 95669



Cc: Plymouth City Council
Amador County Board of Supervisors

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Anna J. McGuire
5580 Overlook Court
Plymouth, CA 95669

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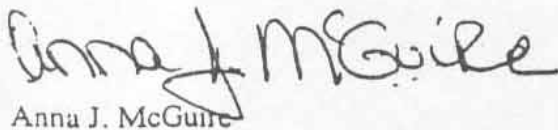
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cc:

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State Capitol, Room 2048
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David H Crawford
7378 Belle Vista Ct
Rancho Murieta

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Jayne Turley
7355. Carmella Circle
Rancho Murieta, Ca
95683

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Wayne W. Kuntz
7355 CARMELLA CIRCLE
RANCHO MURIETA, CA
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Virginia Conley
14780 Junata Ct
Rancho Murieta, CA

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Bob Roll
Lot 91

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Beatrice E. Estero
LA 119

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Henry Daniel
Lot 36

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Sacramento, CA 95814

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Paul N. Elkins
Lot # 109

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State Capitol
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Donna Lamer
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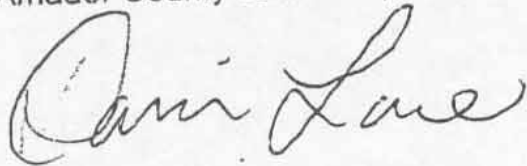
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TODD PICKENS, O.D.
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June 10, 2003

The Honorable Gray Davis
California State Governor
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RE: PLYMOUTH CASINO

Dear Governor Davis:

I'm sure that by now you have received a groundswell of opposition to the proposal to build an Indian casino in our tiny town of Plymouth, CA. I'm also sure that you have heard all the arguments as to why this is a disaster to our rural way of life. I would to add my strong opposition to this project. Not only can our small Amador county not withstand the impact of a third Indian casino on our delicate and under funded infrastructure and our bucolic rural lifestyle, but it should be seen for just what it is: a blatant attempt for out-of-state investors to pillage our area and take the big money out of California. I attended an informational meeting put on by the local MiWok band of Indians and I actually felt great sympathy for them. They were nothing more than pawns of the suits in the second row, a group of Mississippi carpetbaggers intent on wreaking havoc on rural California for monetary gain.

While the developers have reported that there is no opposition to this project in the media, I hope you can see through these lies and note the almost 100% opposition of those of us who live here and are impacted by the greed of out of staters.

I urge you to strongly reject any attempt to put a casino in Plymouth.

Thank you very much for you time and interest.

Sincerely,



Todd Pickens, O.D.

Cc; Mario Biagi, Amador County Board of Supervisors

*C: M. Biagi
file*

From: "" <mjbiagi@centralhouse.net>
To: <mbiagi@co.amador.ca.us>
Date: Wed, Jun 11, 2003 1:29 PM
Subject: Fwd: Casino?!

----- Original Message -----

From: Mara Feeny
Sent: 6/11/03 12:59:21 PM
To: mario@centralhouse.net
Subject: Casino?!

> Hello, Mario—I just learned yesterday about the proposed Casino in Plymouth
> and I am horrified. My partner and I have owned property in Fiddletown for
> over 12 years. We have just graded a new home site, finalized design and
> were about to sign a contract with a local contractor this weekend for the
> construction, but I have to say that this casino proposal puts us off
> seriously. I am not anti-Native American! I do not oppose the Jackson
> Rancheria operation. I do not oppose the wineries in our area. But to have
> a big visible casino, bright lights, 24-hour action and tons of traffic in
> the heart of Plymouth would be a devastating change in the rural quality of
> life that we value here.

>
> Please send me any information you may have on the status of this project,
> the likelihood that it will occur and anything I can do to help kill it.
> You can send me e-mail, or you can reach me by phone at (415) 863-8760 today
> and tomorrow; (209) 245-5067 after that. Thanks for your help.

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Amador County Board of Supervisors
District 5: Mario Biagi
500 Argonaut Lane
Jackson, CA 95642

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AMADOR COUNTY, CA.

Dear Supervisor Biagi,

We are writing to you to address our concerns over the proposed Indian Gaming Casino in Plymouth. As you are aware, the Ione Band of Miwok Indians is attempting to establish a large gaming casino in the Plymouth area. This is a landless tribe whose legitimacy is open to serious questions.

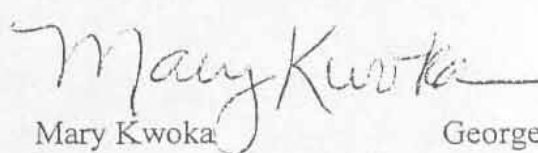
We are very concerned and are requesting that you review all potential impacts on the local infrastructure: schools, roads, public safety, sewer, water, traffic, crime, environment, people's homes and properties, quality of small town life, and the historic significance and aesthetics of the area.

We are very concerned with the future availability of the ground water Plymouth is dependent upon for their quality of life and the impact the proposed development and casino will have on depleting the aquifer. In the Plymouth area a reliable source of water does not exist and new well are not a viable option since many private wells have already gone dry. Our concern remains despite any assurances that water usage will come from other sources.


This casino affects not only the City of Plymouth but surrounding areas as well, including Fiddletown, Shenandoah Valley, River Pines, as we all drive through Plymouth to go to Sacramento, Jackson, Sutter Creek, etc. Plymouth is the local town we drive to to go food shopping, get gas, dine at restaurants, visit friends, go to church, etc.

The impact on the quality of life of the citizens of the Plymouth area and the value of their homes surely will be in serious decline. These very reasons, which make the area a desirable place in which to live, will vanish. For these reasons, I urge you, in your official capacity, to use every means possible to oppose the establishment of a casino in the Plymouth area. I also urge you to join with other individuals and groups in their opposition to a Plymouth casino. One casino in Amador County is more than enough.

Respectfully,


Mary Kwoka

Box 7
Fiddletown, CA 95629
(209) 245-3041


George Coleman

Mark & Gloria McNeill
P. O. Box 326
Fiddletown, CA 95629

June 9, 2003

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AMADOR COUNTY, CA.

Governor Gray Davis
State Capitol Building
980 9th Street, Suite 1800
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Davis:

I am writing to you for help. There is an Indian Casino planned for Plymouth in Amador County, and I am urging you to oppose this project. Amador County already has two other Indian Casinos, and does not need a third. Our county is quite small and rural and cannot financially support the impact this casino would force on our resources. Following are some of the impacts that would be forced upon us:

Traffic – Realistically, vehicle trips through town, every day of every week, would equate to ten times the total population of Plymouth. The casino promoters are estimating 7,000 car trips daily.

Water – A very precious resource in our county. Proponents of casino projects in this part of California are estimating usage of 60,000 to 80,000 gallons per day, minimum, with offers to truck in this quantity if it is not readily available. Trucking water into town adds significantly to local, daily casino traffic estimates, and at the same time depletes a most important resource of the State. All this for the benefit of an unwanted casino.

Sewage – The usage of 60,000 to 80,000 gallons of water daily, on its face, demonstrates the enormous quantity of wastewater created and the overburdening of our sewer system. Wells could be contaminated, or wells could run dry!

Schools – Our currently overburdened schools cannot handle the increased student base from the proposed Indian Reservation or its employees with out property tax and impact fees—both of which the reservation is exempt from paying.

Pollution – Air quality can only be degraded by the horrific volume of vehicles anticipated. Pollution also includes noise levels, water quality, and way of life! I moved out of an urban city to this rural ambiance to get away for all that and I want desperately to preserve the beauty and peace this community offers.

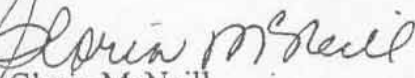
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casino and will be further burdened by the second casino being built in the county. Our local merchants cannot compete with businesses that do not pay taxes and do not charge sales taxes.

Quality of Life – In the city of Jackson, where a casino now exists, and the surrounding communities are experiencing an increase in crime, including felony arrests and horrendous traffic problems, not to mention an increase in traffic accidents. The casino promoters are talking about paying our City a small amount of money to “offset” any impacts. This may sound rational, but in reality, no amount of money is worth the great loss our residents will experience. I am concerned that the casino promoters will own our city. The financial backers and proponents have questionable backgrounds and motives. The legitimacy of the Indian Tribe’s claim to historical lands is dubious and unproven. This project is just a blatant attempt to acquire non-reservation land and build a casino on it.

Governor Davis, please, I urge you to oppose this casino in the City of Plymouth and not grant a compact to Matt Franklin and his Ione band of Miwok Indians.

Sincerely,



Gloria McNeill
Amador County Resident

cc: Senator Dianne Feinstein
Senator Barbara Boxer
Congressman Doug Ose
State Senator Rico Oller
Assemblyman Alan Nakanishi
Dale Risling, Superintendent Central Calif. Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs
Greg Bergfeld, Regional Director, National Indian Gaming Commission
California Gambling Control Commission
Mario Biagi, District 5, Amador County Supervisor ✓
Plymouth City Council

Miss Lena Bardini
PO Box 518
Plymouth CA
95669-0518



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Maria Bongi
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500 Organist Lane
Jackson CA 95643-9534

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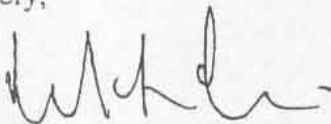
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Calvin L. Chin

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Governor Davis
May 19, 2003

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Washington, D.C. 20500

Barbara Boxer, U.S. Senator
112 Hart Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Doug Ose, U.S. Congressman, District 3
236 Cannon H.O.B.
Washington, D.C. 20515-0504

Gale Norton
Secretary of Interior
U.S. Department of Interior
1849 C Street NW
Washington D.C. 20240

Dale Risling
Superintendent Central California Agency
Bureau of Indian Affairs
650 Capital Mall, Suite 8-500
Sacramento, CA 95814

Amador County Board of Supervisors
500 Argonaut Lane
Jackson, CA 95642

The Honorable Selby Beck, Mayor
P. O. Box 429
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OFFICIAL RECORDS
AMADOR COUNTY, *May 27, 2003*

Gray Davis
Calif State Governor
State Capitol
Sacramento, Calif. 95814

Re: Indian Casino in Plymouth, Calif

Dear Governor Davis

We are writing to you
for help in stopping a proposed
Indian Casino in our small
Town of Plymouth.

We are completely opposed
to the development of Indian
Gambling in the City of Plymouth
in Amador County.

Amador County already has
the "Jackson Roadhouse" in the
Country town of Jackson & another
future casino in Jones. This
would mean 3 Indian Casinos
within 15 miles of each other.

Carroll County / Plymouth
 is a wonderful place to live.
 The county atmosphere & charm
 is desirable. My husband and
 I chose this area to retire in
 for the peace, quietness, less
 pollution, less cars & traffic.

There are a few locally
 owned businesses and restaurants,
 & if a casino comes to town
 our small restaurants will not
 survive, putting our locals
 out of business. The quality
 of life in Plymouth will
 change forever.

We live in Willow Creek
 Ranch Estates, 6 miles from the
 proposed Indian Casino. We
 do business at the local
 market. If the casino comes to
 town, we would have to stop
 shopping there as the traffic
 would be prohibitive.

Another large concern is our precious water. We are on well water. Have 2 wells & still only get 5 gallons a minute. Just think what would happen to us & our neighbors if they came to drill wells. If they came to truck in water, then there would be a big wind large trucks going into town on a 2 lane Hwy 16/49. It is already difficult to be able to go out from Carbonade onto Hwy 16. This proposed casino would add an astronomical amount of trips on the Hwy.

Both our City and County cannot afford the financial burden to increase our police, fire, & other emergency services. Our jail does not have enough beds. There would be much more crime.

Thank you for your
consideration.

Wm. & Susan Howard
Willow Creek Ranch Estate
551 Kuzmany Ridge
Plymouth, City 9344
509-245-6712

May 26, 2003

Gray Davis
Governor, State of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

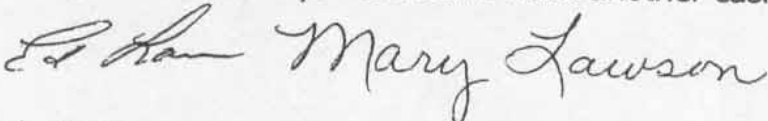
Dear Governor Davis:

This letter is regarding our opposition to an Indian Casino in the town of Plymouth, CA, in Amador County.

First of all, let me say we strongly resent the fact that the Indian tribe communicated with you that there was no opposition to this casino. We only found out about the casino after you were told this. That certainly sets a bad standard of dealing with the Indians by their lying from the beginning. What can we believe from them from now on?

This little gold country town, and for that matter, Amador county, with only 30-35,000 county residents, will forever be changed by putting in this casino. There is already one casino, another already passed, and now they want a third one? This rural town and county cannot support the services that the casinos require already. The town of Plymouth has a building moratorium because of lack of water, yet a casino is to be built? Where will the water come from to support a big casino? Will they pull all the water out of our aquifers so that our wells go dry? What about the businesses in Plymouth? Are we to be swallowed up by a casino because we are a small rural town? How will our 2-lane roads handle the extra traffic and buses from all over northern California? How will we handle the criminal element that is always associated with gambling in some form or another?

Please carefully consider these questions in your decision regarding this rural area of Plymouth/Amador County. We don't want another casino in this county.

Sincerely,  Mary Lawson

Ed and Mary Lawson

*Ed and Mary Lawson
5636 Ditchline Rd.
Plymouth Ca 95669*

Cc: Mario Biagi, Amador Co. Board of Supervisors
Plymouth City Hall
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May 19, 2003

Honorable Mayor, Selby Beck
9426 Main Street
Plymouth, CA 95669

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AMADOR COUNTY, CA.

Dear Mayor Beck

We are writing to you today and asking you to actively oppose the proposed Indian Casino in Plymouth, Ca.

As residents of the Shenandoah Valley, we would be severely impacted, by the traffic congestion, increased costs to Amador County, and an increase in crime and drug use. The Casino would be located about 1 mile from the Plymouth Elementary School. This is not the atmosphere we want for the children of this very small rural community.

The cost to our way of life would be immeasurably significant. Please do not let this happen to this beautiful countryside.

We urge you to oppose the Indian Casino in Plymouth CA.

Respectfully,

Rose Marie Wreaks

Rose Marie Wreaks
Francis B, Wreaks

Rose Marie and Francis B. Wreaks
10731 Shenandoah Rd.
Plymouth, CA. 95669
209-245-3480

cc: Mario Biagi

Cc: Sup. Biaggi & Binder

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AMADOR COUNTY, CA.

Denise Moreno
P.O. Box 493
19606 Spring Valley Road
Plymouth, Ca. 95669

May 20, 2003

Dear Mayor Beck,

I write to you expressing the love that I have for the way of life in the community of Plymouth and the surrounding areas. I have always been happy that I was able to grow up and raise my children in the same area. Weekly shopping is always a social time that is enjoyed. I like knowing the names of most of my neighbors.

It has come to my attention that Indian Gaming promoters desire and have been inquiring about establishing gaming in our town around the city limits on 49. I am learning more as the weeks go by. I must say that I am deeply concerned and oppose this change to our town.

Impacts of such a large establishment concern me. People are not going to want to put up with the hassle of traffic to get to our town for many services. (Weather you are a preschool or a restaurant) Utility usage and costs could ruin our services. Even if financial improvements were promised.... Should later these funds or improvements not be made the city would not have any legal recourse. (Federal law protection)

People will come to our area for the services of gaming only. I understand that sales tax can not be collected by the city. No benefit there.

Crime will increase.

I served as a juror on a case that involved a man who came from Stockton to Jackson Rancheria for the evening. When his friends took off early he had no way home. He then decided to borrow a car that was parked at a local mini market. Of course having no permission by the Owner County services (County Sheriff) and (courthouse costs were then assumed). It took the jury about 20 minutes to deliberate the verdict. You see the other casino in the area already impacted Plymouth residents.

I beg of you to keep the quality of city life in this area as it is. **We will never know this way of living ever again with a casino in our city! Changing our minds later will not be an option!**

Thank you for considering my letter and opinion.

Denise Moreno *Denise Moreno*
Cc: Amador County Board of Supervisors

Mike Bellamy
20251 Vineyard Lane
P.O. Box 306
Fiddletown, CA 95629
Phone: 209.245.5585/Email: pegmikewine@juno.com

May 21, 2003

Louis Boitano, Sutter Creek/Volcano
500 Argonaut Lane
Jackson, CA 95642

Dear Mr. Boitano,

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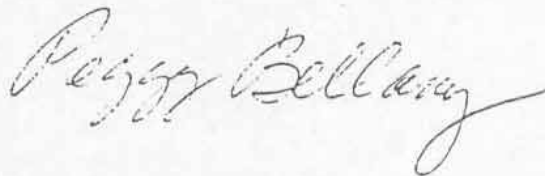
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May 21, 2003

Assemblyman Alan Nakanishi
State Capitol, Rm 5175
P.O. Box 942849
Sacramento, CA 94249-0010

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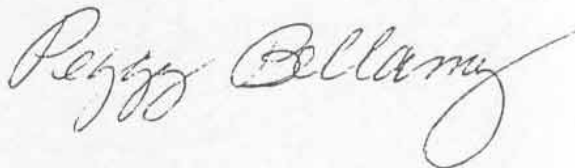
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Supervisor Mario Biagi
Supervisor Fifth District
County of Amador
500 Argonaut Lane
Jackson, CA. 95642-9534

I am writing to you to address my concerns over the proposed Indian Gaming Casino in Plymouth.

I would appreciate your assistance in dealing with the impact issues that the Casino will bring to the County of Amador.

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The Developers and subsequent Trustees need to be requested to pay for water supply and conveyance as a contingency to the properties in the surrounding impacted area not protected by any agreement with the City of Plymouth. I also request the burden of proof be placed on the Parties involved in any development agreements for any and all impacts.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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California Office
4400 Auburn Blvd., Ste 110
Sacramento, CA 95841

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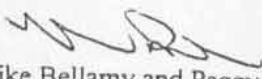
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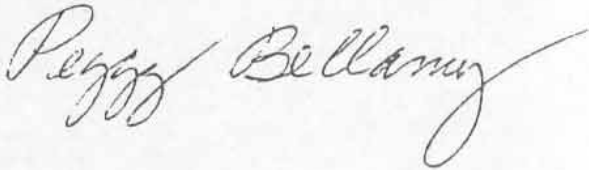
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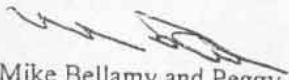
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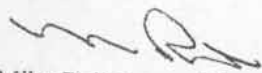
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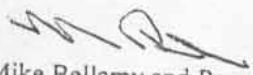
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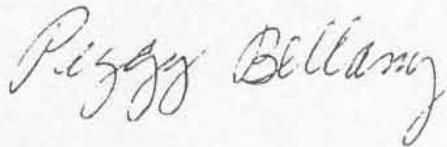
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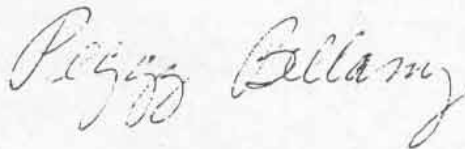
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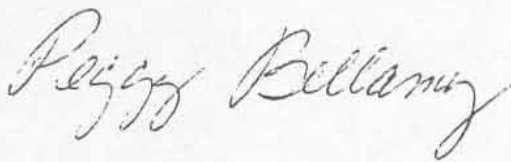
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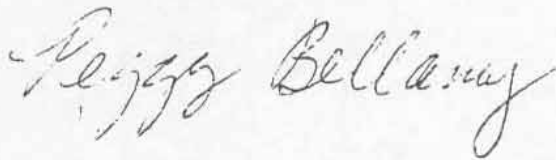
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(Open Letter)

May 27, 2003

To:

MARIO

Biagi

U.S. Department of Justice
Community Relations Department
Attn: Mr. Booker Neal, Senior Conciliation Specialist
120 Howard Street, Suite 790
San Francisco, CA 94105
415-744-6565

Sub: Request for an Investigation.

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On Behalf Of: "No Casino In Plymouth"
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Special Welfare for Indian Casino Backers

The Proliferation of Indian gambling casinos, under the auspices of the United States Congress leads to the question – how does promoting gambling by Congress accord with Promoting the General Welfare, as ordained by the United States Constitution? Now, wealthy financial backers can buy land in the midst of a community and place it in trust to be declared by Congressional fiat, ipso facto, restored Indian land where gambling casinos can operate freely. Indian casinos pay no taxes and become free-loaders on community services – roads, utilities, police, health, etc – paid for by local taxpayers. Meanwhile there are Indian children throughout the country who continue to live in poverty despite these ersatz reservations with their gambling revenues. Yet congress has passed a law where wealthy casino backers reap up to 40% or more of the net profits from what is a growing multi-billion dollar special welfare system.

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Did Chief Seattle have it right when he prophesized in 1854..."Your day of decay may be distant, but it will surely come..."?

For the consequences of casino gambling, see Time Magazine editions for 12-16-02 and 12-23-02.

A.W. Malick

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District Two Richard Forster:

Who are the Ione Band of Miwok Indians?

