



May 20, 2008

Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians
Attn: Chairperson
23904 Soboba Road
P.O. Box 487
San Jacinto, CA 92581

Re: Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians Horseshoe Grande Fee to Trust Application

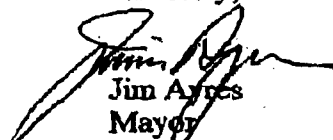
I am writing on behalf of the City Council of the City of San Jacinto regarding the above-referenced Application. Until recently, the City Council has taken a "no-position" or "wait and see" position in order to allow the fee-to-trust application and its related environmental process take its course. However, the recent shootings at or around the existing Reservation have called into question the appropriateness of a fee-to-trust application at this time.

Specifically, the City Council is concerned that public safety issues need to be addressed at the present time before the fee-to-trust application is processed. Unless the City Council can be assured that the residents of San Jacinto, the public who would be visiting the Reservation, and the Tribe's own residents of their personal safety, the City Council believes that any expansion of the Reservation would be inappropriate.

Therefore, the City Council calls on the Tribe to voluntarily withdraw the Application at this time, so that the issue of public safety on the existing Reservation can be resolved. We believe that, working cooperatively with local law enforcement, the City Council, and the Bureau of Indian Affairs, this can be accomplished. However, proceeding at this time with the Application would raise serious questions as to the ability to protect members of the public. Consequently, the City Council would be forced to actively oppose the Application.

I look forward to hearing from you on this very important matter. Please let me know the Tribe's position on or before June 1, 2008. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please call me at (951) 487 7342.

Sincerely,


Jim Ayres
Mayor
City of San Jacinto

Cc: Hon. Jerry Lewis, U.S. Representative, 41st District
U.S. Dept. of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Pacific Region