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Mr. Anthony Rivera
31411-A La Matanza Street
San Juan Capistrano, California 92675-2674

Dear Mr. Rivera:

As required by the Federal acknowledgment regulations at §83.10(f), the Office of Federal Acknowledgment (OFA) within the Office of the Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior is notifying the petitioning group known as the Juaneño Band of Mission Indians Acjachemen Nation (Petitioner #84A), as well as interested and informed parties, that OFA has assigned a research team to work on the group's petition for Federal acknowledgment.

By letter of October 14, 2009, OFA consulted with the group and interested parties that work on the Final Determination (FD) of the petition would begin on January 4, 2010. OFA requested that any comments or concerns regarding that start date be submitted by October 30, 2009. OFA received no input from the petitioners or interested parties. This letter serves as official notification that work did begin on the petition on January 4, 2010. The OFA staff members who are evaluating Petitioner #84A's petition are: Dr. Wendi-Starr Brown, Cultural Anthropologist, Dr. Janet Eadie, Genealogist, and Dr. Francis Flavin, Historian.

OFA had originally projected a finishing date of June 5, 2010, for the FD. However, due to staff being unavailable because of another pending case, the closing of the Federal Government this past winter, and work on an administrative project, OFA has estimated that it will take another 90 days to finish the evaluation. The Assistant Secretary has granted this 90-day extension under §83.10 (l)(3) of the Federal acknowledgment regulations. This extension also applies to the petition of the group known as the Juaneño Band of Mission Indians (Petitioner #84B) which is being evaluated at the same time as Petitioner #84A. Therefore, the new date for the issuance of both FDs is on or before September 3, 2010. OFA appreciates your patience and understanding in this matter.

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Federal Acknowledgment, 1951 Constitution Avenue, N.W., MS-34B-SIB, Washington, D.C. 20240, or call (202) 513-7650.

Sincerely,

Director, Office of Federal Acknowledgment

cc: Interested and Informed Parties



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Ms. Sonia Johnston
P.O. Box 25628
Santa Ana, California 92709

Mr. Joe Ocampo
1108 E. Fourth Street
Santa Ana, California 92701

Dear Ms. Johnston and Mr. Ocampo:

Due to the Juaneño Band of Mission Indians (Petitioner #84B) group's internal leadership conflict, this notice is addressed to both Ms. Johnston and Mr. Ocampo.

As required by the Federal acknowledgment regulations at §83.10(f), the Office of Federal Acknowledgment (OFA) within the Office of the Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior is notifying the petitioning group known as the Juaneño Band of Mission Indians (Petitioner #84B), as well as interested and informed parties, that OFA has assigned a research team to work on the group's petition for Federal acknowledgment.

By letter of October 14, 2009, OFA consulted with the group and interested parties that work on the Final Determination (FD) of the petition would begin on January 4, 2010. OFA requested that any comments or concerns regarding that start date be submitted by October 30, 2009. OFA received no input from the petitioners or interested parties. This letter serves as official notification that work did begin on the petition on January 4, 2010. The OFA staff members who are evaluating Petitioner #84B's petition are: Dr. Wendi-Starr Brown, Cultural Anthropologist, Dr. Janet Earle, Genealogist, and Dr. Francis Flavin, Historian.

OFA had originally projected a finishing date of June 5, 2010, for the FD. However, due to staff being unavailable because of another pending case, the closing of the Federal Government this past winter, and work on an administrative project, OFA has estimated that it will take another 90 days to finish the evaluation. The Assistant Secretary has granted this 90-day extension under §83.10 (l)(3) of the Federal acknowledgment regulations. This extension also applies to the petition of the group known as the Juaneño Band of Mission Indians, Acjacheman Nation (Petitioner #84A), which is being evaluated at the same time as Petitioner #84B. Therefore, the new date for the issuance of both FDs is on or before September 3, 2010. OFA appreciates your patience and understanding in this matter.

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Federal Acknowledgment, 1951 Constitution Avenue, N.W., MS-34B-S1B, Washington, D.C. 20240, or call (202) 513-7650.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Lee Harvey". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Director, Office of Federal Acknowledgment

cc: Interested and Informed Parties