In 1915, John Terrell, working for the United States government, conducted several censuses of homeless Indians in California. In May of 1915, he conducted such a census in the Ione area. In Ione, he identified 101 homeless Indians. The Ione Band are ancestors to the people on this census. Although they were identified as being in the Ione area in 1915, ancestrally, many of the people on the census were from the Plymouth area. My mother, Effie Burris, was born at Spanish Creek. Her family, the Walloupe's, are all buried in the Shenandoah Valley on the old Jameson ranch. My father's family, the Burris', were from Oleta. At one time, my grandmother, Minnie Tiffany, owned land in Omo Ranch. My mother later married Mervin Howdy. His family were from Fiddletown. Our chairperson, Matt Franklin, is also ancestrally from the Plymouth area. His mother's family are Blues. His grandfather, Alec Blue, was born at Forest Home, just down Highway 16 from Plymouth. On his father's side, his grandfather, Bill Franklin was from Nashville. The people at Forest Home were called Waupumne and the people at Nashville were called Tinan. Many of the members of the current Ione Band of Miwok Indians are ancestors to these tribes. In 1851, our tribal leaders signed a treaty at the forks of the Consumnes River. This treaty was called Treaty J. Treaty J would have given most of Amador County, including Plymouth, to our tribe. But because of the gold mines in the area, the United States government didn't believe they could enforce Treaty J so they never ratified the treaty. Senator Rico Oller says that the Ione Band has no claim to the Plymouth area. I think he needs to learn more about the area that he represents because he is obviously ignorant on this matter. If you look at any book on Miwoks, you will see that the Miwok covered from the Cosumnes River on the North to Yosemite on the South. As far as the casino goes, I was one member of the tribe that opposed gaming, as I don't see gaming as the answer to problems facing Native American's today. But, I believe in democracy and the majority of the tribe voted for the casino so I believe that they have the right to pursue gaming according to today's laws in California. If you oppose gaming, do so because of the possible impact on your area. I heard that there were many racist statements made at the city council hearing, that all Indians are alcoholics and criminals. Many of my children and grandchildren are college graduates and have good State jobs. One just got her teaching credentials and one is a civil engineer. There are many college graduates in our tribe and many of the people have good jobs. Ask anyone in the Ione area about our family and they will tell you what kind of people we are. The people in Ione have always treated our family good and have never made us feel like we were less than them. We have always been treated just like everyone else. I would like to thank the people of Ione for that. They have been our neighbors and friends for many years. As for the "traditional tribe", there is no such thing. Nick Villa is my son and never has been a chief, traditional or otherwise. He didn't get this notion in his head until he married Joan and she is not Indian, she's White. My husband, Nick Sr. was not a chief. Everyone in Ione knew my husband Nick and they all know he was never a chief. Nick's father, William Villa, was Mexican. The "traditional tribe" says they are against gaming. What a lie. Just look in your old newspapers and you will see that Nick and Joan were the ones that tried to open a casino in Ione that got raided by the Amador County Sheriffs. Nick and Joan have been getting money from investors to open up a casino for over ten years. As a mother, I should know if my son was a chief or not. Rico Oller says that there is a membership dispute in the tribe. The only dispute is in Nick's head. He appealed his case through the Bureau of Indian Affairs and lost. The BIA recognizes the Ione Band led by Matt Franklin as the tribe. If the Amador/Ledger dispatch wants to find out the truth about the Ione Band, we are available to show them any facts they want to see. Let the people of Amador County see the facts, not react to lies told to them by a few people.

cc. Gov. Gray Davis
cc. Senator Rico Oller
cc. Board of Supervisors
Chair:
cc. Board of Supervisor
District Five Mario Biasi
Board of Supervisor
District Two Richard
Forster

"Tribal Elder"
Bernice (Grandma) Villa
3025 Jackson Valley Rd
Ione, CA 95640
209) 274-2547

20 May 2003

Governor Gray Davis
State Capitol
Sacramento, Ca 95814

Dear Sir:

I have become aware of a proposal to build another Indian Gaming Casino in the foothills. This one is proposed at the west entrance of the small Amador County town of Plymouth on E16.

The foothill counties of Calaveras, Amador and El Dorado, known as "The Mother Lode", are an abundant cache of California history and currently enjoy a rural farming and agricultural atmosphere. The influx of wineries has created a greater interest in the potential of these foothill communities. And yet, even wineries are farming and maintain the rural nature so long as they are not allowed to attach "bistros", bed and breakfasts or day-spas within a winery complex on land zoned "Agricultural". This is and has been a growing problem between those of us who live in these areas and the "financial endeavors" of those who always seem to want to turn the country into the city.

The rich California history and quality of ranching life in the foothills of the Sierra are more and more difficult to maintain. The additional traffic and pollution created by larger and larger business interests is a threat to agricultural endeavors and the ranch life that many of us have worked to build as *COUNTRY BUSINESSSES* and country life-styles. I work in one of the winery tasting rooms. On a daily basis I hear from wine-tasters, "We come here because it is still country; it is still charming, beautiful and historic." Please do not allow another Indian Casino.

Sincerely,

Art & Nancy Sommer
P. O. Box 498
Fair Play, Ca 95684

MARIO -
Here is another
letter from one of
my clients Against
The Plymouth Casino -
Thought you might
want it for your files
- Joel Gorfinkel

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May 20, 2003

Doug Ose
U.S. Congressman, District 3
236 Cannon H.O.B
Washington, D.C. 20515-0504

Dear Congressman Ose,

We are writing to you today to ask you to deny the gambling compact for the proposed Indian Casino in Plymouth CA.

We are long time residents of the Shenandoah Valley, and value our quality of life here. The consequences to Plymouth and the surrounding areas would be great. We would suffer enormous traffic congestion, pollution, an increase in crime and illegal drug use. The area does not have water or sewage facilities to support such an endeavor.

The cost to Amador County would be at least \$1,000,000 a year. These costs are passed on to the residents of the County.

We urge you to give this serious consideration, and deny the gambling compact for the proposed Indian Casino in Plymouth, CA.

Respectfully,

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Rico Oller
Senator, 1st. District
State Capitol, Room 2048
Sacramento, CA. 95814

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Office of the Governor
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA. 95814

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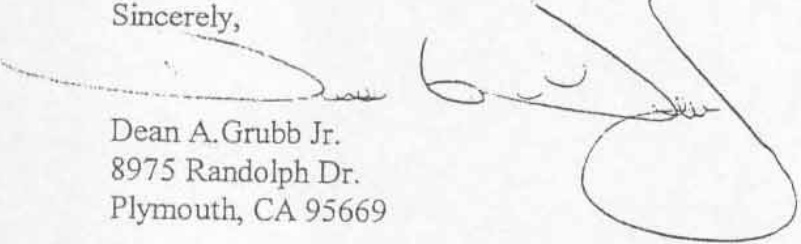
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9426 Main Street
Plymouth, CA 95669

Council Members;

This letter in in regards to the proposed Indian Casino in Plymouth. I moved to Plymouth in July of 2002 to escape the masses that are now moving to into Solano county were I resided for thirty years. I chose Plymouth as my new home and hopefully final home because of its natural, prestine beauty that this area has. I sit here at my dinning area and look out to the proposed site of this project which is directly in front of our beautiful home, its very disturbing to try and comprehend the impact and negative elements that well follow once this is approved, if that mistake ever happens, I use the word mistake because thats exactly what it would be, one that is irreversible. The bait money the investors are throwing around now and promising later will never replace the sacrifice all the Plymouth and Amador residents will have to make to allow yet another Casino to move into this area when there is already an ever expanding Jackson Rancheria and the Buena Vista Casino nearing approval.

My family and I strongly urge all council members to side with the majority of Amador county residents and disapprove this twenty four hour circus.

Sincerely,


Dean A. Grubb Jr.
8975 Randolph Dr.
Plymouth, CA 95669

CC: Supervisor 5th dist. Mario Baggi
Governor Gray Davis

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Dear Governor Davis,

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AMADOR COUNTY, CA.

As a life-long Democrat, I am writing you to express grave concern with a good idea which has run amok. I am speaking to you about this state's policy regarding Indian Casinos. I live on a state highway outside Plymouth, a town of 500 people. With no warning, we were told a group of native Americans claiming to be a tribe had under stealth bought several large parcels of land in the center of town and were going to put in a 210,000 sq. ft. gambling casino with 3,000 parking spaces! While we were told it was pretty much a "done deal" meaning the most we could do about it was try to get a few concessions for our small town, the state authorities were told there was no opposition. We have since found out that is not true, that you must approve this casino.

Please help us! This makes no sense! These people do not have roots in our community! In fact, they are being opposed by others of their tribe who claim these people are imposters. Amador County is quite small, less than 35,000 people. We already have Jackson Rancheria Casino about 15 miles away from us and another casino scheduled to be built 15 miles away in the other direction. There are only two roads into Plymouth, both two-lane highways. I live on one of them, Highway 49, which winds and twists over to Hwy 50. This road can be quite treacherous, with many tractor-trailers, motorcycle groups, and cars. My neighbors and I have to pull into traffic from driveways and small side-roads. Not surprisingly, there are many accidents on this road. Hwy 16 from Sacramento is no better with big lines of vehicles commuting to Sacramento from our rural county. How can these roads take the volume of traffic which will be generated by this casino? We've heard estimates of 7,000 to 15,000 cars a day! With the casino's planned bars and restaurants serving alcohol it sounds like a nightmare for our county sheriffs and Highway Patrol!

Make no mistake this casino will destroy our small rural town. The small businesses we patronize will be forced out by the restaurants, service stations and shops the tribe plans to build. There is no way they can compete with the reservation businesses that do not have to pay local or state taxes. I volunteer at the Plymouth school. I can not image the effect on our children with this casino located a few blocks away. In short, we see allowing this casino to be built as a disaster. Please, please look carefully at the facts and do not give it your approval. You did not want a casino built across from the State Capital, we do not want one built as the center of our town!

Sincerely,

Barbara J Hopkins

Mrs. Barbara J. Hopkins
9451 Cosumnes Dr.
Plymouth, CA, 95669

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Gray Davis (D)
California State Governor
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: No Casino in Plymouth

Honorable Gray Davis:

We are writing you to **OPPOSE** the proposed Indian Casino in Plymouth, California. We are residents of the Willow Creek Ranch in Plymouth. The impact of this project jeopardizes our community on several levels. Traffic, Water, Sewage, Pollution, Crime, Economic, and Quality of Life must be seriously considered. Negative impacts to our community include:

- Traffic to the proposed casino "would equate to ten times the total population of Plymouth."
- Water, already a finite resource in our city, would divert an estimated "60,000 to 80,000 gallons per day" for the casino's use.
- Sewage usage can be demonstrated by the same estimates above, when our systems are "already at capacity."
- Pollution does not mean air quality alone. Noise levels, water quality, view of the night sky and our general reputation as a town, as well as our way of life here in Plymouth will all be seriously changed, forever!
- Economic burdens will only increase with more demands on our emergency services created by a daily volume of patrons to a casino. County records already prove what impact the Jackson Rancheria has had in Amador County thus far. We the taxpayers are paying for services that casino operations should cover; and, such services are being diverted from the needs within our community.
- Quality of Life as we know it will be gone. Our peaceful existence will be replaced with noise, pollution, crime, and increased cost to our city and county government. Residents of the city and the county will not benefit from the development of another casino in an already small county area. This project benefits the out-of-state developers.

The Amador County Board of Supervisors unanimously passed "Resolution opposing the Casino in Plymouth on May 20, 2003. We urge you to consider the lives of the residents of Plymouth and the surrounding areas and OPPOSE the proposed casino in Plymouth.

Respectfully,



Phillip Lee Smith, 16173 Muller Road, Plymouth, CA 95669



Pamela Ann Smith, 16173 Muller Road, Plymouth, CA 95669

cc: Honorable Bill Lockyer, California State Attorney General
Honorable David Rosenberg, Director of Intergovernmental Affairs
Congressman Doug Ose
U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein
U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer
Honorable Gail Norton, Secretary of the Interior
Bureau of Indian Affairs
Honorable George T. Skibine, Director, Indian Gaming Management
Honorable Selby Beck, Mayor, Plymouth, CA
Supervisor Mario Biagi, Fifth District, Amador County ✓

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May 26, 2003

Richard Forster
Board of Supervisors
500 Argonaut Lane
Jackson, Ca. 95642

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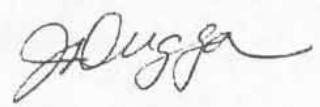
Mr. Forster;

I am deeply concerned about the possibility of an Indian Casino being built in the Plymouth area. I live in Amador County for the beauty and quality of life. For me, that means minimal growth. Another casino in the county would bring too many people, traffic and problems.

Please deny any developments that would encourage the building of this casino.

Thank you for you attention.

Jan Duggan
26874 Wagonwheel Dr.
Pioneer, Ca. 95666



May 26, 2003

Louis Boitano
Board of Supervisors
500 Argonaut Lane
Jackson, Ca. 95642

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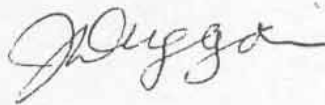
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Richard Vinson
Board of Supervisors
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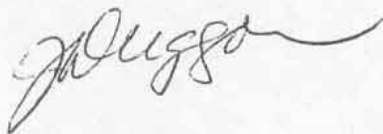
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May 26, 2003

Gary Colburn, Council Member
Plymouth City Council
9426 Main St.
Plymouth 95669

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Ryan Gillaspie, Council Member
Plymouth City Council
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Plymouth, Ca. 95669

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Elaine Lasich, Council Member
Plymouth City Council
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Ms. Lasich,

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Honorable Governor Gray Davis,
Office of the Governor
State Capital
Sacramento, CA 95814

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Date: May 30, 2003

RE: OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED PLYMOUTH CASINO

Dear Governor Davis,

A casino has been proposed for Plymouth, CA, a small town of only 505 registered voters. Plymouth already has an inadequate water supply, a maxed-out sewer system, inadequate roads, no police department and only volunteer firefighters.

Indian casinos are not required to pay local, county or state taxes to mitigate the affects of their activities. Nor are they required to adhere to traffic, noise, health and safety or environmental issues. The proposed casino would have a severe negative impact on the city of Plymouth and its environs.

Please do not enter into a compact with the Ione Band of Miwok.

Sincerely,

Leon Sobon

Leon Sobon,
Owner, Sobon Estate & Shenandoah Vineyards

CC: Mario Biagi, Amador County Supervisor
John Coburn, Plymouth City Council

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May 26, 2003

Rich Martin, Vice Mayor
Plymouth City Council
9426 Main St.
Plymouth 95669

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Mr. Martin,

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Honorable Governor Gray Davis,
Office of the Governor
State Capital
Sacramento, CA 95814

Date: June 3, 2003

RE: MY OPPOSITION TO A PROPOSED PLYMOUTH CASINO


Dear Governor Davis,

The proposed Ione Band of Miwok casino is a blatant and self-preserving scheme which will benefit the tribe's out-of-state investors. Amador County County is one of the smallest in the state, and we already have a casino in Jackson, only 15 miles away.

The water, sewer and the environment and way of life of our residents will be severely taxed by the proposed casino.

Please do not enter into a compact with the tribe.

Sincerely,



Leon Sobon,
Owner, Sobon Estate & Shenandoah Vineyards

CC: Mario Biagi, Amador County Supervisor
John Coburn, Plymouth City Council

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Honorable Governor Gray Davis,
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Date: May 26, 2003

RE: OPPOSITION TO A PROPOSED CASINO IN PLYMOUTH, CA

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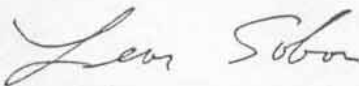
Several weeks ago you received a deceptive letter stating that there was no opposition to a proposed Plymouth Casino. There is in fact very strong opposition to the proposed casino. All early planning for the proposal was kept secret and the options on the properties involved were obtained under false pretenses.

The general public, and public servants were not made aware of the proposal until after you received their letter requesting a compact.

Please do not enter into a compact with the Ione Indian Tribe. The proposed casino will be in the city limits of Plymouth which has been under a water moratorium for several years, and their sewer system is at capacity. Only two lane roads lead to Plymouth. The local infrastructure will be severely taxed, and there will be a net negative impact on our environment and way of life.

Please do not allow this to happen.

Sincerely,



Leon Sobon,
Owner, Sobon Estate & Shenandoah Vineyards

CC: Mario Biagi, Amador County Supervisor
John Coburn, Plymouth City Council

*cc: Mr. Biagi
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May 24, 2003

Honorable Governor Gray Davis
Office of the Governor
State Capitol, CA 95814

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AMADOR COUNTY, CA.

Dear Governor Davis,

I wish to register my objection to the location of an Indian Casino in Plymouth, California. I feel it would be totally destructive to the rural friendly nature of our citizens. It would be a burden on our water supply, sewer system, and road capacity.

I have been a property owner and resident of this area for more than twenty five years and feel that the casino would lower property values.

I urge you not to enter into the gambling compact with the Band of Miwok Indians that are proposing the casino.

Respectfully,

Gertrude Zeller
Gertrude Zeller

Gertrude Zeller
10690 Shenandoah Rd.
Plymouth, Ca. 95669

Cc: Mario Biagi

Mr & Mrs Ray Atkinson
P.O. Box 1453, 6263 Puerri
Rancho Murieta CA 95635
c: M. Biagi
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Dear SUPERVISOR MARIO BIAGI,

As a resident of Rancho Murieta, I am writing to you today asking for your assistance in stopping the proposed land acquisition for gaming by the Band of Miwok.

The tribe claims to be landless as an exemption under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act. However, there are a specific set of standards that must be met, such as proof that these Indians have lived continuously on this specific site of the proposed casino. The evidence must be compelling and claim on the land current. It must be much more than an option with the real estate developer or gaming investors from Mississippi.

This proposed casino would negatively impact Rancho Murieta morally, the water supply, and the added traffic on Hwy. 15.

We ask you to deny the Lone Band of Miwok a tribal state compact for an off reservation casino in Plymouth, California.

DONNA PICUCCI
3795 CURRAN ROAD
IONE, CA 95640

December 3, 2003

The Honorable Governor Arnold Schwarzeneger
California State Governor
980 9th Street, Ste. 1800
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Schwarzeneger:

Re: Opposition to Proposed Indian Casino in Plymouth

I am writing to say that I strongly oppose the proposed casino in Plymouth California. Amador County's existing casino in Jackson has had profound negative influences on life in our small county. If the casino in Plymouth is approved, it will be the third such establishment approved in the County.

If you include the casino in Jackson, another casino approved for construction near the City of Ione (Amador County) and the Plymouth casino project, all of the casinos would be within a twenty-mile radius of each other.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,



Mrs. Donna Picucci

cc: Amador County Supervisor Mario Biagi
Plymouth City Council
Senator Rico Oller
Assemblyman Alan Nakanishi
California Gambling Control Commission
Congressman Richard Pombo
Congressman Doug Ose
Ms. Gale Norton, Counselor to Sec. of Interior
Senator Gale Feinstein

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Thank you for taking such a firm stand against a third casino in Amador County. Your presentation at today's Board of Supervisors Meeting was excellent and Amador County will be better off without the large set of problems another casino would bring to the county.

I also very much appreciate your support of less development at Kirkwood than was proposed by Kirkwood Mountain Resort. If KMR lost 20 million due to the Board's decision (as Mr. Derck said today), we need to also remember that they will make at least 3 to 4 times that amount with the development that was granted.

Thanks

Judith W. Flinn
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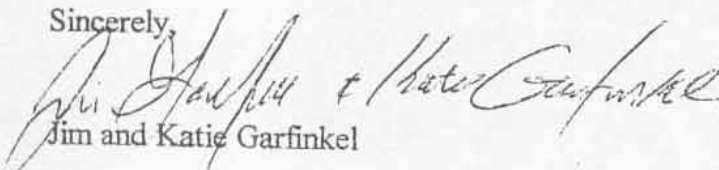
May 28, 2003

Mario Biagi, Supervisor
500 Argonaut lane
Jackson, Calif 95642-9534

Dear Mario,

Enclosed please find a letter to Governor Davis opposing the proposed casino in Plymouth. Katie and I would like to thank you, and the other Supervisors for standing with us in opposition to this proposal. In addition, we would like to thank you for your gracious support of the Plymouth Playground. Currently the project has raised around \$25,000 in just a short time. Hopefully, it will come to be a reality soon.

Sincerely,


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The Honorable Gray Davis
Office of the Governor
State Capitol
Sacramento, California
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Dear Governor Davis,

Recently an Indian tribe identifying themselves as the Ione Miwouk Tribe sent you a letter requesting a compact to build a casino in the little town of Plymouth, California. This letter stated that there was no opposition to the project. The Tribe has deliberately lied to you about the amount of opposition to their plans.

Katie and I, along with several others who will be sending you letters, would like to voice our adamant opposition to this proposed casino. The Tribe has already lied to you about the support they have, and have therefore proven they can not be trusted. In addition to this falsehood, they have lied to the Plymouth City Council. When the Tribe was told that there was not enough water or waste management resources to handle the casino, the council was told that the County of Amador had already agreed to work with the Tribe to bring in water. This was after they told the Council that they were approaching the city first, and had not contacted the county. Of course when the Amador County Water Agency was contacted, we were informed that the tribe had never contacted them, and that there was not enough resources there to cover the proposed water and sewage usage. I hope you agree with me that an organization that has already begun negotiations with misleading, and false statements is not worthy of such negotiations, and certainly not a compact.

In addition, the proposed site will create a traffic, and safety hazard on highway 16 & 49. The proposal estimates 7000 vehicles a day, which is probably a low estimate. It is my understanding that the Tribe also wants to serve liquor which will further endanger peoples lives on the road, including our children here in Plymouth. The little two lane highway here in historic gold country, would become a parking lot. Not to mention the effect on the environment: Pollution of the air, potential litter, and of course the destruction of property that is currently very hilly, and steep. From experience with another Indian casino in California, you know that they will level a mountain, creating an environmental disaster with erosion, wildlife displacement, and the loss of even more beautiful agricultural and free land. Please do not allow this to happen. Plymouth is a

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historic gold mining town, it is not a rich town, and does not have many resources with which to fight this fight. We have recently formed a grassroots committee to try to Beautify Plymouth, in which residents are donating their time to clean up Main street, improve the buildings and local homes, and hopefully improve the business opportunities, and hence tourism. We are the gateway to the Shenandoah Valley, home of some great wineries. Our history of gold mining and agriculture will be devastated if you grant this tribe a compact to build their 120,000 square foot casino.

Further, retroactive and current studies show that over the long run the local economies suffer. Including a dramatic drop in property values. No matter how the Tribe tries to sell the fact that they will be creating jobs (of which most will come from out of the area), they can not argue with the facts presented in the studies. Knowing the current battles you are fighting with our States budget, and its economy, I would hope that you want to preserve and help improve local economies and not harm the values of our properties.

Being an elected official, this next point may surprise, and hopefully help to convince you to deny a compact to this tribe. The City of Plymouth has only 506 registered voters. The Tribe proposing the casino has 560 plus. This means that the Tribe could move in, and take over the city council, effectively removing any right and say that current, and long standing residents have about the direction that the city should go. Indeed, it would create an animosity that could not be overcome, and could force an exodus of people from the area; some whose families have been here since the 1800's.

Finally, as I stated at the beginning of this letter, the claim that there is no opposition to this casino can be refuted easily. The Amador County Supervisors have voted unanimously to oppose the project, and several other cities, including Plymouth, are expected to follow the Supervisors lead. There are at least two grassroots organizations that I am aware of that have been formed, basically overnight, to voice their disapproval, and to fight the proposal.

Katie and I strongly urge you to say NO to the Tribes request for a compact. You are our best hope to stop this project before it begins. This small community is looking to you to protect us, please do not let us down.

Sincerely,

Jim Garfinkel and Katie Garfinkel

cc: Mario Biagi, Amador County Supervisor; David Rosenberg, Director of Intergovernmental Affairs; Congressman Doug Ose; Senators Boxer and Feinstein; George Skibine, Director of Indian Gaming Mgmt; Gail Norton, Sec. of Interior; Bureau of Indian affairs

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Dear Supervisor Biagi,

I am writing to you to address my concerns over the proposed Indian Gaming Casino in Plymouth.

I appreciate your expertise in dealing with the known impact issues that the Casino will bring to the County of Amador.

I am very concerned and am requesting that in the course of reviewing and negotiating all potential impacts on the issues such as water, sewer, traffic, crime, environment, aesthetics, etc that you also examine and make allowances for additional impacts to the people, homes and properties in the surrounding area not incorporated into the City of Plymouth, not protected by the City of Plymouth, but directly impacted by any decisions the City of Plymouth makes. (Burke Ranch, Willow Creek area, et al)

In addition to the items of concern already listed I am very concerned with the future availability of the Ground Water we are dependent upon for the quality of our lives, and the impact the proposed development and Casino will have on depleting the aquifer. My concern remains despite any assurances that water usage will come from other sources.

Since ground water is an area of unknown and with the potential of no recourse on damages I am requesting specific wording to protect our homes and properties from the impact the Development and Casino will have on our availability to use our natural resources.

The Developers and subsequent Trustees need to be requested to pay for water supply and conveyance as a contingency to the properties in the surrounding impacted area not protected by any agreement with the City of Plymouth. I also request the burden of proof be placed on the Parties involved in any development agreements for any and all impacts.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Irene Freitas

IRENE FREITAS
18800 BURKE DR
PLYMOUTH, CA 95669
209-245-3512

A band of Miwok Indians together with their high-rolling promoters descended on the small community of Plymouth California with a check for \$100,000,000 making some citizens believe they are in some kind of fairyland. What they failed to let these same citizens know is that getting from there to here might turn out to be harder than one would care to think.

The environmental impact of this endeavor is going to stretch for miles out of this community, and here is why:
All of the access roads leading into Plymouth are very old two lane roadways and not conducive to a high volume of traffic. Some of these roadways are stressed out as it is and adding to the stress could prove to be very dangerous.

1. From Lone to Plymouth converging at the Central House
2. From Jackson to Plymouth converging at the Central House
3. From Rancho Cordova on Highway 16 to Plymouth and converging at the Central House.
4. From Highway 50 on the Latrobe road turning at the Old Sacramento road and into Plymouth. A very narrow stretch of road and very curvy.
5. From Eldorado in Eldorado County a very dangerous 2 lane stretch of highway 14 miles long.

Coming from Lone should not present a big problem since that roadway is fairly wide although it virtually 2 lane. Coming from Jackson will partially be addressed when the Highway 49 by-pass is completed; not all, however. Coming from Rancho Cordova is a stretch of highway that is 2 lane for the most part. This highway is impacted by Rancho Murietta commuter traffic and also by commuters going to and from Jackson and Lone; is then impacted by visitors through Plymouth and into the wine country in the Shenandoah Valley. Now all of this traffic has converged at the Central House. How is this issue going to be addressed? Coming from Latrobe road is a much different story. This roadway is very curvy, and very narrow in spots. There is a good deal of commuter traffic and there are trucks going over this stretch of roadway continually. Without the added impact of a casino, vehicles must, at times, slow down when passing in opposite directions, and trying to pass a car is difficult at times. People have been killed on this narrow stretch of roadway by trying to pass other vehicles.

The greatest impact will come from Eldorado on Highway 49. This is a very dangerous stretch of 2 lane highway. It is very curvy, and in the winter months there may be ice on the roadway. There is virtually no place to pass. It is marked off by double yellow lines for the most part, but people try to pass anyway taking chances. This highway is stressed now without the added impact of a casino. Commuter traffic, visitors to the wine country, large motorhomes, large cargo trucks drive this roadway daily. There are many, many wrecks sometimes resulting in deaths on this highway.

In order to get a sense of what such an impact might have on a community, one only has to go to Placerville on a Friday afternoon when vehicles are strung out for a couple of miles trying to get up into the mountains for skiing, fishing, camping, gambling, and traffic is stop and go. Keep in mind that Placerville is a 4 lane highway. During the "apple hill" season, trying to get in and out of Placerville is stop and go from early morning to late afternoon both ways. It starts below Placerville and goes right up to the business sites. Think about this impact 24 hours a day all year long.

The roadways leading to and from Plymouth are not able to handle this impact. Having said all of this, who is going to take the responsibility for what might occur as a result of allowing such a nightmare to proceed.

- Will the County Board of Supervisors be willing to take the responsibility?
- Will Caltrans be willing to take the responsibility?
- Will the State of California be willing to take the responsibility?
- Will the City of Plymouth be willing to take the responsibility?
- Will the Indian Nation Band of Miwoks be willing to take the responsibility?
- Will the Federal government department of Indian affairs be willing to take the responsibility?
- Will the investors be willing to take the responsibility?

These investors need to rethink their location for a gaming development and relocate this potential nightmare.

Someone needs to contact the Federal Dept of Indian affairs, State of California Dept of Indian Affairs, Caltrans, the Amador county road maintenance dept and any and all others involved immediately before this goes too far.

This project should be voted down immediately and completely by any and all concerned with the safety of the taxpaying users of these roadways, and we want you to know that you have been put on notice of this fact.

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Governor Gray Davis
California State Governor
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*c: M. Bragi
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Re: Proposed Gaming Casino in Plymouth, CA

Dear Governor Davis,

Today I received a letter which I have enclosed for your reference from Matthew Franklin, Chairman of the Ione Band of Miwok Indians Tribal Council.

This letter states among other things that the Ione Band of Miwok Indians is building a Gaming facility in and near Plymouth.

My understanding is that your Office must first enter into a Compact with the Ione Band of Miwok Indians, and then the land (which currently has not been purchased, but optioned only and is not a reservation) must convert from Fee to Trust.

Neither of these things have happened. I want to be sure that you know there is overwhelming opposition to a Casino in Plymouth. We implore you to please look at the reasons for not having a Casino. My views are shared by the County of Amador Board of Supervisors, the Cities of Ione and Sutter Creek, and the majority of the residents of Plymouth. I can speak directly regarding the area called Burke Ranch just outside the City limits of Plymouth where I recently conducted a survey. Of the people surveyed 63 people were against the Casino and 2 people were undecided. Signatures have been obtained to confirm these numbers.

We do not want a Casino for the following reasons:

1. We already have a Casino in Amador County which is currently undergoing expansion. (Jackson Rancheria). This Casino is located 15 miles away.
2. There is already an approved Casino to be built in Ione 15 miles away.
3. The Plymouth area is dependent upon ground water. Even if the City of Plymouth receives water from other sources that does not cover the area of Plymouth not within the city limits that will be impacted by the Casino.
4. Highway 49 is winding and narrow and consists of two lanes which cannot accommodate any increase in traffic.

There are many other impacts too numerous to mention.

You can see from Mr. Franklin's letter that he claims a Casino will improve living conditions in Plymouth.

I ask you how does lack of water, increased sewage, air pollution, increased traffic and crime not to mention all the other environmental impacts make Plymouth a better place to live?

How does Gambling improve anyone's life?

I know that you can see all the controversy surrounding the Gaming Casinos in the State of California. Please help Plymouth. We do not have the money of the big Gaming Developers to help defend our homes and the quality of our lives. We the Tax Payers and Voters are dependent upon our Elected Officials.

Respectfully Yours,



Irene M. Freitas
18800 Burke Drive
Plymouth, CA 95669

cc: Supervisor Mario Biagi

Partners in Prosperity

Economic development WILL Benefit the Entire Plymouth Community

June 27, 2003

Irene M Freitas
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Dear Freitas Family,

New jobs, improved living conditions and business climate, enhanced government services that are not paid for by higher taxes.

Tribal Economic Development works well for communities. The Ione Band of Miwok Indians is building a gaming facility in and near Plymouth. This development will create significant revenues for the community, which will work as an economic catalyst for all residents.

How do we know? Similar efforts already create paychecks for thousands of Californians throughout the state; these are newly created jobs for everyone in our community. California tribes generate \$273 million each year in extra revenue for community businesses, and this new revenue will find its way into every business and household in Plymouth.

This kind of economic development will work for Plymouth. It will work to make our community a promising place where our young people will stay, find jobs, start careers and raise families. These are the kinds of values we all want and care about.

Today, we have a unique opportunity to create better living conditions and a healthier business environment that thrives in good times and times of challenge. Together, as partners, we will make this a reality for the Plymouth community. By working together we can make Plymouth a better place to live for generations to come, but at the same time, keep Plymouth's character and still maintain its rural atmosphere.

We welcome your input and ideas and look forward to working with you!

Regards,

Matthew Franklin

Matthew Franklin, Chairman
Ione Band of Miwok Indians Tribal Council
9545 Highland Way
Sacramento, Ca 95828
(916) 202-1717

BURKE RANCH PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION

P.O. Box 261, Plymouth, CA 95669

Dear Governor Davis:

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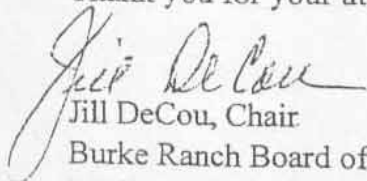
We are a small community adjacent to the village of Plymouth in rural Amador County. I am writing to you to address our concerns over the proposed Indian gaming casino in Plymouth. The Ione band of Miwok Indians has purchased an option on over 200 acres fronting Highway 49 in Plymouth, with a plan to build a 120,000 square foot casino-much larger than Thunder Valley. This is not ancestral land, but might eventually be transferred into trust with your support. This county already has one nearby casino in Jackson, and another one eventually to be built in Buena Vista, both within 20 miles of Plymouth. **We hold strongly that a casino is totally incompatible with life in a quiet community of 800 persons.**

Neighborhoods such as Burke Ranch, Shenandoah Valley, Willow Springs and Fiddletown, all near Plymouth, are not protected by the City of Plymouth, but our water, sewer, traffic, crime level, environment, and aesthetics will be directly impacted by a project of this magnitude. No amount of financial mitigation can offset the impact. **The planned casino cannot go forward without your approval. Our fervent hope is that you will disapprove this proposal.**

In addition to the items of concern already listed we are very concerned about the future availability of the ground water our wells depend on. Many of our wells have already recently gone dry. We fear that the proposed development and casino will deplete the aquifer.

We have canvassed our 67 homeowners, 97% of whom are opposed to the casino, and 3% of whom are undecided. Our informal poll of the residents of Plymouth found 80% opposed. Our County Supervisors are on record as opposed to this project, as is Jackson and Ione City Councils, the Amador School Board, and Senator Rico Oller. The letter you are reported to have received from the Miwoks stating that there is no local opposition is inaccurate and dishonest. Our City Council is waffling, lured by the blandishments of the developers and the excitement generated by Thunder Valley. We desperately hope for your protection from this

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We hope to hear from you.


Jill DeCou, Chair

Burke Ranch Board of Directors

For The Board of Directors and Property Owners of Burke Ranch

cc. Mari Biagi

BURKE RANCH PROPERTY OWNER

P.O. Box 261, Plymouth, CA 9

Dear Supervisor Mario Biagi:

Thank You

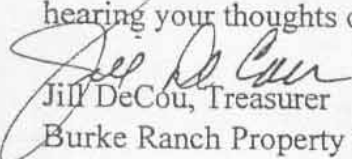
I am writing to you to address our concerns over the proposed development in Plymouth. We welcome the Miwoks as neighbors, but hold strongly that a casino is incompatible with our tiny quiet community. No amount of financial mitigation can offset the impact. **Our fervent hope is that the proposal can be stopped. We ask that you express your opposition to this development to Assemblyman Nakanishi, Senator Oller, and the Governor.**

If the casino cannot be stopped, we hope to rely on your expertise in dealing with the known impact issues that the casino will bring to the County of Amador. We are requesting that in the course of reviewing and negotiating all potential impacts on the issues such as water, sewer, traffic, crime, environment, aesthetics, etc that you also examine and make allowances for additional impacts to the people, homes and properties in the surrounding area not incorporated into the City of Plymouth. Communities such as Burke Ranch, Shenandoah Valley, Willow Springs and Fiddletown are not protected by the City of Plymouth, but are directly impacted by any decisions the City of Plymouth makes.

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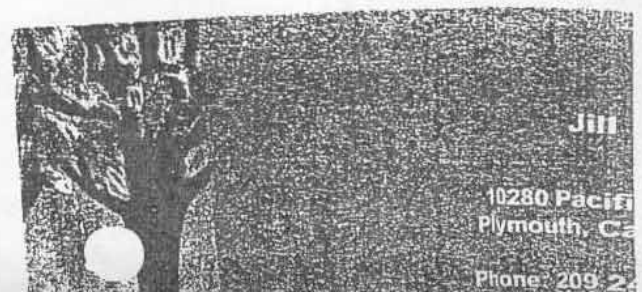
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Thank you for your past support and your attention to this matter. I look forward to hearing your thoughts on this matter.



Jill DeCou, Treasurer

Burke Ranch Property Owners Association



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The Honorable Gray Davis
Governor, State of California
California State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Davis:

The Plymouth community very recently learned that the Lone Band of the Miwok Indians plan to acquire approximately 300 acres of land in the Plymouth area for the purpose of establishing a large casino, tribal housing, medical clinics and assorted other commercial ventures. Two parcels totaling approximately 90 acres are public land governed by B.L.M. Apparently this plan has been in process for some time—they say they wrote to you about it in April, stating there was no local opposition. We would like to make it very clear that the only reason there was no opposition is because this plan was a well guarded secret.

In 1983 we purchased 285 acres of land here for our retirement. We have been very happy to own a parcel of this size allowing us to live quietly in a rural environment. Our plan has been to keep this land in the family for future generations. We are alarmed about the current proposal to build a 120,000 square foot casino within half a mile of our home. Bearing in mind that a casino is a 24 hour per day/7 day per week business we are quite concerned about the effect it will have on our plans for the future. In addition to our personal opposition to this project, we would like to point out that Plymouth is an exceedingly small city. The number of people this project would bring to the area would be overwhelming. The negative aspects of the type of business they propose would irreparably affect the lifestyle of everyone here. Even with mitigation we believe the effect on traffic, schools, law enforcement, water, sewer and assorted services would be very negative. Amador County, with a population of less than 40,000, is already struggling with one casino which is expanding on a regular basis.

The majority of the people in this community sympathize with the Miwok desire for land, and we would welcome them as neighbors. However, the investors who organize Indian groups and plan casinos are not interested in what is good for the Miwoks or the people of California, Amador County or the City of Plymouth.

Please veto this project for the good of all of us.

Respectfully,

William E. Allison
Doris A. Allison

✓ cc: Mario Biagi, Supervisor

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Secretary Gale A. Norton
Department of the Interior
1849 C Street NW
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Secretary Norton:

We are writing to you from our ranch in the foothills of the Sierra Nevadas in Northern California. We live in Amador County, population less than 40,000, just outside the City of Plymouth, population less than 1,000. This area is a very quiet agricultural region with many ranches and vineyards.

We recently became aware that the lone Band of the Miwok Indians have applied to have approximately 300 acres of land within half a mile of our home put into a Land Trust for the purpose of establishing a 120,000 square foot casino, tribal housing, medical clinics and other commercial ventures. Bearing in mind that a casino is a 24 hour 7 day business we are quite concerned there would be an overwhelming influence on such a small city and county. Even with mitigation we believe the effect on traffic, schools, law enforcement, water, sewer and other services would be devastating. Amador County is already struggling with one Indian casino which is expanding on a regular basis.

The majority of the people in this community sympathize with the Miwok desire for land and would welcome them as neighbors. However, we believe the investors who organize Indian groups and plan casinos are not interested in what is good for the Miwoks or the people of this community.

We urge you to step in and prevent this land from going into the Land Trust.

Respectfully,

William E. Allison
Doris A. Allison

✓ cc: Mario Biagi, Supervisor

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P. O. Box 596
9499 Bush Street
Plymouth CA 95669
October 28, 2003

Gov. Elect Arnold Schwarzenegger
California State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Schwarzenegger:

You may not be aware of the small city of Plymouth in rural Amador County in the nearby foothills outside of Sacramento. We would like to make sure that you know about a proposal for our area that, if approved, would spoil the rural lifestyle of this community forever.

A group calling themselves the Lone Band of the Miwok Indians through a development corporation from out of state has proposed purchasing land in our neighborhood and getting it put into Trust for a 2,000 gaming machine casino along with a 200 bed hotel. This tribe is a recently formed group of several hundred people who are deemed "imposters" by the Traditional Band of Miwoks who live on tribal land in nearby Lone. It seems clear to most of us who live in this area that this is really an attempt by a development group to "find" a tribe and bring a casino to the area to help themselves not the Indians or the local community. These developers have from the beginning of this process liberally sprinkled lies, half truths, veiled threats and what amounts to bribes in an attempt to get what they want which is to make money at our expense.

Amador County has a population of less than 30,000 (Plymouth has less than 1,000) and already has one casino in Jackson and approval for an additional casino in Buena Vista. The Board of Supervisors and all of the local area cities have voiced strong opposition to the casino plan for Plymouth except for our city. Of the 300 or so acres the Tribe has options to buy only a few acres are in the City. The remainder is unincorporated land controlled by the County. Of course the casino is planned for the few acres within the City because that Council appears to be so intimidated or coerced or bribed by them that they will not voice opposition even though two surveys have shown the citizens of the City are overwhelmingly opposed to having a casino here. In addition the residents of the unincorporated land around the City are overwhelmingly opposed to it.

We happen to be cattle ranchers with 285 acres of land less than a mile from this proposed project. We would be greatly impacted by a casino which operates 24/7, bringing in large amounts of traffic and crime, using precious water, and introducing a potentially destructive lifestyle for our children to be influenced by.

This casino could bring very large amounts of money to the City of Plymouth but would do nothing for those of us living just outside the City and next to the casino. We understand that the Indian Tribes must mitigate the problems they bring to a community but the truth is many of these problems cannot be mitigated. In general the local population would welcome the Indians as neighbors but we are opposed to gambling interests from out of state dictating what happens to us and our families. We urge you not to allow this land to be placed into Trust for the sake of all of us who have to live with the result.

Very truly yours,

William E. Allison
Doris A. Allison

cc: Mario Biagi ✓

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P. O. Box 596
9499 Bush Street
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May 22, 2003

Representative John T. Doolittle
U. S. House of Representatives
2130 Professional Drive, Suite 190
Roseville, CA 95661

Dear Representative Doolittle:

The local community has recently learned of a well orchestrated attempt by the lone Band of the Miwok Indians to have approximately 300 acres of land placed into a Land Trust for the purpose of building a very large casino. We believe that Plymouth, a very small city, would be devastated by this business. Our ranch is less than half a mile from the casino site and we feel our personal lifestyle would be very adversely affected by a business of this type.

The enclosed letter is being sent to Interior Secretary Gale Norton requesting that she prevent this Land Trust from being established. Any help that you can give us would be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

William E. Allison
Doris A. Allison

cc: Mario Biagi, Supervisor

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P. O. Box 596
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Senator Barbara Boxer
501 I Street, Suite 7-600
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Senator Boxer:

The local community has recently learned of a well orchestrated attempt by the lone Band of the Miwok Indians to have approximately 300 acres of land placed into a Land Trust for the purpose of building a very large casino. We believe that Plymouth, a very small city, would be devastated by this business. Our ranch is less than half a mile from the casino site and we feel our personal lifestyle would be very adversely affected by a business of this type.

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P. O. Box 596
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State Senator Rico Oller
1200 Melody Lane
Suite 110
Roseville, CA 95678

Dear Senator Oller:

Please help the good people of Plymouth and Amador County prevent the casino that is being proposed by the Lone Band of the Miwoks. As you well know this is not a good location for such a big business. The enclosed letter is being sent to Governor Davis requesting that he veto this plan. Any help you can give us would be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully,

William E. Allison
Doris A. Allison

cc: Mario Biagi, Supervisor

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June 20, 2003

The Honorable Gray Davis
Governor, State of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Davis:

I am writing you in regards to the gaming compact that your office is negotiating with the Ione Band of Miwok Indians, and their proposed casino in Plymouth, which lies in my Assembly District.

My office has received a plethora of letters and phone calls from constituents and local governments on this issue. I would like to inform you that not one of them is supportive of this proposed casino.

I have consistently been supportive of the issues of Indian sovereignty, and have toured many Indian gaming sites. In this case, the Ione Band of Miwok Indians are seeking to take land into trust that is not theirs for the sole purpose of building a casino. This I cannot support, and respectfully hope that you would agree.

Please consider the concerns of your constituents in Amador County on this matter. I would be more than happy to meet with your office at anytime regarding this issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alan Nakanishi".

Alan Nakanishi
Assemblyman, 10th District

Cc: Senator Rico Oller
Amador County Board of Supervisors
Plymouth City Council

AMADOR COUNTY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
AMADOR COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION

Resolution No. 02/2003-19
Re: Proposed Casino in Plymouth

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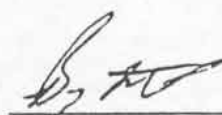
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Approved this 28th day of May, 2003

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Barry Franks, ACUSD/ACOE Board President

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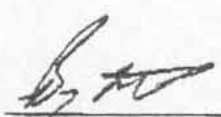
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AYES: 7

NOES: 0

ABSENT: 0



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**AMADOR COUNTY
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To: Wes Lujan, *Advocation, Inc.* **From:** Patrick Blacklock

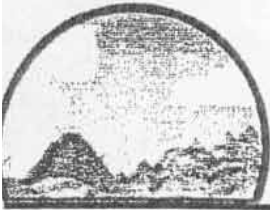
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Re: Proposed Plymouth Casino **CC:**

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• **Comments:**



June 26, 2003

Governor Gray Davis
State Capitol Building
Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: Tribal Gaming will Increase Motor Vehicle Emissions in the Amador Air District

Dear Governor Davis:

The Board of Directors of the Amador Air District is opposed to the increase in motor vehicle exhaust emissions that will be released in this rural area if the State of California allows a third tribal gaming facility to be developed within the boundaries of this air pollution control district.

One tribal gaming facility already exists in our rural District near the City of Jackson and is in the process of doubling its size. That expansion alone will result in 7,000 to 10,000 additional car trips per day in the District. The State and the Bureau of Indian Affairs have approved a second facility that will be located in the Buena Vista area of Jackson Valley near the City of Ione. Now a third facility is proposed for the City of Plymouth and if approved the combined facilities will generate over 30,000 additional car trips per day in our traffic corridors.

The Amador Air District is located within the Mountain Counties Air Basin, designated a "Moderate" non-attainment area for the state 1-hour ozone standard. We are currently in jeopardy of being designated non-attainment for the new federal 8-hour ozone standard. These designations are the result of "Overwhelming Transport" of ozone from the Sacramento and San Joaquin valleys. If the state encourages additional vehicle trips into this air district by permitting additional tribal gaming facilities without any corresponding mitigation measures to reduce the impacts of these additional emissions then you will have contributed to our air quality problem. A problem we didn't create - but one which we must however resolve.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Amador Air District, we request that the state take all appropriate steps to prevent the establishment of additional tribal gaming facilities within this air district's boundaries. Your cooperation on this issue would reduce unnecessary vehicle emissions in our area, help the air district protect the public's health and enhance our efforts to achieve and maintain compliance with the National Ambient Air Quality Standards.

Sincerely,

Richard Forster, Chairman
Board of Directors

June 13, 2003

① GOVERNORS COPIES FRO EX ON 6-13-03!
② CITY COUNCIL COPIES MAILED 6-16-03

Governor Gray Davis
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: Proposed Indian Casino in Plymouth

Dear Governor Davis:

I understand you received a letter from an out-of-state Promoter of an Indian Casino in Plymouth which stated there was no known opposition to a casino in Plymouth.

That statement is reminiscent of the Iraqi Minister of Information and is so preposterous it is laughable.

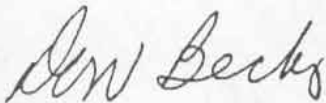
Let me count the ways there is known opposition to the Casino:

1. The County Board of Supervisors is unanimously opposed.
2. The County School Board is unanimously opposed.
3. The city council of Jackson is unanimously opposed.
4. The city council of Ione is unanimously opposed.
5. The City Council of Sutter Creek is expected to oppose when they next meet.
6. The residents of the City of Plymouth are opposed.
In a survey in which every house in the city of Plymouth was visited, 80% of those with an opinion were opposed.
7. Residents of Plymouth with an address outside of the city limits are opposed also.
Though no systematic survey has been completed for this group to date the evidence is very clear that the opposition here is even greater than 80%.
8. The same is likely true for all residents of the county.

To make the point, enclosed are 74 letters from citizens opposing the casino.

This is just the beginning.

Soon we will need a truck to transport opposition letters to you.



Don Becker
5756 Voorhies
Plymouth, CA 95669

cc: Plymouth City Council with enclosures
Supervisor Mario Biagi with enclosures

*to Mr. Biagi
file*

TO: Supervisor Biagi
Elida Malick, D.V.M.

BY FAX: 209-257-0619
209-254 6199

FROM: Don Becker

SUBJECT: Indian Casino Referendum Petition

As a result of the earlier survey of the city of Plymouth, I have reasonably accurate records of where most households stand in regard to the Casino.

215 responses were received from approximately 260 homes. The difference (approximately 45) were not at home at the time of the survey.

Based on these numbers and the survey, even if all of those not at home plus those undecided were in favor of the Casino, the majority of the residents of the city would still be opposed.

Additionally, the group that did the original survey would likely be available to revisit the homes they had earlier visited to now get signatures on a referendum petition.

It is very likely they would not only get enough signatures to put the referendum on the ballot, but enough in opposition to be a majority of the residents of the city.

If that were the case, and this fact was presented to the city council, possibly the council would change their position and thereby eliminate the necessity of the full referendum process.

All of this is to say I intend to begin the referendum petition process unless something about the legal process stops me or someone convinces me it is not a good idea.

Don Becker
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June 6, 2003

The Honorable Governor Gray Davis
California State Governor
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Proposed Indian Casino in Plymouth

Dear Governor Davis:

It is my understanding that, in their application for a Compact with the State of California, the Miwok Indians and their developers indicated that there was no opposition to the proposed casino in Plymouth, California. I can assure you that this is incorrect.

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed casino in Plymouth. I have spoken with many family members, friends, neighbors and other concerned citizens. There are grave concerns regarding probable drug enforcement problems, the stress on the local infrastructure, and the destruction of our rural way of life.

I urge you not to take any action in favor of this project without first listening to the concerns of the local citizenry, examining the effects that the nearby casino in Jackson has had, and contacting the Amador County Sheriff's Office regarding any concerns that they may have.

Sincerely,



Steven D. Howard

cc: Plymouth City Council
Supervisor Mario Biagi
Sheriff Michael Prizmich

July 12, 2003

Dear Mario,

I hope that the Plymouth City Council has not done too much damage with their ignorance.

I have forwarded this letter to our Congressman's office.

Thanks for not being afraid to call a spade a spade.
Elida

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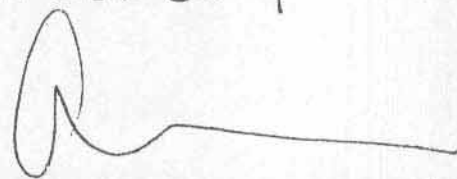
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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN,
I MOVED TO AMADOR COUNTY WITH MY FAMILY
15 YEARS AGO FROM THE BAY AREA TO
POLLUTION, TRAFFIC + CRIME. I CHOSE AMADOR
BECAUSE IT WAS FREE OF THESE PROBLEMS.
I DO NOT CHOOSE TO LIVE NEAR A
CASINO, WHICH WILL BRING THE ABOVE
LISTED PROBLEMS TO AMADOR.

MY FAMILY, CO-WORKERS AND FRIENDS
ARE STRONGLY OPPOSED

TO A CASINO IN PLYMOUTH, OR
ANYWHERE ELSE IN AMADOR COUNTY.
THANK-YOU FOR LISTENING, I LOOK
FORWARD TO AN OPPOSITION STANCE
FROM EVERYONE.

ANNE SOULE
P.O. BOX 8
FIDDLETOWN CA 95629

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P.O. Box 264
Fiddletown, CA 95629
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*cc: M. Brage
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Honorable Gail Norton
Secretary of the Interior
Department of the Interior
Washington, D.C.

Dear Ms. Norton:

I am writing in regards to the Class III Gambling Casino that a Native American Tribe has proposed for my home- town of Plymouth, California. We are a small, incorporated city in the rural foothills of California's historic gold country. Our primary industry is tourism, which is fueled by gold mining legend and lore, a superlative natural environment, a growing wine industry, and primarily, a safe environment for the enjoyment of a variety of family oriented activities.

Our county of Amador is one of the smallest in the State of California and is already host to one Tribal casino, the Jackson Rancheria Hotel and Casino. Despite the fact that this establishment is greatly philanthropic to community youth, it nevertheless gives rise to a million dollar a year burden, in unmitigated subsidy, to the county taxpayers. In this shadow, we have a second casino that is slated to open soon in the Buena Vista area that is anticipated to draw another million dollars a year from the county coffers. This third casino proposed for Plymouth represents an unfair burden for county taxpayers, as we are seeing up and down the state with the failure of Proposition 1A.

Furthermore, the Ione Band of Miwok Indians who, along with their promoters from Minnesota and Mississippi, are pushing this project, are of questionable legitimacy. This group has not and does not live in this community and has no reputable lien to the land they seek to place into trust in our town. Though this group has claimed to achieve Federal recognition, they have no apparent relation to the Traditional Band of Ione Miwok Indians who has lived in this community for years. Furthermore, several key California legislators have requested official investigation into BIA impropriety and how it may be related to an inappropriate designation/recognition for this new group.

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Enclosed is a copy of an initial report our community has compiled regarding environmental and social impacts. This is indeed a living document and as I write to you we are in the process of citing references and filling out the information in a more thorough manner. We will forward our findings.

In light of the many inconsistencies brought forward by this Tribe, the excessive burden of three casinos in our county, and the extent of the negative impacts that cannot be mitigated, we formally request that you do not support this project proposed for Plymouth, California.

Respectfully,

Dr. Elida A. Malick
Advocate for Plymouth, California
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C: M. Braggi
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July 08, 2003

Dear Senator Oller,

I would like to take a moment to thank you for your support in opposing the proposed casino in Plymouth, California. While I understand that issues concerning Native American sovereignty and so called "economic development" are hot topics for our representatives to handle, it is reassuring to know that there are those who will come to the plate for California taxpayers.

Our small community in Amador county is one of the last vestiges of rural Americana left in California and possesses many characteristics that make it uniquely unsuitable for casino development. The off-reservation nature of this proposed project is clearly not what the California voters intended when passing Proposition 1A. Furthermore, several key legislators, suspicious of BIA impropriety, have requested investigation as to how this tribe actually achieved recognition.

I have enclosed the results of our initial draft of the environmental issues surrounding this proposal in the event that you require further information. I hope we can count on your support in the future.

With sincere appreciation, I am at your service,

Dr. Elida A. Malick
Advocate for Plymouth, California
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P.O. Box 264
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Congressman Doug Ose
236 CHOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Ose:

It has been brought to my attention, as one of the organizers of the group "No Casino In Plymouth," that certain members of the Plymouth City Council have falsely reported your support of our efforts via our District Supervisor Mr. Mario Biagi.

While Mr. Biagi is an oft-controversial figure in local politics, and is himself a spearhead in opposing this project, at no time has he ever propagandized the notion of your support. The Plymouth City Council, to the contrary, are now notorious in their disregard of the public outcry for City opposition to this project and have previously spread rumors concerning Mr. Biagi's motives for opposing this casino. More than one member of the City Council has publicly uttered libelous statements clearly intended to undermine Supervisor Biagi's credibility in this district.

It goes without saying that the voters of the City of Plymouth and the surrounding communities would gratefully welcome your support. However, we also realize that until this Tribe formally applies with the BIA it would be premature to expect a statement from your office recognizing the unique unsuitability of this area for a Tribal casino.

Nevertheless, there is grave concern that this Tribe will attempt to circumvent proper channels for application by requesting a congressional mandate for the land acquisition. In this light, please accept letters of concern from our community that, undoubtedly, will continue to flow.

Acknowledgement of receipt of this letter would be appreciated.

Respectfully yours,

Dr. Elida A. Malick
Advocate for Plymouth, California
209-245-6211

OPPOSITION TO A PROPOSED CASINO IN PLYMOUTH, CALIFORNIA

On June 8, 2003 an informal survey of the citizens of Plymouth, California was conducted by No Casino In Plymouth. The results showed that 80% of the citizenry was opposed to the establishment of a casino in and near the city.

On July 28, 2003 an initial set of 454 signatures on a petition opposing a casino in and near Plymouth was sent to the Sacramento and Washington offices of the BIA as well as to the Department of the Interior.

On September 11, 2003 a formal survey of the registered voters of Plymouth, California was conducted by the City of Plymouth. The results showed that 73% of those responding opposed the establishment of a casino in and near the city.

On September 25, 2003 an additional 185 signatures of citizens in opposition to a casino in our community was submitted to the Sacramento offices of the BIA along with sample letters and personal comments from citizens in opposition.

Other Opposition Includes

Senator Rico Oller, First Senatorial District

Alan Nakanishi, Assembly member, Tenth District

Amador Country Board of Supervisors

***Amador County Unified School District and Amador County
Office of Education***

Amador Air District

Jackson City Council

Sutter Creek City Council
Amador City City Council
Ione City Council
Community of Willow Creek
Burke Ranch Property Owners Association
The Republican Central Committee

Monarch Montessori Preschool
Shenandoah Valley Veterinary Clinic
At Farm Veterinary Services
Amador Winemakers Association
Bethel Assembly of God
Fiddletown Community Church

Traditional Ione Band of Miwok Indians

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OFFICIAL RECORDS
AMADOR COUNTY, CA.

June 10, 2003

Honorable George T. Skibine
Director-Indian Gaming Management
1849 C Street N. W. Mail Stop 2070 MIB
Washington D. C. 20240

Dear Sir:

I urge you to do all that you can to prevent the establishment of a Gaming Casino in the city of Plymouth, CA. I make this request not so much on a religious or morality basis but more for the protection of a beautiful, small town atmosphere that means a great deal to those who have moved here to live and we who come here to work. I am not against the normal growth and development of this community as more people choose a quieter way of life for themselves. A casino, however, would be more like a shock treatment, making radical changes in the good things we now enjoy.

As to the accessibility of gaming for those who enjoy it, Jackson Rancheria is only 30 minutes away and completely adequate for the county of Amador. I am very opposed to destroying the life of a community for the financial gain of a few. I have considered the "benefits" a casino would bring to the community and am fully convinced that what we would lose would be much greater than what we would gain.

I elicit your help to protect the "good life" that we have worked hard to attain in these combined communities of Plymouth and Fiddletown.

Respectfully,

Paul W. Cherry, Pastor



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Bureau of Indian Affairs
Sacramento Area Office
ATTN. 2800 Cottage Way
Sacramento CA 95825

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U. S. Senator Diane Barbara Boxer
Senate Hart Building 112
Washington D. C. 20510

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U. S. Senator Diane Feinstein
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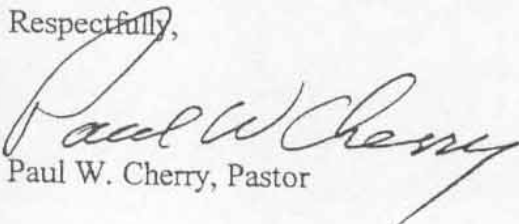
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May 13, 2003

The Honorable Gray Davis
Governor of the State of California
State Capitol, First Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Davis:

I understand your office is in the process of negotiating a compact with the Ione Band of Miwok Indians to operate an Indian gambling casino near Plymouth in Amador County. Amador County frankly does not have the room or the resources to absorb all the impacts of another casino. I write to respectfully ask that you not approve a gambling compact with this tribe.

Amador County is a geographically small rural county, and has a population of approximately 31,000 people. Plans to build another casino in the Ione area of Amador County were recently announced - this in addition to the proposed Plymouth casino and the already existing Jackson Rancheria Casino. While the Ione proposal is presently on hold, even two casinos is excessive for such a small county, and three major casinos would virtually destroy the quality of life in Amador County.

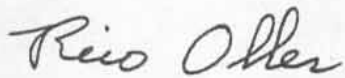
A Plymouth casino would be a mere fifteen minutes from the expanding and very busy Jackson Casino. Plymouth lacks the basic infrastructure to handle the traffic and commerce that a casino attracts. First, Highway 49 in Plymouth is a twisty, two-lane road that is not equipped to handle the traffic a large casino would generate. Second, water resources in the Plymouth area are already strained. In fact, Plymouth is presently under a building moratorium due to inadequate supply of water. Finally, a new casino will only add to the large costs presently incurred by several County departments in providing additional services due to the impacts of these casino developments, including all facets of law enforcement (Sheriff, Jail, District Attorney, Probation, Courts), public health, public works and roads, emergency medical services, and fire. Furthermore, the increased traffic generated from such development impacts the entire county, not just the specific casino sites.

As an additional matter, I understand that there is a membership dispute within this tribe. Further, it appears that there is a question regarding the band's historic ties to the land being

considered for the casino site. At a minimum, compact negotiations should be halted until these fundamental issues are resolved.

Please consider these concerns as you consider authorizing a gambling compact with the Lone Band of Miwoks. I would be happy to speak with you about this matter to help clarify any of these issues as you move toward a decision.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rico Oller". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Rico Oller

Governor Gray Davis
Office of the Governor
State Capitol
Sacramento, California 95814

Wednesday, 7 May 2003

Honorable Governor Gray Davis:

I am writing to you about an issue of great importance to my community. I have attached a brief article that summarizes the problem. A group representing themselves as the Lone Band of Miwok Indians is proposing to establish a tribal casino here in the City of Plymouth, Amador County. They make the claim that there is no local opposition to their plan: this is decidedly not true. Of the over 200 participants at our recent public hearing – with 27 speakers – only one person spoke out in favor of the casino. This community is wholeheartedly opposed to the casino. Local citizens have expressed a great variety of concerns, from the challenges that it poses for our already over-extended school system, to the very real shortage of water and sewage services, and including public safety and transportation issues; even, questions of moral turpitude.

Let us be clear on this point: **we do not want that casino.** We are quite content with the Jackson Rancheria's facilities and believe that one tribal casino is quite enough for this small, rural county.

Thank you for considering my comments. If I can be of any further assistance in this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully Yours,

John (Jack) King, Ph.D.

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COMMUNITY SCOPING SESSION**ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES REGARDING
THE PROPOSED PLYMOUTH INDIAN
CASINO**

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Introduction. The Ione Band of Miwok Indians, with their consultants, Ikon Group LLC, Lightning Rod Software, Inc., and Wilco Seven LLC, propose acquiring property in and adjacent to the City of Plymouth, Amador County, California, for the purpose of building a casino. No formal, written proposal has as yet been submitted for agency and public review; however, sufficient details have been provided in public statements that the following sketch can be established.

Up to 318 acres of land situated to the east of the historic Highway 49 have been identified for possible acquisition. Options have been purchased for 220 acres; but, either total is subject to change. The casino itself is to consist of a 120,000 SF building; which will either be constructed within the existing Shenandoah Inn or built in its place. The casino will have the upper legal limit of 2,000 gaming machines and 40 card tables. It is proposed that the overall facility will include a restaurant, coffee shop, saloon (lounge), video arcade, and a variety of commercial enterprises; as well as a child care center, medical clinic and offices; plus, a parking lot with 3,000 spaces. In addition, housing will be constructed for both tribal members and employees.

An informal gathering of concerned citizens was held on Wednesday, 11 June 2003; to review the proposal as described by its proponents at a special meeting of the Plymouth City Council (outlined above and reported in the **Amador Ledger Dispatch** on Friday, 2 May 2003). From this, the standard environmental initial assessment checklist was used to prepare a preliminary, community-based review of the proposed Plymouth Indian Casino. This was augmented by an analysis of existing land use plans and ancillary documents for the area; plus, a review of casino impact studies conducted elsewhere.

Participants in the workshop identified the following issues of concern. The reader should be reminded that this is only intended as an initial analysis. Doubtless other impacts will be identified with further study; and, of course, as the proposal takes tangible shape, many of these impacts will become quantifiable. Regardless, many of the potential impacts identified to date represent very serious issues; which, ultimately, will require the completion of a full Environmental Impact Statement in accordance with the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) should a formal development proposal be issued. The following format is organized to reflect the content that will be required in any eventual Environmental Impact Statement (EIA) as required under NEPA.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

I. AESTHETICS

- a) Pastoral Vista: the Plymouth area is blessed with a beautiful, rural landscape that stands to be obliterated by the proposed development.
- b) As it is now, Highway 49 qualifies as a Scenic Highway; however, the proposed project will require that it be converted into a five-lane highway, substantially reducing its appeal.
- c) Light/Glare: the casino will be open 24 hours a day; resulting in substantial lighting and glare at all seasons of the year.

II. AGRICULTURE RESOURCES

- a) The project will result in a conversion of farmland (ranch land) to non-agricultural use; contributing to the statewide decline in farmland (CDOC report).
- b) There will be a substantial loss of water that would otherwise be available to the nearby Sutter Homes vineyard (the City of Plymouth has an obligation to maintain water availability for Sutter Homes).

III. AIR QUALITY

- a) Excessive air pollution due to increases in vehicular traffic. This will directly violate existing air quality standards. We are already in violation of those standards.
- b) Temporary increase in ambient particulates due to construction. Some of these particulates may be toxic and/or disseminate disease.
- c) There is a possibility that the project will generate objectionable odors; depending on its sewage management program.

IV. BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES

- a) The project will directly cause the loss of local wildlife habitat and will interfere substantially with the migratory pathways of native wildlife.
- b) The project will result in a substantial loss of oak woodland; a declining and threatened natural resource.

V. GEOLOGY AND SOILS

- a) Buildings are to be located within the Foothill Fault System (specifically, right in the trace of the Melones Fault). While, technically, considered inactive, this system was responsible for the 1975 Oroville earthquake which resulted in halting work on the Auburn Dam (itself located within the fault).
- b) Toxic mining waste: 17 toxic chemicals have been identified on the surface of a nearby site (the Empire Mine). Mining waste is found on the property in question. Public exposure to these deposits is potentially hazardous; which includes danger from aerial, particulate matter carried into the air during construction.

VI. CULTURAL RESOURCES

- a) The City of Plymouth is under consideration as a Historical District. The project as proposed would adversely impact its significance.
- b) Only some of the property in question has been surveyed for historic and archaeological resources. A more thorough assessment will be necessary.

VII. HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

- a) What are the impacts on the nearby emergency heliport (Colburn Park)? Will an alternative site be provided? The project as described will result in a serious disruption to emergency services; including access for hazmat personnel.
- b) Adequacy of emergency evacuation routes (e.g., wildfire)? Will they prepare an emergency response plan? Has any consideration been given to the extent of roadways necessary to provide for emergency evacuation and public safety?
- c) Will sewage waste be trucked off-site? What precautions will be taken to ensure public safety from biomedical waste generated by the health center?
- d) The project as proposed threatens to expose residents and structures to significant losses due to wildfires.

VIII. HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY

- a) There will be a substantial depletion of groundwater supplies/recharge. This area is on a fractured, hardrock aquifer; which is much more difficult to manage than more conventional soil-based aquifers.
- b) There will be a disruption of groundwater movement; which results in much more unpredictable consequences given the hardrock nature of the aquifer.
- c) Existing water supplies are inadequate; there is a moratorium on local construction due to the existing lack of reliable water.
- d) May require trucking in of water and/or interbasin water transfer (latte requires federal authorization).

IX. LAND USE AND PLANNING

- a) The plan will result in a physical division of the local community. In effect, the City of Plymouth will have two functional centers at opposite ends of the area.
- b) The site of the proposed project is zoned agricultural and rural residential. The proposal is in direct violation of the Amador County General Plan and other land use plans and policies.

X. MINERAL RESOURCES

- a) This issue needs to be evaluated in light of the proposed Matulich development currently under review by the County of Amador.

XI. NOISE

- a) Area residents will be exposed to noise levels on a 24 hour a day basis – seven days a week - that are substantially in excess of current conditions and are in violation of the Amador County noise ordinance.
- b) Noise levels will undergo a substantial and permanent increase over pre-project standards.
- c) A substantial, temporary increase in ambient noise levels will occur during construction and subsequent expansions and/or remodeling.

XI. POPULATION AND HOUSING

- a) Tribal members alone – none now currently resident locally – will more than double the local population. Add resident employees; and population growth will be substantial and will be completely out of line with local and regional planning.

b) In general, Indian casinos result in a 10% loss of residential property values. The real estate market here is already depressed. This will cause further foreclosures and the loss of many, longterm residents.

XII. PUBLIC SERVICES

a) The project will directly lead to substantial impacts on local fire protection and law enforcement and will be especially devastating to the school system. A development of this size can be expected to add on the order of 520 children to the educational system: a huge increase and none of it is reimbursed through taxation.

b) Other impacted services include solid waste removal (the county dump is expected to close within a few years); and, the previously-mentioned water and waste water removal. Litter has always been found to increase substantially in the vicinity of Indian casinos; and, motor vehicle violations escalate significantly, straining local resources to the breaking point. Alcoholism, public intoxication and illicit drug use rates have all been established to increase in the vicinity of Indian casinos; leading to additional impacts on behavioral counseling and rehabilitation medical services and law enforcement.

c) The impacts associated with problem gambling are enormous. See **Social Impacts and Appendix 1** for further details.

XIII. RECREATION

a) It is probable that tribal members and employees will impose a substantial impact on the newly-created TEA roadside park. The City of Plymouth has just approved a new park program; which is likewise at risk.

b) The project proposes a community park with sports fields; which is to be located in the remotest area of the project site. This will require a thorough field survey; and, likely, will be many years in the planning stage (if, indeed, it proves feasible). Additional impacts can be associated with its remote, wildland location and rugged terrain. Furthermore, it is designated for one of two U. S. Bureau of Land Management parcels; both of which have prior mining claims and are not likely to be available without an independent EIS.

XIV. TRANSPORTATION/TRAFFIC

a) The plan will result in a substantial increase in traffic. Project proponents have admitted that an increase in personal vehicle use of 10,500 vehicles per day can be expected. This does not take into account the equally large increases in emergency and support vehicles. Trucks may have to haul 80,000 gallons of water each day onto the site; plus, additional trucking will be necessary for construction, solid waste and waste water removal and much more. Any road improvements designed to handle these capacities will be several years down the road; and, will require planning and environmental review

of their own. The increase in traffic is sufficient to create a permanent gridlock in and around the City of Plymouth; while also shutting out most access to Shenandoah Valley and Fiddletown.

b) Project traffic will conflict with a number of established uses of the public roads; such as livestock rotation; slow-moving trailers and the life of a rural, ranching community. Children still play in the streets here; and, this will overnight become a thing of the past. A significant, residential portion of the community (Chicken Flat) will become virtually cut-off and isolated from the rest of the community due to traffic volumes.

c) It is probable that the parking on the casino grounds will prove inadequate for visitation; at least during the initial years of operation. In the meanwhile, overflow vehicles will spill out into area streets and parking lots.

XV. UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS

a) New waste water facilities will either need to be built on-site or waste water will have to be trucked off-site. Currently, no provisions have been made for waste water management at this locale.

b) Available water supplies are woefully inadequate to support this development. Major new construction will be necessary to supply sufficient potable water to the site. As an interim measure, water may have to be trucked into the project area; adding to local traffic congestion and other problems.

c) The project lacks access to a sanitary landfill with sufficient permitted capacity to accommodate its solid wastes.

XVI. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE

a) The project has impacts that are cumulatively considerable. The growth-inducing potential, extreme increase in water requirements and waste disposal needs, the impacts on area public services, schools and transportation all threaten a cascade of adverse consequences that the local community is incapable of handling.

b) In itself, the project also has environmental effects which will cause substantial, irreversible effects on local citizens and the quality of life; both directly and indirectly. Some of these adverse impacts have been summarized in this document. As further information is made available by project proponents, it will become possible to quantify many of these impacts.

SOCIAL IMPACTS

Sufficient social impacts can be anticipated from the proposed project that, as mandated under NEPA, a separate study should be required to analyze the human or social impacts associated with the casino industry and gambling. The following is a summary of social impacts resulting from compulsive or pathological gambling. Studies of the impacts of specific casinos have found local bankruptcy, divorce and domestic abuse rates escalating immediately following casino opening; often to rates several times their prior levels. Please see **Appendix 1**.

Appendix 1.

Gambling's Impact on Families

by Ronald A. Reno

The tragedy of gambling addiction reaches far beyond the more than 15 million Americans¹ who are problem or pathological gamblers. Employers, work associates, friends, and taxpayers often pay a steep price as well. However, it is family members who bear the brunt of the pain and misery that accompanies this addiction. In addition to material deprivations, family members frequently experience the trauma of divorce, child abuse and neglect, and domestic violence.

Divorce

- In a survey of nearly 400 Gamblers Anonymous members, 28 percent reported being either separated or divorced as a direct result of their gambling problems.²
- The National Gambling Impact Study Commission reported that it received "abundant testimony and evidence that compulsive gambling introduces a greatly heightened level of stress and tension into marriages and families, often culminating in divorce and other manifestations of familial disharmony."³
- The number of divorces in Harrison County, Mississippi has nearly tripled since the introduction of casinos. The county, which is home to ten casinos, has averaged an additional 850 divorces per year since casinos arrived.⁴
- A nationwide survey undertaken for the National Gambling Impact Study Commission found that "respondents representing 2 million adults identified a spouse's gambling as a significant factor in a prior divorce."⁵

Child Abuse and Neglect

- The National Gambling Impact Study Commission reported: "Children of compulsive gamblers are often prone to suffer abuse, as well as neglect, as a result of parental problem or pathological gambling."⁶
- In Indiana, a review of the state's gaming commission records revealed that 72 children were found abandoned on casino premises during a 14-month period.⁷
- Children have died as a direct result of adult gambling problems. In Louisiana and South Carolina, children died after being locked in hot cars for hours while their caretakers gambled.⁸ An Illinois mother was sentenced to prison for suffocating her infant daughter in order to collect insurance money to continue gambling.⁹
- Cases of child abandonment at Foxwoods, the nation's largest casino in Ledyard, Conn., became so commonplace that authorities were forced to post signs in the casino's parking lots warning parents not to leave children in cars unattended.¹⁰

Domestic Violence

- According to the National Research Council, studies indicate that between one quarter and one half of spouses of compulsive gamblers have been abused.¹¹
- Case studies of 10 casino communities conducted for the National Gambling Impact Study Commission revealed that the majority of those communities witnessed increases in domestic violence relative to the introduction of casinos.¹²
- Domestic violence shelters on Mississippi's Gulf Coast reported increases in requests for assistance ranging from 100 to 300 percent after the introduction of casinos.¹³

- A University of Nebraska Medical Center study concluded that problem gambling is as much a risk factor for domestic violence as alcohol abuse.¹⁴
- Domestic violence murders in at least 11 states have been traced to gambling problems since 1996.¹⁵

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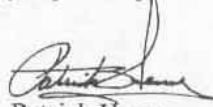
My wife and I recently became aware of the proposed Miwok Indian Gambling Casino to be located in and adjacent to the city of Plymouth. Since that time we have been researching the rapid growth and impact of Indian Gambling in the State of California. The Internet is (as usual) a wonderful source of information. We would encourage you to browse the following websites :
www.pressdemocrat.com/local/casino, www.californiaconnected.org, and www.gaamblingmagazine.com.

It appears that the negative impact of Indian Gambling far outweighs any positive aspects that might be considered. The sovereign nation status of Indian land placed into trust exempts them from local laws, ordinances, zoning, etc., while at the same time removing all taxes. The surrounding community (city and county) must continue to provide support needed for the casino to operate. Attachment 1 presents a partial list of the support infrastructure that will be needed to enable the proposed casino to operate. Any agreements between Plymouth, Amador County and the Miwok Indians must be permanently binding and inclusive to offset the independence provided by the sovereign status.

We therefore respectfully request that you strongly oppose construction of the Miwok Indian Gambling Casino project, NOW before it is too late to alter the events that will follow. Also, we believe it is essential that you join the Amador County Board of Supervisors who are trying to encourage our state Governor Gray Davis to veto the compact required to enable development of the casino.

Thank you for your dedicated service to the City of Plymouth.

Respectfully,



Patrick Henry
18210 Burke Drive
Plymouth, CA 95669

cc: Mario Biagi, 5th District Supervisor, Amador County
Rich Martin, Vice Mayor
Ryan Gillaspie, councilman
Gary Colburn, councilman
Darlene Estey, councilwoman

ATTACHMENT 1
COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE IMPACT

1. WATER*
2. SEWER*
3. ROADS*
4. SCHOOLS
5. HOSPITALS
6. DOCTORS
7. TELEPHONE
8. POWER
9. POLICE*
10. JUDICIAL SYSTEM*
11. JAILS & PRISONS*
12. STORES
13. DENTIST
14. WELFARE
15. UNEMPLOYMENT
16. DEFENSE
17. IMPORT TAXES
18. FIRE PROTECTION*
19. SECURITY
20. BORDER CONTROL & PATROL
21. EMERGENCY RESPONSE*
22. WATER STORAGE & TREATMENT*
23. ROAD MAINTENANCE*
24. TRAFFIC CONTROL*
25. PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION
26. ANIMAL CONTROL
27. LAW MAKING
28. PASSPORT PROCESSING & VISAS
29. CIVIL DEFENSE
30. LIBRARIES
31. MUSEUMS
32. PARKS & RECREATION
33. POSTAL SERVICE
34. BANKING SYSTEM
35. INCOME TAX PAYMENT
36. DUTY
37. LAND TAX LOSS
38. EXCISE TAX LOSS
39. LUXURY TAX LOSS
40. SALES TAX LOSS
41. CURRENCY
42. ALCOHOL TAX LOSS
43. GAS TAX LOSS (if a gas station is on reservation)
44. SOCIAL SECURITY
45. MEDICARE
46. MEDICAL
47. STANDARDS
48. AMBULANCE*
49. LICENSES (auto, alcohol, etc.)
50. GARBAGE*
51. INSURANCE

* Considered critical in
Amador county and
Plymouth

*C. M. Biagi
file*

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Honorable Gray Davis,
Governor of the State of California
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Davis:

Recently my wife and I became aware of the plans by the Miwok Indians to acquire neighboring property and construct a gambling casino in and adjacent to the city of Plymouth (Amador County). We are STRONGLY opposed to the development of this proposed casino. In just the past two weeks we have become very aware of other Indian casino developments and the strong opposition to this rapidly growing activity in our state. Our discovery that the proposed Plymouth gambling casino has been in the planning stage for more than a year and under closely guarded secrecy strongly suggests the Miwok's realization that this will be a very unpopular addition to our rural community. The impact of another casino in Amador County will greatly alter our peaceful rural atmosphere and negatively effect the infrastructure of our county. The detrimental effect to our roadways, water system, sewer, fire protection, law enforcement, hospitals, schools, etc., without the benefit of taxes paid would be significant, possibly devastating.

Our Amador County Supervisors have unanimously voted to oppose construction of the Plymouth Gambling Casino and we expect the City Council of Plymouth to also vote to oppose this project next week.

It would seem that the intent of the Federal Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 California's Prop 1A (1999) were to allow Indian Gambling Casinos on Indian reservation land, not on any land acquired by purchase, particularly when the purchase is financed by non-tribal vested interests.

We therefore respectfully request that you do not approve a compact with the Ione Band of Miwok Indians to develop a gambling casino in the Plymouth area of Amador County.

Sincerely,



Patrick Henry
18210 Burke Drive
Plymouth, CA 95669

cc: Selby Beck, Mayor of Plymouth
Alan Nakanishi, Assemblyman, 4th District
Rico Oller, Senator, 1st District
Mario Biagi, Supervisor, 5th District, Amador County

Office of the DISTRICT ATTORNEY

708 Court Street • Jackson CA 95642-2130

Please indicate Suite# on correspondence



Todd D. Riebe

District Attorney

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Ad Hoc Plymouth Casino Committee
Vice Chairman Mario Biagi
Supervisor Richard Forster
CAO Patrick Blacklock
John F. Hahn, County Counsel

FROM: Todd D. Riebe, District Attorney

DATE: November 10, 2003

RE: District Attorney Comments on Plymouth casino

The proposed Plymouth Casino Project would have a great impact upon the Amador County District Attorney's Office. The proposed casino will include a large gaming hall, up to a 250 room hotel and conference center, and will serve alcoholic beverages. The Jackson Rancheria Casino and Conference center, which does not serve alcohol, provides a model to use in assessing the anticipated impact that the proposed Plymouth Casino will have upon the District Attorney's Office.

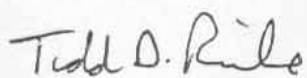
In 2003, CAO Patrick Blacklock asked our office to prepare an impact assessment for the Jackson Rancheria Casino and Conference Center. Our study revealed that in calendar year 2002, the District Attorney's Office filed 240 felonies and 1008 misdemeanors. Of these, there were 65 felony and 70 misdemeanor referrals from the Jackson Rancheria, representing 27% and 6.9% respectively, of the total criminal filings for 2002. Almost 11% of our office's entire criminal caseload in 2002 resulted from crimes committed at the Jackson Rancheria. The financial impact upon our office for investigating and prosecuting crimes committed at the Jackson Rancheria in 2002 was \$256,824. Pursuant to an agreement between the Jackson Rancheria and Amador County, our office currently receives \$162,000 to mitigate impact as a result of Casino operations.

As previously stated, the proposed Plymouth Casino and Conference Center will serve alcohol, which will likely increase both the number of crimes committed at the facility, and those committed by persons going to or coming from their facility. More importantly, from an administrative perspective, the Plymouth Casino will likely increase my office's caseload by at least 11%, and possibly more.

In the event that the proposed Plymouth Casino project and the proposed Buena Vista Casino project become a reality, the Amador District Attorney's Office will likely see more than 75% of total felony filings and over 20% of total misdemeanor filings coming from referrals for crimes committed on tribal lands. Based upon 2002 data, the anticipated financial impact to our office caused by 3 operational Indian gaming facilities would be at least \$750,000, representing one-third of our operational budget. Our office simply could not provide the same level of services to Amador County that our residents have come to expect and deserve without additional resources. In short, if we cannot mitigate the anticipated impact that Indian gaming causes to our community, the safety of the public will be compromised.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



TODD D. RIEBE
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

May 28, 2003

Gray Davis (D)
California State Governor
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

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AMADOR COUNTY, CA.

Subject: **No Casino in Plymouth – PLEASE!!!**

Honorable Gray Davis:

My husband and I are tax-paying residents of Amador County. Our mailing address is Plymouth, CA. We purchased here four years ago and love the peace this area brings to our lives. We are writing you to say, *most emphatically*, "**No Casino in Plymouth.**" In our small county of 31, 000 residents we already have the Jackson Rancheria which is operational and expanding, and there has been one other proposal in the Buena Vista area. That would impact our neighborhoods with three casinos. I believe the media demonstrates to us what is happening in other communities in our state.

We voted against gambling in California in general. The gambling industry although very lucrative is not healthy for economic stimulation; it diverts instead of divesting resources into our communities. Since our vote in the general election we look at a map of California doted with casinos from border to border, and wonder how long our California will be known for anything but casinos and gambling.

I don't want to cite all the controversies with respect to Indian Gaming here. All I want to say on behalf of my husband and myself at this time is "**NO CASINO.**"

We **DO NOT OPPOSE** the land grants to Indian tribes that rightfully and legally qualify for the grants. That is a separate issue. We **DO OPPOSE** how the tribal governments are not entertaining any other option for economic development other than gambling in CA. Most tribal governments overwhelming choose to contract the land they acquire with venture capitalist and developers who divert essential dollars from our communities into their own out of state, and maybe out of nation pockets. It is obvious that their interests are personal profit, and they are using those profits as a powerful voice in our local, state and federal government to the detriment of the tax paying public.


Our local elementary school, church, park, grocery market, hardware and gas station are all next to or within a mile of this the proposal in Plymouth. We have a peaceful, quiet, town; and, the development of vineyards surrounding our city has enhanced our community. A casino will not!

On a local level, traffic, water, sewage, pollution, economic development, and quality of life are all reasonable considerations that impact us as city and county residents. I quote information obtained from our county as follows:

- ❖ Traffic alone to the casino “would equate to **ten** times the total population of Plymouth.”
- ❖ Water, already a finite resource in our city, would divert an estimated “**60,000 to 80,000 gallons per day**” for the casino’s use.
- ❖ Sewage usage can be **demonstrated by the same estimates** above, when our systems are “already at capacity.”
- ❖ **Pollution does not mean air quality alone.** Noise levels, water quality, view of the night sky, and our general reputation, as a town, as well as our way of life here in Plymouth will all be seriously changed, forever!
- ❖ Economic burdens will only increase with more demands on our emergency services created by a daily volume of patrons to a casino. County records already **prove** what impact the Jackson Rancheria has had in Amador County thus far. And, we the taxpayers are paying for services that casino operations and the tribal community should cover, depriving us of funds that could be used to improve our communities here in Amador County, but they are a “sovereign community” a “government within a government.”
- ❖ My husband and I feel that Quality of Life will be in the hands of casino promoters, their investment dollars, and the profits they pull away from the city. Since the propositions hit our California ballots it has always been curious that the “deprived” tribes propose no other developments other than casinos. **I am not aware that developers solicit them any other way!**

I am a member of a growing group of concerned citizens here in Plymouth. **We do NOT want a casino in Plymouth.**

Respectfully,


The Lanes, Leeann and Bill

cc: George Bush (R), President of the United States, Washington, D.C.
Dianne Feinstein (D), U. S. Senator, Washington, D.C.
Barbara Boxer (D), U. S. Senator, Washington, D.C.
Doug Ose (R), U. S. Congressman, District 3
Rico Oller (R), Senator, 1st District, Sacramento, CA
Alan Nakaniski (R), Assemblyman 4th District
Mario Biagi, Amador County Board of Supervisors, Jackson, CA
Plymouth City Hall, Plymouth, CA

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Governor Gray Davis
State Capitol Building
980 9th Street, Ste. 1800
Sacramento, CA 95814

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Re: Casino in Plymouth, California

I implore you Governor Gray Davis to stop the proposed Casino to be Built in City of Plymouth. This is not an existing reservation; this group is purchasing land with the purpose of establishing a casino. I would not be apposed to a tribal homeland.

The impact on the City of Plymouth and surrounding areas will be devastating to our quality of life. Increase Traffic with a casino which will serve Alcohol, water issues, Sewage, schools, pollution because of traffic, and the economic impact generated by an Indian Casino which does not live by the same tax and labor laws as the existing business will dramatically change the quality of life which I now enjoy to a negative end. As a small county with one existing casino in Jackson and a second casino approved in lone we do not need a third casino established in Plymouth all with in 12 miles of each other.

Please Governor Gray Davis do not approve the Plymouth Casino.

Sincerely,

Susan M. Moore

Cc: Mario Biagi; John Colburn

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Plymouth City Council
City of Plymouth
P.O. Box 429
Plymouth, CA 95669

copy

Re: Casino in Plymouth

I implore the City council of Plymouth to take a stand against the proposed Casino to be placed in Plymouth. This is not an existing reservation this group is purchasing land with the purpose of establishing a casino. I would not be apposed to a tribal homeland.

The impact on the City of Plymouth and surrounding areas will be devastating to our quality of life. Increase Traffic with a casino which will serve Alcohol, water issues, Sewage, schools, pollution because of traffic, and the economic impact generated by an Indian Casino which does not live by the same tax and labor laws as the existing business will dramatically change the quality of life which I now enjoy to a negative end. As a small county with one existing casino in Jackson and a second casino approved in lone we do not need a third casino established in Plymouth all with in 12 miles of each other.

Please inform the Governor that the City of Plymouth does not want another Indian reservation established in our community for the soul purpose of building a Casino.

Sincerely,

Susan M. Moore

Cc: Mario Biagi; John Colburn

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Mario Biagi, Amador County Supervisor

Re: Lone Bend Miwok

Proposed Casino in Plymouth, CA

Dear Mr. Biagi;

As a resident of Amador County for 34 years, I've seen many changes but plans for yet another Indian Casino in this area is Bad, Bad News. How many is enough?? The Jackson Rancheria is continuing

to expand along with with come the problems that go along the traffic & total environmental conditions.

Not true, is their claim of no opposition. Please support the residents of our County by denying the Lone Bend of Miwok to open another Casino in Amador County.

Helen Henry

P.O. Bx 503

Pine Grove, CA. 95665

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Honorable Governor Gray Davis
Office of the Governor
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Davis,

This letter is to urge you to do everything in your power to disapprove ANOTHER Indian casino from being built in Amador County. We currently have a huge one and another proposed, and now ANOTHER!!!!

This proposed gaming complex would consist of a 120,000 square foot building to contain 2,000 gaming machines and 40 table games. The complex will have 3,000 parking spaces, a restaurant, buffet, 24 hour coffee shop, snack bar and retail area. In addition to the aforementioned, the complex will contain a multi-purpose entertainment, bingo, convention facility, meeting rooms, child care facility, video game arcade, offices and a lounge and bar area—all this in area of 122 acres.

Our residence, for over forty years, is across Highway 49 from the "proposed Indian" Casino. This casino property was purchased and plans made while the residents of properties surrounding the venture were not even notified; we first heard of it when we read it in the local paper!!

We are, and have been, registered voters in the state of California for as long as we have been allowed to vote. The people who are planning this are from Sacramento and those who will be contracted for the casino, are from MISSISSIPPI!!

Why is this "unrecognized tribe", who does not OWN Indian land, allowed to BUY land and construct an INDIAN casino????

The negative impact of this casino to ALL residents of Amador County, as well as to the State of California, are enormous. The additional funding that will be required for highway construction, police protection, utilities and pollution will be an unnecessary strain on all concerned. May we add, with no additional county or STATE taxes—Indians pay only Federal taxes!!!!

Water, which already proves to be an added expense and a shortage to all of Amador County's growing towns and rural areas. The proposed casino, by their own estimates, will need a minimum of 60,000 to 80,000 gallons per day. It seems an impossible task to provide that much water and the use is not to sustain life. If trucking water is necessary for this absurd usage; this small community cannot extend these resources and the cost would be exorbitant.

Many of us who live in and near this rural area, where this casino is proposed, depend on wells for our water supply—they will drain us dry and/or pollute our wells!

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Ione Band of Miwok Indians' Trust Acquisition and Casino Project, Amador County, CA

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), with the cooperation of the Ione Band of Miwok Indians and the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC), intends to gather information necessary to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for a proposed casino project to be located within the City of Plymouth in Amador County, California. The purpose of the proposed project is to help provide for the economic development of the Ione Band. This notice also announces a public scoping meeting to identify potential issues and content for inclusion in the EIS.

DATES: Comments on the scope and implementation of this proposal must arrive by December 8, 2003. The public scoping meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 19, 2003, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. or until the last comment is received.

ADDRESSES: You may mail or hand carry written comments to Mr. Clay Gregory, Acting Regional Director, Pacific Region, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, California 95825. The public scoping meeting will be held at the Amador County Fairgrounds, 18621 Sherwood and School Streets, Plymouth, California.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. William Allan, (916) 978-6043.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Ione Band of Miwok Indians proposes that 208.06+/- acres of land be taken into trust and that a casino, parking, hotel and other facilities supporting the casino be

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constructed on the trust acquisition property. The gaming facility would be managed by IKON Group, LLC on behalf of the tribal government, pursuant to the terms of a management agreement between the tribal government and IKON Group, LLC. The BIA serves as the Lead Agency for

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) compliance, with the NIGC, which is responsible for approval of the gaming management contract, acting as a Cooperating Agency.

The project site is located immediately east of Highway 49, and is within 2 1/2 miles of State Highway 16. The City of Placerville is located approximately 20 miles north of the project site, which is also accessible from State Highway 49. The project site consists of 10 parcels of land totaling 208.06+/- acres. Eight of the 10 parcels (10.28+/- acres) are located within the City of Plymouth, while the remaining 2 parcels (197.78+/- acres) are located on unincorporated land within Amador County.

Phase I of the Proposed Action includes the development of a 120,000+/- square foot casino complex, which would consist of a porte cochere, main gaming hall, food and beverage services, retail space, and administration space. Approximately 65,000 square feet of this building space would be devoted to the main gaming hall, while the balance of the facility would include administration space, small retail shops and food/beverage facilities and a small gift and art shop. The entire complex would be built on land currently within the City of Plymouth. Primary access to the casino complex would be via State Highway 49.

Phase II of the Proposed Action includes the construction of a hotel (250 rooms maximum), which will include small conference style facilities together with food and beverage services. The proposed hotel would also be fitted with a dual plumbing system for the use of potable and recycled water. In addition, site parking would be increased to supply adequate parking for hotel and conference patrons. The hotel is anticipated to be operational no sooner than the middle of year 3-4 of the project. Primary vehicle access to the hotel would be provided by the main casino and surface-parking driveway.

Areas of environmental concern to be addressed in the EIS include land use, geology and soils, water resources, agricultural resources, biological resources, cultural resources, mineral resources, paleontological resources, traffic and transportation, noise, air quality, public health/environmental hazards, public services and utilities, hazardous materials and waste/worker safety, socio-economics, environmental justice, and visual resources/aesthetics. The range of issues addressed may be expanded based on comments received during the scoping process.

Public Comment Availability

Comments, including names and addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the mailing address shown in the ADDRESSES section, during regular business hours, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish us to withhold your name and/or address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. We will not, however, consider anonymous comments. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

Authority

This notice is published in accordance with section 1503.1 of the Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 CFR parts 1500 through 1508) implementing the procedural requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.), and the Department of the Interior Manual (516 DM 1-6), and is in the exercise of authority delegated to the Assistant Secretary--Indian Affairs by 209 DM 8.

Dated: October 9, 2003.

Aurene M. Martin,
Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary--Indian Affairs.
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Senator Rico Oller
Senator, 1st District
State Capitol, Room 2048
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Proposed Indian Gaming Casino in Plymouth

Dear Senator Oller,

In the last few months we have sent you letters regarding our concerns over the Proposed Indian Gaming Casino in Plymouth. We are very grateful that you have joined us, and the Amador County Board of Supervisors in opposition.

This letter is to bring you up to date and again ask for your assistance.

Recently the City of Plymouth conducted an official survey of the residents of the City of Plymouth. The results were an overwhelming majority (>70%) against the Casino. Despite the opposition of the citizens of the City of Plymouth, the surrounding communities and the County, the Council voted 2 to 1 to support the Casino.

As recently as last night the Consultant of the Ikon Group, the investors in this project urged the City Council to move forward to create a Memorandum of Understanding with the Ione Band of Miwuk Indians. There is every indication that the City of Plymouth will complete this within the next couple of weeks, and prior to any Environmental Impact Studies being conducted.

The City Council has repeatedly advised that they have no more facts regarding the Proposed Casino than the Citizenry. They have let us know that they think that if they don't negotiate with the Ione Band of Miwuk Indians they will be left with nothing for the City of Plymouth since there is a very common feeling that this Proposed Casino is a "done deal", despite the fact that the land in question is not a reservation and to date no Compacts have been signed by the Governor.

A great number of us in the City as well as the surrounding area feel we are in the hands of a City Council who are making decisions that will adversely impact our quality of life. Some of the Citizens of Plymouth are in the process of attempting to recall the Council members who are not representing the majority of the Citizens who are in opposition to the Casino.

We currently find ourselves at a loss as to how to proceed and how to protect ourselves against the negative impacts that will effect our homes and lives if this Casino project becomes a reality. We apparently have no voice and our wishes and concerns are blatantly ignored.

Any assistance and guidance you can provide will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



Irene Freitas
18800 Burke Drive
Plymouth, CA 95669
209-245-3512



Arlene Reeves
10500 Fiddletown Rd
Plymouth, Ca 95669

cc: Supervisor Mario Biagi

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AMADOR COUNTY, CA.

May 22, 2003

Mike Carey
Superintendent of Schools
Amador County Unified School District
217 Rex Ave.
Jackson, CA 95642

Re: Board of Supervisors' Opposition to Proposed Casino in Plymouth

Dear Mr. Carey,

Enclosed is a package of letters opposing the proposed casino in Plymouth. Letters were sent to the cities and the Governor. Also enclosed is the Board of Supervisors Resolution and the minutes pertaining to this subject. We are seeking the support of the Amador County Unified School District at this time.

Please call me if you have any questions.

Yours very truly,

Louis Boitano
Chairman of the Board of Supervisors

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OFFICE OF THE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT

Gale A. Norton
Secretary of the Interior
1849 C Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20240

Subject: Casino For Ione Band of Miwok Indians (Plymouth, Amador County)

Dear Secretary Norton:

A group of Indians alleging to represent the Ione Band of Miwok Indians ("Tribe") has proposed, primarily through an out-of-State promoter, to acquire approximately 208 acres of land in Amador County not now owned by the Tribe on which to place a tribal casino, retail businesses, a hotel, non-tribal housing, and other facilities (collectively the "Casino"). Ten acres of the proposed acquisition are located in the City of Plymouth and 198 in the adjacent unincorporated area of Amador County. The Board of Supervisors of Amador County has taken a position that the establishment of the Casino would have significant, adverse impacts on the County and opposes the acquisition.

The Board of Supervisors urgently requests that you intercede with the Bureau of Indian Affairs to prevent the Tribe's acquisition of the land and the construction and operation of the Casino. The information the Board has received and transmits herein is quite damning to the Tribe's application and the Board of Supervisors requests that you require the BIA to ascertain the truth of this information before any further action is taken on the Tribe's application. The reasons and the information are set forth herein.

1. The Board of Supervisors has never seen any evidence that the land proposed for the Casino has ever been Indian land or that there has ever been a historical connection between the Tribe and the Plymouth area. The Tribe has (at best) acquired options to purchase land for this allegedly landless Tribe. The Board of Supervisors has been informed that many if not most of the Tribe's members are not Amador County residents but were recruited by the promoter to vote for the Casino. The Tribe and some of its members own land in Amador County in another location; the Tribe is not landless. The Board of Supervisors believes that the lack of historic connection bars the Tribe from acquiring the proposed land. The Board of Supervisors requests that you require the BIA to produce what evidence it has of the historical connection between the Plymouth area and the Tribe so as to justify the Tribe's acquisition of the land.

2. Some long-time local Tribal members are not affiliated with those who seek to open the Casino and do not support it. Thus, the Board believes, there is an internal dispute over the membership of the Tribe and support for the Casino. The Board of Supervisors understands that there is even a conflict as to who composes the governing body of the Tribe and may speak for it.

The Board of Supervisors asks that the BIA make no decision and indeed not process the Tribe's application until that dispute is settled. The Board of Supervisors requests that you direct the BIA to produce all documents relating to whom the BIA recognizes as the tribal council and any conflict about its composition and recognition.

3. Amador County already has one very large Indian casino, the Jackson Rancheria casino, located about 12 miles from Plymouth. Another Indian casino has been approved for the Buena Vista area of the County near the Amador-San Joaquin County line also about 12 miles from Plymouth. Amador County has a population of 31,000 people (excluding State inmates and wards); Plymouth has a population of about 950. Amador County and certainly Plymouth are simply too small to accommodate another casino. The attraction of having two or even three casinos within such a short driving radius will have an overwhelming and obviously negative impact on the people who live here.

4. Amador County taxpayers are currently subsidizing in direct hard costs the Jackson Rancheria casino through the County's general fund in the amount of approximately \$680,000 annually. That is because the Jackson Rancheria casino has on-site impacts borne by the County for which the casino does not pay, such as increased costs for the Sheriff's Office, District Attorney's Office, Public Defender, Probation Office, and Social Services. That amount does not include indirect costs from off-site arrests, crimes, prosecutions and social services required to service the casino's patrons. The addition of the second and third casinos would geometrically increase that taxpayer subsidy. The District Attorney reports that eleven percent of the District Attorney's entire 2002 criminal caseload and 27 percent of felony cases resulted from crimes committed at the Jackson Rancheria (which does not serve alcohol to its gaming patrons; the Casino plans to serve alcohol to all of its patrons).

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November 12, 2003

Governor Pete Wilson
Distinguished Visiting Fellow
Hoover Institute
Stanford University
Stanford, CA 94305-6010

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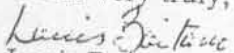
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November 12, 2003

Governor Elect Arnold Scharzenegger
Schwarzenegger Transition Office
770 L. Street
Sacramento, CA 95814-3325

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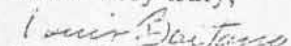
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May 21, 2003

The Honorable Gray Davis
Governor of the State of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, Ca 95814

Subject: Compact For Casino For Ione Band of Miwok Indians (Plymouth, Amador County)

Dear Governor Davis:

A group of Indians calling themselves the Ione Band of Miwok Indians ("Tribe") has proposed, primarily through a promoter, to acquire approximately 300 acres of land not owned by the Tribe both in the City of Plymouth and in the adjacent unincorporated area of Amador County on which to place a tribal casino, retail businesses, housing, and other tribal facilities. The Casino itself will be located in the City. Yesterday the Board of Supervisors of Amador County adopted a resolution stating its opinion that the establishment of the Casino would have significant, even grotesque, adverse impacts on the County. The resolution is attached.

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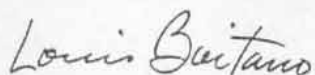
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Representatives of the Board of Supervisors stand ready to meet with you or your staff at any time to review this matter with your office. In the meantime, the Board urges you in the strongest possible terms to prevent this unmitigatable disaster from occurring in Amador County.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Louis Boitano
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**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
COUNTY OF AMADOR, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

IN THE MATTER OF:)
RESOLUTION OPPOSING CASINO) RESOLUTION NO. 03-236
IN PLYMOUTH)

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Amador, State of California, that said Board does hereby oppose the State of California's and the United States Government's permitting of a casino in the City of Plymouth on land proposed to be purchased by the Ione Band of Miwok Indians or any other tribe ("Casino") for the reasons herein set forth.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign this resolution on behalf of the County of Amador.

The foregoing resolution was duly passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Amador at a regular meeting thereof, held on the 20th day of May 2003, by the following vote:

AYES: Louis D. Boitano, Mario Biagi, Rich F. Escamilla, Richard M. Forster, and
Richard P. Vinson

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Louis D. Boitano

Chairman, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

MARDELL ANDERSON, Clerk of the
Board of Supervisors, Amador County,
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Jennifer Beems
Deputy

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November 12, 2003

Mr. Dale Riesling
Bureau of Indian Affairs
Central California Agency
650 Capitol Mall
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: County of Amador's Comments on Ione Band of Miwok Indians' Proposal for Acquisition of Trust Land and Operation of a Casino (Plymouth, Amador County)

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Mr. Philip Hogan
Chairman, National Indian Gaming Commission
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Washington, D.C. 20005

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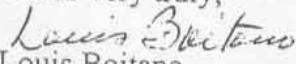
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November 12, 2003

Ruben Barrales
Deputy Assistant to the President and
Director of Intergovernmental Affairs
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Subject: Casino For Ione Band of Miwok Indians (Plymouth, Amador County)

Dear Mr. Barrales:

Vice Chairman Mario Biagi asked me to send to you this letter because a group of Indians alleging to represent the Ione Band of Miwok Indians ("Tribe") has proposed, primarily through an out-of-State promoter, to acquire approximately 208 acres of land in Amador County not now owned by the Tribe on which to place a tribal casino, retail businesses, a hotel, non-tribal housing, and other facilities (collectively the "Casino"). Ten acres of the proposed acquisition are located in the City of Plymouth and 198 in the adjacent unincorporated area of Amador County. The Board of Supervisors of Amador County has taken a position that the establishment of the Casino would have significant, adverse impacts on the County and opposes the acquisition.

The Board of Supervisors urgently requests that you intercede with the Bureau of Indian Affairs on behalf of the County to prevent the Tribe's acquisition of the land and the construction and operation of the Casino. The information the Board has received and transmits herein is quite damning to the Tribe's application and the Board of Supervisors requests that you aid the Board of Supervisors in ascertaining its truth and in stopping the BIA's processing of the Tribe's proposal. The reasons are set forth herein.

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2. Some long-time local Tribal members are not affiliated with those who seek to open the Casino and do not support it. Thus, the Board believes, there is an internal dispute over the membership of the Tribe and support for the Casino. The Board of Supervisors understands that

there is even a conflict as to who composes the governing body of the Tribe and may speak for it. The Board asks that the BIA make no decision and indeed not process the Tribe's application until that dispute is settled.

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May 21, 2003

C. Sutter Creek
P.O. Box 106
Sutter Creek, CA 95685

Subject: Board of Supervisors' Opposition to Proposed Casino in Plymouth

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May 21, 2003

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P.O. Box 805
Plymouth, CA 95669

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May 21, 2003

City of Ione
P.O. Box 398
Ione, CA 95640

Subject: Board of Supervisors' Opposition to Proposed Casino in Plymouth

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P.O. Box 200
Amador City, Ca 95601

Subject: Board of Supervisors' Opposition to Proposed Casino in Plymouth

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May 21, 2003

City Council
City of Jackson
33 Broadway
Jackson, CA 95642

Subject: Board of Supervisors' Opposition to Proposed Casino in Plymouth

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AGENDA: (0051/1A) Chairman Boitano acknowledged receipt of the following requests justifying the necessity for the Board to take actions on matters not on the posted agenda:

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MOTION: It was moved by Supervisor Forster, seconded by Supervisor Biagi, and unanimously carried to approve the agenda for this date, as amended above.

PUBLIC MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA: This time has been set aside for discussion items only; therefore, no actions can be taken. Any person may address the Board on any subject within their jurisdiction; however, any matter that requires action may be referred to staff and/or a Committee for a report and recommendation for possible action at a subsequent Board meeting.

At this time Chairman Boitano requested a moment of silence in honor of fallen veterans in light of the upcoming Memorial Day Holiday.

Voting Modernization Board: (0327/1A) Mr. Sheldon Johnson, Amador Clerk Recorder, addressed the Board at this time and advised pursuant to actions taken by the Voting Modernization Board (VMB) at their May 14, 2003 meeting, the application for funding submitted by the County was approved in the amount of \$335,363.98. He stated the next step of the process to receive funds if the County will need to file a Project Documentation Plan which should describe what system the County plans to purchase as well as other detailed information. He noted the Plan must be filed no later than January 1, 2005 in order to retain the funding allocation. Mr. Johnson stated he and Mr. George Allen as well as a selected Committee will research and inspect polling places in the County to inspect handicap accessibility. He noted at the conclusion of that research a Plan will be developed and submitted. Mr. Johnson thanked the Board for their support relative to this matter.

CONSENT AGENDA: (0427/1A)

MOTION: It was moved by Supervisor Biagi, seconded by Supervisor Vinson, and unanimously carried to approve the consent agenda for this date, as amended above (see page xxxx).

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

Indian Casino Impacts: (0447/1A) Supervisor Biagi, addressed the Board at this time and

reviewed a draft resolution that was included in Board packets for this date. He stated the purpose of the resolution is to outline impacts of Indian Gaming casino's in this County. He stated the impacts of this proposed casino would be horrendous, including but not limited to traffic, crime, air pollution and quality of life. Supervisor Biagi stated in his opinion this County cannot handle the cumulative affects of another casino. He stated if this casino is approved it will be the third in the County and reminded those present that the Casino to be located in the Buena Vista area is progressing. He added the tribe has achieved a compact with the Bureau of Indian Affairs and will be moving forward as soon as a determination is made as to the actual legitimate tribal leader. Supervisor Biagi advised he has received on an average of 15-20 telephone calls per day in opposition of this casino, as well as numerous letters from citizens expressing concern and opposition relative to negative impacts the casino will bring. He also stated according to the Amador County Transportation Commission the traffic impacts would require addition lanes be added on Highway 16 into Plymouth to accommodate the traffic impacts. In addition Supervisor Biagi noted the City of Plymouth is not able to accommodate the additional water and sewer needs the Casino would require, as the current plant is at maximum capacity at this time.

Supervisor Forster addressed the Board at this time and stated quality of life for the residents of Amador County is a great concern to him if this casino should develop. He stated traffic issues will also present a serious impact. He also mentioned water supplies will not be adequate to serve the casino until such time the Amador transmission pipeline is constructed and in place. At this time, however, the Water Agency could not honor the commitment of water to the casino. He noted the pipeline issue is currently in litigation and it is unknown what the outcome will be. Supervisor Forster also mentioned another significant issue to be addressed is the reimbursement from the State Gaming Fund. He stated casino's are required to put a certain amount of funds into the Gaming Fund to help counties mitigate local impacts of the Casino. However, Supervisor Forster stated with the State Budget crisis this year it will be unlikely any reimbursements will be received by the County. Therefore, having stated the above opinion, Supervisor Forster stressed he adamantly opposes the development of a Casino in the Plymouth area.

At this time, Chairman Boitano opened the floor to allow members of the public present to voice opinions related to this issue.

Mr. Jim Edmonds, Amador County resident, stated he lives in the New York Ranch Road area and has been severely impacted by the Jackson Rancheria Casino. He apprized the Board of two recent accidents on Ridge Road as a result of casino traffic, and expressed his frustration related to the issue. He stated this has been an ongoing problem and continues to intensify. He advised the problems that are suspected to occur in the Plymouth area have been experienced by the residents in the Ridge Road and New York Ranch Area for some time, and continue to pose serious impacts in that area.

Mr. Phillip Smith, Willow Creek resident, spoke on behalf of several (unidentified) neighbors, by expressing opposition to the casino development, and also mentioned the casino has a plan of serving alcoholic beverages which will only exacerbate traffic and crime issues.

Mr. Kenneth Martin stated he and his wife live across the canyon from the proposed casino site in the Drytown Basin. He advised he will be severely impacted by the proposed casino from not only noise and lights but by traffic. He stated he and his wife are also concerned about property tax, and are upset that their tax dollars are being diverted to subsidize a gambling operation. He stated he is in support of Supervisor Biagi, and adamantly opposes the proposed development.

Mr. Dean Grubb, lives across from proposed Casino site and advised he also stands in support of Supervisor's Biagi and Forster and strongly opposes the development of the casino. He stated he and his wife recently relocated to this area from Solano County and are very worried that the pristine environment in the area will be lost forever as soon as the developer breaks ground. He stated once this happens it will not be possible to return to the beautiful surroundings he moved here to enjoy.

Ms. Rosemary Wreaks, Shenandoah Valley resident, stated she and here husband are in direct opposition of the proposed casino. She also reminded the Board the proposed casino site is within one mile of the Plymouth Elementary School and she does not feel it appropriate for children to pass the Casino each day.

Ms. Julie Lyman, Plymouth resident, stated she is representing the young families of the City of Plymouth who are adamantly opposed to the proposed casino for a number of reasons including those previously mentioned, but also the impacts on local schools and the quality of life in such a small family oriented community. She stated a casino in the Plymouth area would defeat every reason she and here husband chose to return to the area to raise their children.

Mr. Walter Dimmers, Plymouth area resident, stated he strongly supports the opposition to the proposed Plymouth Casino for all of the reasons previously stated, but also expressed he lives across the canyon from the proposed site and the lights from the casino and parking lot will shine directly into his living room. He also noted costs associated with the development as well as the complete degradation of quality of life are serious impacts to be considered.

Mr. Cheryl Finch, Willow Creek resident, commented on the traffic issue's by stating she is involved with horses, as well as are several of her neighbors in the Willow Creek area and the County. She stated it is very common to see vehicles pulling some sort of livestock trailer or equipment on Highway 16. She opined that people unfamiliar with the practices of citizens in this area do not have the patience for trailers or ranchers moving animals, and the increase of traffic as a result of this casino will undoubtedly result in serious accidents involving not only people but livestock as well. She also commented that her daughters often ride horses on BLM land directly

behind the proposed site and questioned whether or not that issue has been looked into. Also, she noted people may have a tendency to utilize area "backroads" instead of Highway 16 in an effort to avoid some of the traffic. She stated it is a common practice for local ranchers to move cattle to different pastures and have several animals in the road while attempting this chore, and although local people are familiar with this practice and will wait for the road to be clear, she fears people coming in from out of the area may not know what to do if they should come upon livestock in the roadway.

At this time Supervisor Biagi clarified a rumor that has recently been circulated wherein it has been stated Supervisor Forster and himself are opposed to this casino because they would like it to be moved into the county instead of the city limits of Plymouth. He strongly advised that assumption is a serious untruth and reiterated the strong opposition of this casino on behalf of himself and Supervisor Forster regardless of the location.

Ms. Pat Martin, Plymouth resident, thanked the Board on behalf of the Playground Committee for their donation of funds toward the plans for the playground in Plymouth. In addition however, she noted she is very concerned about the development of a casino in the Plymouth area and stands strongly opposed to the development.

Ms. Elida Malick, Plymouth resident, commented on a recent meeting between the Casino representatives and Plymouth business owners, by stating contrary to the opinion of some members of the meeting who believe the development of the Casino will aid in transforming Plymouth into an area much like that of surrounding metropolitan areas, the vast majority of people in this County see value in the family oriented type of lifestyle that exists here. She added a tremendous focus is placed on the rearing of our children and the County Fair, a ballpark in town, easy access to schools and things that bring the Community together and not suspicious of strangers and a criminal element that may be entering the Community. She also commented on a myth relative to increasing property values by stating she has been personally advised by four long term, contributing members of the City of Plymouth that they will definitely relocate if this casino is developed. In addition she has knowledge of one real estate transaction that has fallen through because of the proposed casino plan. In conclusion, she commented on a statement that was made at the meeting regarding the prosperity of local businesses if the casino should come to fruition by reminding those present that in order for the casino to prosper representatives will provide eating and drinking establishments within the Casino in order to attract customers. Therefore, she noted not many people will be leaving the Casino to eat or drink at establishments within the City. She also distributed a signed petition and two additional letters of opposition, as well as a letter from Senator Oller in opposition. Ms. Malick concluded by stating she will support the Board in opposing the casino project.

Mr. Bill Admire, Previtalli Road resident, stated this casino will affect the whole County and not be isolated only to Plymouth. He voiced his opposition and advised he communicated his opinion to the Governor's office via E-mail and provided a copy to the Board Clerk for the record.

He noted the addition of another casino would stress current services to residents and in his opinion would be "overkill" in such a small proximity.

Mr. Gary Colburn, Plymouth resident and City Councilmember, addressed the Board at this time and stated having been one of the parties that possibly unknowingly sold property to the casino investors, he is required to step down from his seat on the Plymouth City Council when this item is heard. He did, however, stated he wanted the people of Amador County to know that he worked in the casino industry for twenty seven (27) years and advised there are several positive and negative impacts surrounding the casino business. He stated he enjoys living in Plymouth and Amador County, and finds all of the arguments presented thus far make sense, however he implored the people of Amador County not to lose sight of the issues in the Shenandoah Valley surrounding the winery ordinance in the midst of the casino development negotiations.

Mr. Bruce Thomson, Carbondale area resident, pointed out the effects gambling can have on a person's lifestyle and choices by describing an individual who spent all of his earnings on gambling only to end up homeless and without transportation. He stated he and his wife stand firmly against the casino development, and advised his wife has designed a website in opposition which can be found at www.nocasinoinplymouth.com.

Ms. Janine Oneto echoed all previously stated impacts and strongly opposes any casino development in the Plymouth area.

Mr. Dick Moody, consultant for the casino project, addressed the Board at this time. He stated twenty one (21) days ago he appeared before the Board of Supervisors to enlighten those present of the proposed casino site, at that time, an Ad Hoc Committee was formed to investigate the impacts that could occur with the development of the project and meet with consultants and staff to possibly work on mitigation strategies for the impacts. However, Mr. Moody stated a meeting such as this has not yet transpired, although Supervisor Biagi has appeared on local television, and provided statements to the media that he is adamantly opposed to this project and urging people to attend future meeting where the casino issue will be discussed to voice their opposition. Mr. Moody noted Supervisor Biagi has never allowed this federally recognized tribe the same opportunity that the Board has allowed other tribes in the county. He stated his staff had also collected signatures in the City of Plymouth at a recent town event, and reported five pages each were collected for and against this project. Mr. Moody pointed out that the Board members each took an oath to uphold the Constitution of the State of California wherein it is allowable for Indians to game on their property. Therefore, Mr. Moody stated he is only asking that the Ione Tribe be given the same opportunity as the other two tribes in the area. He continued by stating he does not feel it is fair to use the media when you are a member of an Ad Hoc Committee and are looking for ways to represent all people in the County. Mr. Moody advised he spoke to members of the Fair Board who suggested working with the Amador Transportation Commission (ACTC) on traffic issues, as traffic is definitely an issue that will need to be mitigated. He stated he appreciated this advice and thanked

the particular Fair Board members for the suggestion, and commented that this is exactly how the process should proceed, with representatives researching the issues at hand. However, he said if an individual supervisor is going to make a determination, then the position of the ACTC would be a moot point. Mr. Moody continued by stating his staff would like to work with the county water, sewer and public safety Departments to mitigate concerns. In conclusion Mr. Moody stated all he is expecting is a fair chance to proceed with what the State Constitution allows. He feels the proposed resolution in opposition is very premature and borders on discrimination against the tribe that asked for equal opportunity.

Supervisor Biagi responded by stating Amador County does not have a water or sewer department and Mr. Moody's intention to meet with those entities is a moot point. In addition, existing casino's that have been approved by both the State and Federal Governments were approved on historical tribal lands. He stated the proposition of the consultant is to purchase land off reservation, which is an entirely different situation. He stated his personal opposition is an opposition for the entire County, which he noted is his right as a Supervisor. Supervisor Biagi also noted the letter sent to the Governor by Mr. Moody to achieve a compact indicated no local opposition was evident by the City or the County, which is a totally false statement.

Mr. Moody responded by stating at the time the letter was sent those were correct statements to his knowledge and in addition, the tribe in question is a landless tribe and has a right to purchase reservation land.

Supervisor Biagi stated that is a legal issue that will be addressed later.

Mr. Walter Dimmers stated it is very important to sort fact from fiction in these discussions by keeping in mind that the tribe does not currently own the property in question, but is in negotiations for purchase at this time. He urged the Board and the public to be very careful in understanding exactly what is being said.

Mr. Joe Rohde, Plymouth area resident, echoed all previous impacts mentioned, and stated the Board has a responsibility to its citizens. He added however, the people who will profit from this development are not citizens of Amador County, therefore the Board should protect the citizens that are here now, and not people coming in to try and make money and exploit a community because of its perceived lack of ability to defend itself.

Supervisor Forster stated he has spoken to Fair Board members, and since they are a State body, they do not wish to take a position on this issue, however most do not support this development. He pointed out the traffic situation during the four day run of the Amador County Fair, and noted that would be what the traffic situation would be several days a week if this casino moves forward. However, Supervisor Forster agreed with Mr. Moody by stating if the tribe is recognized, they are and can be approved through the State of California, but it is the obligation of the Board to

consider the negative impact on this county based on experience with the Jackson Rancheria. He stated the Board needs to look at the big picture and consider the financial situation, the non reimbursement of funds and all issues that are not being mitigated.

Chairman Boitano stated although the constitution may allow tribes to develop gaming facilities on their own land, morally Amador County does not need or want another casino.

Mr. Gary Colburn, Plymouth resident and Councilmember, defended the position of Mr. Moody by stating it was a true statement when the request for compact letter was mailed to the governor. He stated no "known" opposition to the casino project was apparent at that time, however today he could not write that same letter. In addition, he commented on the Buena Vista Casino project wherein the Board is not adamantly opposing that development. He stated that casino is in Amador County, thereby allowing all revenues to come to the county, in contrast to the proposed casino in Plymouth where all revenues would go to the City. Mr. Colburn stated it is his understanding when casino's were first established in California a lot of issues were left unaddressed, and although the County is not currently receiving reimbursement from the Jackson Rancheria, it is not to say an arrangement could not be made in the future via contracts, etc. that would ensure revenues would be received.

Supervisor Biagi responded to Mr. Colburn by stating the City of Plymouth may have impacts on water, sewer and traffic, however additional impacts will be felt by the County.

MOTION: It was moved by Supervisor Biagi, seconded by Supervisor Forster, and unanimously carried to approve the foregoing resolution in opposition of the proposed Casino Project in the Plymouth area, and authorize distribution of the resolution to all Cities within the County as well as the Governor and local legislators.

RESOLUTION NO. 03-237

Resolution opposing the State of California's and the United States Government's permitting of a casino in the City of Plymouth on land proposed to be purchased by the Ione Band of Miwok Indians or any other tribe.

Kirkwood Specific Plan: (1875/1B) Ms. Susan Grijalva, Planning Director, stated revised alternative E resolution and conditions. Request for clarification of motion was received as confusion as to the concept was presented.

Supervisor Vinson clarified the motion by stating the elevations,

Chairman Boitano, and Biagi stated the motion is clear.

BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
COUNTY OF AMADOR, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF:)
RESOLUTION OPPOSING CASINO) RESOLUTION NO. 03-237
IN PLYMOUTH)

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Amador, State of California, that said Board does hereby oppose the State of California's and the United States Government's permitting of a casino in the City of Plymouth on land proposed to be purchased by the Ione Band of Miwok Indians or any other tribe ("Casino") for the reasons herein set forth.

1. The Casino itself is located within the City of Plymouth ("Plymouth") with most of the remaining tribal activities proposed to be in the surrounding unincorporated portion of Amador County ("County"), so that both Plymouth and the County are impacted by the Casino.

2. There is already in existence in the County one very large casino, on the Jackson Rancheria, and another planned for the Buena Vista area in the County. Three casinos in a county with a population of 31,000 people (excluding State inmates and wards) create cumulative impacts that adversely affect County citizens and the County government.

3. Plymouth is located at the threshold of the Shenandoah Valley, an increasingly popular tourist destination because of its world-class vineyards and wineries. On weekends particularly State Highway 49 and State Highway 16, together forming the route to the Casino and to the Shenandoah Valley, will be clogged with traffic, with the vehicle trips estimated for the Casino alone to be ten times the total population of Plymouth. Said Casino traffic will cause gridlock on Highways 16 and 49. Air pollution from grid locked vehicles will significantly alter air quality in and around Plymouth.

4. Neither Plymouth nor the County can supply the Casino with water. Plymouth's water supply consists of a 17 mile open ditch that often fails to deliver water and wells on which the State Department of Health has declined to base Plymouth's growth.

5. Sewage treatment and disposal is inadequate for Plymouth currently and there is no capacity or space to add the Casino's sewage to it.

6. The County's experience with the Jackson Rancheria casino is that the casino attracts patrons some of whom commit crimes both on and off the casino premises so that the County's law

enforcement facilities are over burdened. That includes the Sheriff's Office, the District Attorney's Office, the Amador County Detention Facility (which is already generally at 100 percent capacity), and the Public Defender's Office. The County Government estimates that County taxpayers subsidize the Jackson Rancheria casino by nearly a million dollars annually for just those services. An additional casino in Plymouth will add to that subsidy by local taxpayers.

7. The County is not guaranteed any income from the Casino to offset the financial impacts therefrom.

8. The County has not been able to demonstrate that the Jackson Rancheria casino's patrons spend money in the County except at the casino, so that there is no benefit to County businesses from the presence of one casino, let alone two more. In fact, the Casino has plans for substantial commercial development around the Casino, which will devastate local businesses because tribal businesses don't collect sales tax and are not subject to the same labor laws as competing local businesses.

9. The Lone Bank of Miwok Indians has no connection to the land in and around Plymouth it has proposed to acquire on which to put the Casino and other tribal facilities. This is a blatant attempt to open a Casino on non-tribal land for the benefit of the Casino's promoters at the expense of County taxpayers and residents.

10. Crime has risen in Amador County as a result of the Jackson Rancheria casino. The addition of the Buena Vista casino and this Casino will geometrically increase the danger to County and Plymouth residents from crimes committed by Casino patrons.

11. It is simply not fair for Amador County, a rural foothills county, to be designated as the home of three Indian casinos when casinos are being systematically kept out of the State's urban areas so that the impacts of casinos fall on small counties such as Amador which are least able to absorb those impacts.

12. The compacts between the State of California and other tribes relating to their casinos leave counties such as Amador without an effective voice as to where casinos are located, eliminating their adverse impacts, and with their residents having to subsidize tribes with casinos who, with their out of State promoters, are removing money from the counties and the State.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign this resolution on behalf of the County of Amador.

The foregoing resolution was duly passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Amador at a regular meeting thereof, held on the 20th day of May 2003, by the following vote:

AYES: Louis D. Boitano, Mario Biagi, Rich F. Escamilla, Richard M. Forster. and
Richard P. Vinson

NOES: None

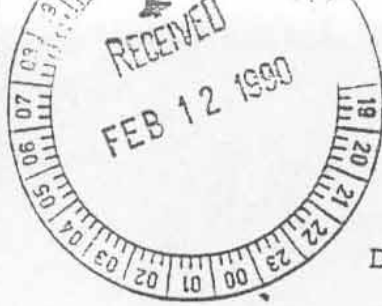
ABSENT: None

Louis D. Boitano
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

MARDELL ANDERSON, Clerk of the
Board of Supervisors, Amador County,
California

Jennifer Burns
Deputy



COMPLIANCE ORDER NO. 01-90-019

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES

IN RE: City of Plymouth
P.O. Box 805
Plymouth, CA 95669

TO: City Council

ORDER

ORDER TO MODIFY CONNECTION BAN IMPOSED BY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES UNDER COMPLIANCE ORDER NO. 01-017 ISSUED TO WATER SYSTEM NO. 03-004 Section 4033, Chapter 7 of Part 1 of Division 5 of the California Health and Safety Code (CHSC), authorizes the issuance of an order directing compliance with a requirement of Chapter 7 (California Safe Drinking Water Act), or any regulation, standard, permit, or order issued thereunder.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Historically, the City of Plymouth (hereinafter, City) has derived its water supply from the Middle and South Forks of the Consumnes River via the Arroyo ditch. In recent years the condition of the Ditch has deteriorated to the point where it is impossible to meet the water supply demands during the summer months from this source alone. This situation prompted the

1 Department of Health Services (hereinafter, Department) to issue
2 Compliance Order No. 01-017 against the City on December 1, 1987.

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4 Provision 1.a. of the order required the City, in relevant part,
5 to "Cease and desist from adding any service connections to the
6 potable water distribution system effective the date this order
7 is received by the City." Provision 1.b required the City, in
8 relevant part, to "Submit an engineering report to the Department
9 for review and approval by July 1, 1988, showing how the City
10 will provide reliability to the existing water supply system,
11 provide new sources and/or modifications to the existing water
12 conveyance system and treatment facilities to enable the City to
13 provide an adequate water supply to existing consumers and any
14 anticipated growth with an adequate and reliable supply of
15 water." Provision 2 stated that "The Department reserves the
16 right to make such modifications to the Order as it may deem
17 necessary to protect public health and safety. Such
18 modifications may be issued as amendments to this Order and shall
19 be effective upon issuance."

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21 Circumstances have changed substantially since Compliance Order
22 No. 01-017 was issued. In 1988 the City constructed a well
23 source to supplement the ditch. The well project was funded by a
24 grant under the State's Emergency Clean Water Grant program, and
25 has a demonstrated production capacity of 400 gallons per minute.
26 In addition, the City has taken over the operation of an
27 additional well capable of producing 240 gallons per minute, as

1 demonstrated by a 72-hour pump test performed by a registered
2 engineering consultant. These two sources are capable of
3 producing enough water to supply about 200% of the City's present
4 maximum daily water demand.

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6 The Department has concerns, however, about the long-term
7 productivity of the well sources. Wells like these, that are
8 constructed in consolidated formations, can suffer drastic
9 decreases in production capacity due to compression of rock
10 fractures or the mining of water from fractures. The Department
11 therefore will not allow the City to take full credit for the
12 capacity that the wells are presently demonstrating, and will not
13 completely rescind the provisions of Compliance Order No. 01-017.

14 The Department is willing, however, to allow a partial lifting of
15 the connection moratorium provided that the City constrains
16 itself to the following:

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- 18 a) Issuing a limited number of building permits at a time,
19 after which the impact of increased demand on the wells
20 may be assessed.
 - 21 b) Collecting applicable connection fees from building permit
22 applicants and placing these fees into a dedicated account
23 for the Arroyo Ditch project. Monies from this account
24 may be used only for improving the conveyance system,
25 constructing any necessary diversion or storage facilities
26 for the conveyance system, or conducting whatever studies
27 are necessary to define the most feasible project.

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2 By adopting City Resolution 90-2, the City is conforming to the
3 above requirement.
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CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based upon the above described Findings of Fact, the Department finds that Compliance Order No. 01-017 may be replaced with Compliance Order No. 01-90-019 without compromising public health.

ORDER

Pursuant to Section 4033 of the California Health and Safety Code, the Department hereby amends Compliance Order 01-017 to contain the following provision:

The City shall implement and enforce its Resolution 90-2. This Resolution shall not be modified or rescinded without prior approval by the Department. Any such action by the City shall constitute a violation of this order.

The Department reserves the right to make such modifications to this Order as it may deem necessary to protect public health and safety. Such modifications may be issued as amendments to this Order and shall be effective upon issuance.

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All submittals required by this Order shall be addressed to:

A. L. Ellsworth, Chief
Northern California Region
Office of Drinking Water
31 E. Channel Street, Room 270
Stockton, California 95202

If Respondents are unable to perform the tasks specified in this Order for any reason, whether within or beyond Respondents' control, and if Respondents notify the Department in writing no less than five days in advance of the due date, the Department may extend the time for performance if Respondents demonstrate that they have used their best efforts to comply with the schedules and other requirements of this Order. If Respondents fail to perform any of the tasks specified in this Order by the time prescribed herein or by the time as subsequently extended pursuant to this paragraph, Respondents shall be deemed to have not complied with the obligations of this Order and may be subject to additional judicial action including civil penalties specified in the Health and Safety Code, Section 4037.5.

The Department shall not be liable for any injuries or damages to persons or property resulting from acts or omissions by the Respondents, its employees, agents or contractors in carrying out activities pursuant to this Order, nor shall the Department be held as a party to any contract entered into by the Respondents or its agents in carrying out activities pursuant to this Order.

1 By issuance of this Order, the Department does not waive any
2 further enforcement action.

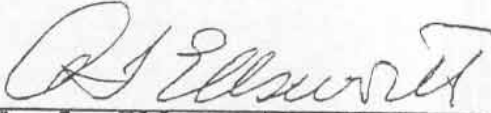
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4 PARTIES BOUND

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6 This Order shall apply to and be binding upon the Respondents,
7 its officers, directors, agents, employees, contractors,
8 successors, and assignees.

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10 SEVERABILITY

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12 The requirements of this Order are severable, and Respondents
13 shall comply with each and every provision thereof,
14 notwithstanding the effectiveness of any other provision.

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18 Feb. 8, 1990
19 Date


A. L. Ellsworth, P.E., Chief
Northern California Region
Office of Drinking Water

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RESOLUTION NO. 90-2

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING MODIFICATION OF WATER CONNECTION
MORATORIUM AND ESTABLISHING GUIDELINES FOR THE ISSUANCE
OF WATER CONNECTIONS

WHEREAS, the City of Plymouth is presently under a water connection moratorium imposed by the State of California; and

WHEREAS, said moratorium was imposed by the State of California for the protection of the health, safety and welfare of the citizenry of the City of Plymouth; and

WHEREAS, subsequent to the imposition of said moratorium, a new well was drilled to specification of the State of California which provided an additional source of water to the City of Plymouth; and

WHEREAS, the City of Plymouth is presently and actively engaged in attempting to finance and pipe the Arroyo Ditch; and

WHEREAS, The State of California has expressed an interest in modifying the existing water moratorium; but

WHEREAS, the water supply system of the City of Plymouth is still fragile in nature.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Mayor of the City of Plymouth is hereby directed to formally request that the present water connection moratorium against the City of Plymouth be modified in accordance with policies of the California Department of Health Services.

2. Should the absolute moratorium be modified, no water connection shall be sold by the City of Plymouth unless accompanied by an approved building permit application with all required, completed plans and specifications for the same property, together with the payment of all applicable fees and charges then existing at the time of application; and then only in an initial issuance of a total of fifty (50) connections, after which time a re-evaluation of additional connections shall

be made. No water connection shall be sold or transferred by the applicant unless in connection with the sale or transfer of the subject property.

3. In the event that the construction permitted pursuant to said building permit is not completed within one year from the date of issuance of said permit or any valid extension thereof, said water connection for that particular property shall lapse and must be reapplied for after funds paid by the applicant for said water connection have been refunded to said applicant.

4. In the event said construction period expires, there shall be a ten (10%) percent fee for processing charges deducted from said refund.

5. There shall be collected from the applicant at the time of application for the building permit and water connection the \$4000 per unit impact fee for the Arroyo Ditch project. This fee may be increased by the City Council upon appropriate hearings and findings.

6. Any impact fees collected for the piping, damming and /or storage of the Arroyo Ditch project pursuant to existing ordinance or any subsequent modification thereof shall be kept in a separate, blocked, interest-bearing account, which account shall not be borrowed upon for other uses of any kind or nature whatsoever and which funds shall repose in trust solely of the purpose of the development of the Arroyo Ditch, with particular emphasis on piping, damming and storage for the Ditch.

7. The availability of water for any proposed annexation shall be considered as a separate and distinct matter upon a case by case basis using the following criteria, together with any other criteria deemed applicable by the City:

- a. The proposed density of the project.
- b. The proposed water use of the project.
- c. The construction schedule of the project.
- d. The possible need for additional filtration and

storage facilities.

- e. The need, if any, to upgrade the existing infrastructure within the City of Plymouth proximately caused by impacts generated by the annexation.

8. Notwithstanding the subsequent modification of said moratorium by the State of California, the City of Plymouth hereby expressly reserves under its plenary police powers the right to modify or further impose said water connection moratorium at a later date should the City of Plymouth deem such to be in the best interest of the health, safety, and welfare of the people of the City of Plymouth.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION was duly introduced and passed at a regular meeting of the City Council held on the 11th day of January , 1990, by the following vote:

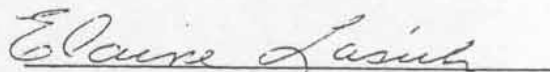
AYES: Beck, Estey, Lasich, Park

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

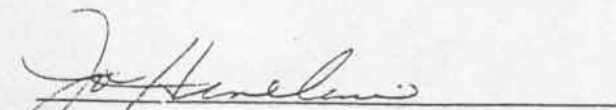
ABSENT: Helton

Signed and approved as to form by me this 12th day of January , 1990.



Mayor, City of Plymouth

Attest:


Clerk, City of Plymouth

NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE COMMISSION

915 CAPITOL MALL, ROOM 364
SACRAMENTO, CA 95814
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December 14, 2000

Ric Windmiller
9145 Elk Grove Blvd.
Elk Grove, California 95624

RE: Pioneer Mine Extension

Sent By Fax: (916) 685-2342

Pages Sent: 2

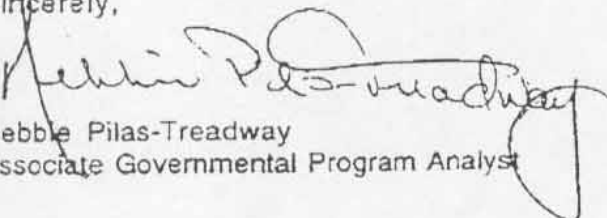
Dear Mr. Windmiller:

A record search of the sacred lands file has failed to indicate the presence of Native American cultural resources in the immediate project area. The absence of specific site information in the sacred lands file does not indicate the absence of cultural resources in any project area. Other sources of cultural resources should also be contacted for information regarding known and recorded sites.

Enclosed is a list of Native Americans individuals/organizations who may have knowledge of cultural resources in the project area. The Commission makes no recommendation or preference of a single individual, or group over another. This list should provide a starting place in locating areas of potential adverse impact within the proposed project area. I suggest you contact all of those indicated, if they cannot supply information, they might recommend other with specific knowledge. A minimum of two weeks must be allowed for responses after notification.

If you receive notification of change of addresses and phone numbers from any these individuals or groups, please notify me. With your assistance we are able to assure that our lists contain current information. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at (916) 653-4038.

Sincerely,


Debbie Pilas-Treadway
Associate Governmental Program Analyst

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Amador County
December 11, 2000

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Sierra Native American Council
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 (209) 245-3941

This list is current only as of the date of this document.

This list does not relieve any person of statutory responsibility as defined in Section 5097.94 of the Health and Safety Code, Section 5097.94 of the Public Resources Code and Section 5097.98 of the Public Resources Code.

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Ric Windmiller
CONSULTING ARCHAEOLOGIST

9145 ELK GROVE BOULEVARD
ELK GROVE, CALIFORNIA 95624

916/685-9205
FAX 916/685-2342

December 19, 2000

Dwight Dutschke
9820 5 Mile Drive
Ione, CA 95640

Re: Pioneer Mine Extension

Dear Mr. Dutschke:

My firm has been retained to perform a cultural resources overview for the Pioneer Mine Extension environmental impact report. We are interested in any information or concerns you may have regarding cultural resources in the area. I have attached a copy of the project map for your reference.

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Yours sincerely,



Dan Osanna

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Native American Comments and Concerns

Native American Heritage Commission
915 Capitol Mall, Room 364
Sacramento, CA 95814
916-653-4082

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209-274-6512

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Central Sierra Me-Wuk Cultural & Historic Preservation
Reba Fuller, Spokesperson
P.O. Box 699
Tuolumne, CA 95379
209-928-1389

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May 9, 2001

Consultant left voice mail message for Ms. Reba Fuller (no response).

May 15, 2001

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Jackson Band of Mi-Wuk Indians
Margaret Dalton, Chairperson
P.O. Box 1090
Jackson, CA 95642
209-223-1935

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May 16, 2001

Len Stickler, Jackson Rancheria, responded by fax indicating that he had checked with tribal members and they (and he) had no concerns with regard to cultural resources in the area illustrated on the map mailed by the consultant to the Jackson Band.

Dwight Dutschke
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May 9, 2001

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Randy Yonemura
4305-39th Avenue
Sacramento, CA 95824
916-421-1600

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The consultant left a voice mail message for Mr. Yonemura.

May 15, 2001

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May 17, 2001

Mr. Yonemura indicated that he would like to inspect the property. He had no other information.

Ione Band of Miwok Indians
Glenn Villa, Jr., Cultural Committee Chairperson
P.O. Box 1190
Ione, CA 95640
916-327-1498

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Ione Band of Miwok Indians
Kathryn Ramey, Chairperson
P.O. Box 1190
Ione, CA 95640
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May 9, 2001

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Miwok Indian Community of the Wilton Rancheria
Clifford McKean
9301 Rancheria Drive
Wilton, CA 95663
916-687-6747

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Kenneth McKean, Chairperson
9344 Rancheria Drive
Wilton, CA 95693

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December 29, 2000

Tim McKean responded by telephone that he knew of nothing in the project area and had no concerns.

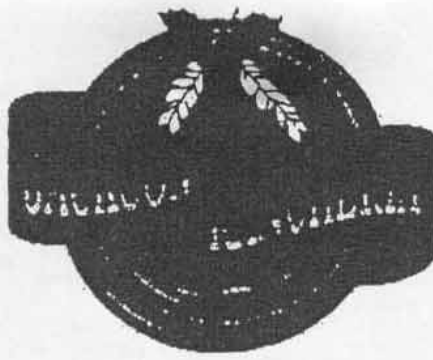
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FACSIMILE TRANSMITTAL SHEET

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COMPANY:	Ric Windmiller	DATE:	5-16-2001
FAX NUMBER:	916-685-2342	TOTAL NO. OF PAGES INCLUDING COVER:	1
PHONE NUMBER:	916-685-9205	TELEPHONE NUMBER:	209-223-8130
RE:	Pioneer Mine Extension	FAX NUMBER:	209-223-5366

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MESSAGE:

Cathy,
Thanks for the fax. I have checked with Tribal members and we have no concerns with regard to cultural resources in the area shown on the map.
Len

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916/685-9205
FAX 916/685-2342

December 19, 2000

Amador County Historical Society
P.O. Box 761
Jackson, CA 95642

Attn: Mr. Eric Costa
Re: Pioneer Mine Extension

Dear Mr. Costa:

Our firm has been retained to conduct a cultural resources overview for the Pioneer Mine Extension environmental review. The project area is located on the south side of Plymouth. We would appreciate any information, comments and concerns you may have regarding historical resources on or immediately adjacent to the subject property. Enclosed is a map illustrating the location of the project.

Please feel free to call us or contact us by mail at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed)

Ric Windmiller

Enclosure

Historical Society Comments

Amador County Historical Society
P.O. Box 761
Jackson, CA 95642
209-223-3155

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May 9, 2001

The consultant attempted to contact the historical society by telephone. There was no response.

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NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE COMMISSION

915 CAPITOL MALL, ROOM 364
SACRAMENTO, CA 95814
(916) 653-4082
Fax (916) 657-5390



December 14, 2000

Ric Windmiller
9145 Elk Grove Blvd.
Elk Grove, California 95624

RE: Pioneer Mine Extension

Sent By Fax: (916) 685-2342

Pages Sent: 2

Dear Mr. Windmiller:

A record search of the sacred lands file has failed to indicate the presence of Native American cultural resources in the immediate project area. The absence of specific site information in the sacred lands file does not indicate the absence of cultural resources in any project area. Other sources of cultural resources should also be contacted for information regarding known and recorded sites.

Enclosed is a list of Native Americans individuals/organizations who may have knowledge of cultural resources in the project area. The Commission makes no recommendation or preference of a single individual, or group over another. This list should provide a starting place in locating areas of potential adverse impact within the proposed project area. I suggest you contact all of those indicated, if they cannot supply information, they might recommend other with specific knowledge. A minimum of two weeks must be allowed for responses after notification.

If you receive notification of change of addresses and phone numbers from any these individuals or groups, please notify me. With your assistance we are able to assure that our lists contain current information. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at (916) 653-4038.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Debbie Pilas-Treadway".

Debbie Pilas-Treadway
Associate Governmental Program Analyst

NATIVE AMERICAN CONTACTS
Amador County
December 11, 2000

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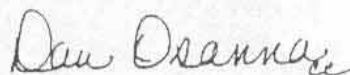
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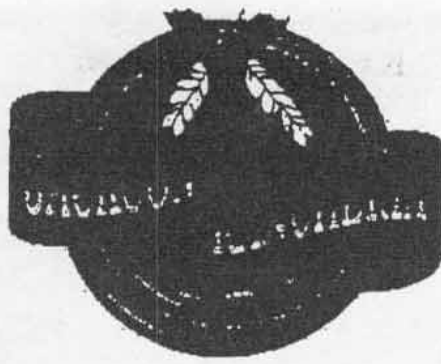
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OFFICIAL RECORDS
AMADOR COUNTY, CA.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. T. Gregory
11150 Valley Drive
Plymouth, Ca. 95669
19 May 2003

Gov. Gray Davis
State Capitol
Sacramento, Ca. 95814

Dear Governor Davis:

We were recently shocked to hear of the plans of Ikon Group, LLC to build an enormous Indian gambling casino on purchased land in Plymouth, Amador Co., Ca. 95669; a small, quiet, rural town with some 504 registered voters.

We feel that such an evolution would ruin the character of the area by the introduction of excessive traffic and unwanted people; plus tall demands for water, sewage, police, schools and various other services.

The politics of the local area would be quickly overwhelmed by resident casino personnel, and long-time Plymouth citizens would soon lose their power at the polls, and the benefits of their taxes.

We have been advised of certain steps that are required prior to the approval of casinos. From here these steps appear to have been ignored. We do hope that you will not endorse this practice.

As thirty-one year residents, we are quite pleased with Plymouth, the people and the present rural peace, so we do hope that you will preserve this ambiance by not allowing an Indian casino here.

Sincerely,

Geo. T. Gregory
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Melva J. Gregory
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Copies to: Supervisor Mario Biagi
Plymouth Town Council
Jon Colburn
Elida Malick, DVM
Bureau of Indian Affairs
Congressman Doug Ose
Senator Rico Oller
Assemblyman Tim Leslie

Anna J. McGuire
5580 Overlook Court
Plymouth, CA 95669

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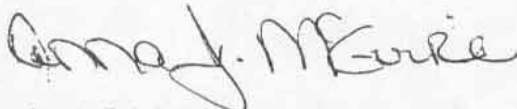
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The *supposed* economic benefits are a myth. The casinos do not pay taxes and do not charge sales tax.

As far as I am concerned future casinos in this small rural area will seriously hamper the quality of life, as we know it. We already have Jackson Rancheria and one is more than enough.

Sincerely,



Anna J. McGuire

cc:

Rico Oller, Senator, 1st District
State Capitol, Room 2048
Sacramento, CA 95814

Alan Nakanishi, Assemblyman, 4th District
State Capitol, Room 5175
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dianne Feinstein, U.S. Senator
331 Hart Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20500

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OFFICIAL RECORDS
AMADOR COUNTY, CA.

May 19, 2003

Gray Davis
California State Governor
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Davis:

I am a resident of Plymouth, Amador County, and I am writing to protest the proposed casino that is currently being considered in Plymouth. Anyone who has traveled California State Highway 16 (Jackson Highway) has noticed the traffic congestion and resulting pollution. We cannot handle anymore automobiles that a casino would bring to our area, which was estimated by the casino promoters of 7,000 automobile trips daily. Also, Amador County, specifically Plymouth, does not have the water resources to sustain such an endeavor much less the strain on the sewage system and possible contamination of wells.

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May 19, 2003

Dianne Feinstein, U.S. Senator
331 Hart Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20500

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112 Hart Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Doug Ose, U.S. Congressman, District 3
236 Cannon H.O.B.
Washington, D.C. 20515-0504

Gale Norton
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Dale Risling
Superintendent Central California Agency
Bureau of Indian Affairs
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Office of the Governor
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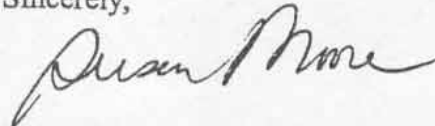
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Thousand of cars and buses passing through the Gold Country corridor of Highway 49 would ruin our town, our county and our lives. Please stop any forward movement in the building of a casino in Plymouth.

Sincerely,



Susan Moore
14977 Patton Road
Plymouth, CA 95669
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Cc: Supervisor Mario Biagi
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AMADOR COUNTY, CA.

May 20, 2003

Elaine Lashich
P.O. Box 429
Plymouth, CA 95669

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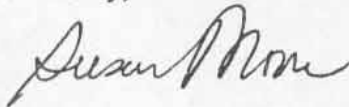
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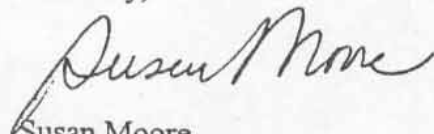
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Sincerely,



Susan Moore
14977 Patton Road
Plymouth, CA 95669
Phone: 209-245-4549

Cc: Supervisor Mario Biagi
Supervisor Fifth District
County of Amador
500 Argonaut Lane
Jackson, CA 95642-9534

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Selby Beck
P.O. Box 429
Plymouth, CA 95669

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Ryan Gillespie
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Honorable Gray Davis
Office of the Governor
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

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Re: Ione Band of Miwok
Proposed Casino in Plymouth, Amador County

Dear Governor Davis:

The above tribe is proposing a gaming casino in Plymouth, California. They have sent their request to you, indicating there has been no opposition to this casino. There is opposition to the proposed casino. Their letter was sent to you before the government and residents of Amador County were notified about the proposal. I strongly object to this casino, along with many other area residents.

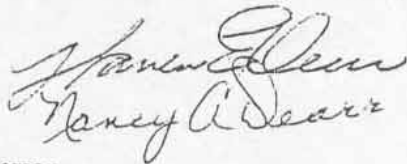
Amador County is in no position to support another casino. Jackson Rancheria is currently in operation, and Buena Vista is soon to have a casino. The drain on the taxpayers is one factor, not to mention the impact on schools, water, sewer, traffic, loss of property taxes, crime, the over-powering of the politics of a small town. The tourist industry currently thriving in the area would be impacted.

The citizens supported Proposition 1A so the tribes could keep what they had at the time. We do not support investors from outside the area establishing new casinos in our back yard.

There is also the question of "true" tribal government. Who, exactly, are the Ione Band of Miwok's?

Please use your power and influence to stop the Ione Band of Miwok from opening a casino in Amador County. Please deny a state compact with this tribe.

Sincerely,



Amador County Tax Payer
Warren E. Darr
16411 Stephanie Way
Pioneer, CA 95666

Cc: Mario Biagi, Amador County Supervisor
Plymouth City Council

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RE: The proposed Plymouth Casino

Plymouth City Council
9426 Main Street
Plymouth, CA 95669

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Dear Plymouth City Council,

This letter is to add my voice to the many that are opposing a casino to be constructed in Plymouth. My family and I moved to Plymouth seven years ago. We chose this location after an extensive search of the surrounding area. We were impressed by Plymouth's strong sense of caring for the members of the community and its practice of putting its children first. I am continually amazed and inspired at how the residents here will rally around and help those who have an emergency or suffer a tragedy. I fear that all this will be lost should a casino be built in our town. The large numbers of people traveling to Plymouth to use the casino will quickly degrade our way of life. Plymouth does not have the necessary infrastructure (water, sewer, law enforcement and traffic management) to accommodate the large crowds that will descend on our small town. It is my understanding that water and sewer systems in Plymouth are operating at maximum capacity now. The new casino is betting on the construction of the Plymouth Reservoir to provide for their water needs. The water production from the reservoir is only an estimate at this time. The reality may or may not meet the estimates. It is unwise to build such a large complex without knowing if there will be sufficient water. The new jobs that the casino will bring will not offset the loss of our quality of life. To get a taste of how our lives will be affected we need only look at the Amador county fair week. The fair is a community based event and I look forward to it as does my family but it causes a large impact on our small community. There is a significant rise in traffic and crime during the fair. It becomes a hassle for those of us that must conduct our daily business to try to get to and from town. Should the casino be built, I will face this hassle daily in order to get my children to and from school safely. I will have to pass the casino site in order to get to the school. I will no longer shop at the Pokerville Market because it will be easier to avoid the traffic congestion and go elsewhere. It is also not as if our area is lacking a casino. The Jackson Rancheria is only ten miles away and has recently completed an expansion project. The Jackson Casino can more than accommodate the needs of this area. The group that is proposing the casino is suspicious to me. They sent a letter to the governor stating that your council was in favor of the casino prior to their ever meeting with you. I intend to send the governor a letter stating that there is opposition to the casino and that the group is in my opinion trying to present him with a fictional picture of the community response to the proposed casino. It is my hope that the Plymouth City Council will join with those of us fighting against this threat to our community and way of life.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Utley

Cc: Mario Biagi, County Supervisor

The Utley's
6450 Huot Road
Plymouth CA 95669

- ❖ Pollution does not mean air quality alone. Noise levels, water quality, view of the night sky, and our general reputation as a town, as well as our way of life here in Plymouth will all be seriously changed, forever!
- ❖ Economic burdens will only increase with more demands on our emergency services created by a daily volume of patrons to a casino. County records already prove what impact the Jackson Rancheria has had in Amador County thus far. We the taxpayers are paying for services that casino operations should cover; and, such services are being diverted from the needs within our community.
- ❖ Quality of Life will be owned by casino promoters, and their resources. Residents of the city and the county will not benefit from the development of another casino in an already small county area. And, it has always been curious that the tribes propose no other developments other than casinos; the money to develop the casino does not come from their pockets. Already we see that the State of California has not been successful in negotiating with Indian Tribes that have secured legal compacts. At the same time we are reading about lawsuits relating to issues on Indian land that go nowhere. A casino is NOT a positive building block here.

I first became aware of the Indian Gaming proposals in the city of Plymouth through a neighbor on April 29th this year. I was shocked then to learn that this was the third proposal for a casino in our county: First, Jackson Rancheria currently operating; second, the Buena Vista tribe proposal currently in review in Ione; and, third, now this new proposal by a band Indians who claims to be "homeless?" I attended an emergency meeting called by our Plymouth City Counsel at City Hall on that date. Given the floor at that meeting, I personally spoke to one of the six investors who represented that they would be contracted by this tribe once the approvals were made. I wonder how much has already been invested by these people to secure such a contract. The man I spoke to said he was from Mississippi. These investors do not even live in our state, much less our community!

To that date I was not aware that there was a recognized local tribe of Indians in our community; or, that they had secured an option to buy land in Plymouth, or that they are seeking to buy it for the express purpose of developing a casino on the land. And, I still do not understand how this band of Miwuk Indians can refer to themselves as "a homeless tribe." My family and I have been residents since 1998. These people have been working in our community (or at least working elsewhere), they rent or own homes in our community, their children attend schools in our community; in short, they have the same privileges and rights that all other individuals in our community are entitled to. Furthermore, I question the growing number of members of this tribe who purport to have lineage to this tribe. And, further, I question if this tribe is entitled to land in Plymouth.

I want to be clear again. We have NO opposition to any individual of proper Indian

lineage, who properly qualifies through mandated Federal Acts, to rightful ownership of their land. **We DO OPPOSE** how these Indians are being solicited in the name of "profit." Obviously they choose to turn their land over to very lucrative gaming operations like "Cascade Entertainment" and investors like "Lyle Berman" to name a few for a piece of the pie. I do not believe that is what the purpose of the Indian Act expresses. (NOTE: Of worth here would be to read, "Who Gets the Money" written about Lyle Berman, an investor. This article was in the December issue of Time Magazine.)

Best regards,

The Lanes, Leeann and Bill
PO Box 367
Plymouth, CA 95669

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From: "" <mjbiagi@centralhouse.net>
To: <mbiagi@co.amador.ca.us>
Date: Thu, May 22, 2003 11:29 AM
Subject: Fwd: No Casino In Plymouth

----- Original Message -----

From: Leeann Lane
Sent: 5/21/03 3:51:11 PM
To:
mario@centralhouse.net;4like@centralhouse.net;tjmvvet@infostations.com;ammapappap@volcano.net;mooseland@thegrid.net;psgoodlife@mybluelight.com
Subject: No Casino In Plymouth

- > Attached is a copy of a letter that I am sending to Federal/State/Local public officials regarding the casino proposal in Plymouth. Mario Biagi, our county supervisor, encouraged us on the 18th (at a local association meeting) to write our own individual letters.
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- > I understand that through a local website:
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- > <nocasinoinplymouth.com>
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- > there will be samples of other letters that residents can use as guidelines, but the site is still under construction.
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- > In the meantime, I share with you the thoughts of my husband and myself. We used the "No Casino in Plymouth" handout as a guide for our letter.
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- > Best to all...The Lanes, Leeann and Bill
- >

May 21, 2003

Gray Davis (D)
California State Governor
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: **No Casino in Plymouth**

Honorable Gray Davis:

My husband and I are tax paying residents of Amador County, with a mailing address in Plymouth, CA, and we are in support of "**No Casino in Plymouth.**" We voted against gambling in CA in previous elections in our state. We hear daily how Indian Gaming is contributing to our communities and wonder where it is going. We also hear about the budget crisis in our state daily. Our community programs are being cut because we are seriously in the red; where are the contributions that these billion dollar casinos supposedly make going. We look at a map of California now doted with casinos from border to border and wonder how long our California will be known for anything other than casinos and gambling.

I am writing because we feel that we have been scammed by the misinformation that has been, and continues to be so freely publicized about Indian Gaming in our state. We **DO NOT OPPOSE** the rights of Indians to land that is rightfully theirs. We **DO OPPOSE** how their tribal governments are choosing to turn their land over to venture capitalist and developers. These investors solicit them for the express purpose of lining their own pockets. The evidence is all over California, and in their personal portfolios. Further, we **OPPOSE** the impact these casino developments have on us as taxpayers in the State of California. Why don't they propose other business ventures? Anyone can answer that question.

On a local level, Traffic, Water, Sewage, Pollution, Economic, and Quality of Life are all reasonable considerations that impact the residents of Amador County; and, we already have an operating example of what a casino does to a community through the Jackson Rancheria in Jackson, California. In quote information obtained from our county as follows:

- ❖ Traffic alone to the casino "would equate to ten times the total population of Plymouth."
- ❖ Water, already a finite resource in our city, would divert an estimated "60,000 to 80,000 gallons per day" for the casino's use.
- ❖ Sewage usage can be demonstrated by the same estimates above, when our systems are "already at capacity."

Following letter was sent to:

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Gov. Gray Davis
Senator Pete Wilco
Assemblyman Alan Natanson
Congressman Doug Ose
Bureau of Indian Affairs, Washington D.C.
Supervisors: Coombs, Gentry, Vison, Baiter, Berge
Plymouth Council: Spelly, Bark, Rich Martin, Elaine Leach, Ryan Hillersee,
Gary Calhoun

To: Plymouth City Councilmen and
Amador County Supervisors

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For these reasons I urge you, in your official capacity, to use every means possible to oppose the establishment of a casino in the Plymouth area. I also urge you to join with other individuals and groups of like mind in their opposition to a Plymouth casino. One casino in Amador County is more than enough.

Respectfully,

copy to: Mario Berge, Supervisor

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Jewel M. De Marco

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Superior Fair Baiters

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Joy E. Mark
James M. Di Nardo

BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
COUNTY OF AMADOR, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF:)
RESOLUTION OPPOSING CASINO) RESOLUTION NO. 03-237
IN PLYMOUTH)

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Amador, State of California, that said Board does hereby oppose the State of California's and the United States Government's permitting of a casino in the City of Plymouth on land proposed to be purchased by the Lone Band of Miwok Indians or any other tribe ("Casino") for the reasons herein set forth.

1. The Casino itself is located within the City of Plymouth ("Plymouth") with most of the remaining tribal activities proposed to be in the surrounding unincorporated portion of Amador County ("County"), so that both Plymouth and the County are impacted by the Casino.

2. There is already in existence in the County one very large casino, on the Jackson Rancheria, and another planned for the Buena Vista area in the County. Three casinos in a county with a population of 31,000 people (excluding State inmates and wards) create cumulative impacts that adversely affect County citizens and the County government.

3. Plymouth is located at the threshold of the Shenandoah Valley, an increasingly popular tourist destination because of its world-class vineyards and wineries. On weekends particularly State Highway 49 and State Highway 16, together forming the route to the Casino and to the Shenandoah Valley, will be clogged with traffic, with the vehicle trips estimated for the Casino alone to be ten times the total population of Plymouth. Said Casino traffic will cause gridlock on Highways 16 and 49. Air pollution from grid locked vehicles will significantly alter air quality in and around Plymouth.

4. Neither Plymouth nor the County can supply the Casino with water. Plymouth's water supply consists of a 17 mile open ditch that often fails to deliver water and wells on which the State Department of Health has declined to base Plymouth's growth.

5. Sewage treatment and disposal is inadequate for Plymouth currently and there is no capacity or space to add the Casino's sewage to it.

6. The County's experience with the Jackson Rancheria casino is that the casino attracts patrons some of whom commit crimes both on and off the casino premises so that the County's law

enforcement facilities are over burdened. That includes the Sheriff's Office, the District Attorney's Office, the Amador County Detention Facility (which is already generally at 100 percent capacity), and the Public Defender's Office. The County Government estimates that County taxpayers subsidize the Jackson Rancheria casino by nearly a million dollars annually for just those services. An additional casino in Plymouth will add to that subsidy by local taxpayers.

7. The County is not guaranteed any income from the Casino to offset the financial impacts therefrom.

8. The County has not been able to demonstrate that the Jackson Rancheria casino's patrons spend money in the County except at the casino, so that there is no benefit to County businesses from the presence of one casino, let alone two more. In fact, the Casino has plans for substantial commercial development around the Casino, which will devastate local businesses because tribal businesses don't collect sales tax and are not subject to the same labor laws as competing local businesses.

9. The Ione Bank of Miwok Indians has no connection to the land in and around Plymouth it has proposed to acquire on which to put the Casino and other tribal facilities. This is a blatant attempt to open a Casino on non-tribal land for the benefit of the Casino's promoters at the expense of County taxpayers and residents.

10. Crime has risen in Amador County as a result of the Jackson Rancheria casino. The addition of the Buena Vista casino and this Casino will geometrically increase the danger to County and Plymouth residents from crimes committed by Casino patrons.

11. It is simply not fair for Amador County, a rural foothills county, to be designated as the home of three Indian casinos when casinos are being systematically kept out of the State's urban areas so that the impacts of casinos fall on small counties such as Amador which are least able to absorb those impacts.

12. The compacts between the State of California and other tribes relating to their casinos leave counties such as Amador without an effective voice as to where casinos are located, eliminating their adverse impacts, and with their residents having to subsidize tribes with casinos who, with their out of State promoters, are removing money from the counties and the State.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign this resolution on behalf of the County of Amador.

The foregoing resolution was duly passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Amador at a regular meeting thereof, held on the 20th day of May 2003, by the following vote:

AYES: Louis D. Boitano, Mario Biagi, Rich F. Escamilla, Richard M. Forster, and
Richard P. Vinson

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Louis D. Boitano
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

MARDELL ANDERSON, Clerk of the
Board of Supervisors, Amador County,
California

Jennifer Burns
Deputy