



MAYOR ASHLEY E. SWEARENGIN

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Dale Morris, Regional Director  
Pacific Regional Office  
Bureau of Indian Affairs  
2800 Cottage Way  
Sacramento, California 95825

Dear Mr. Morris:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the application from the Northfork Rancheria of Mono Indians of California to conduct off-reservation gaming activities on property just north of the City of Madera.

Attached is a letter from our City Manager regarding potential environmental impacts on the City of Fresno. We deeply appreciate our relationship with Central Valley Indian Tribes, and we are grateful to have such good neighbors. But, while I fully support Tribal sovereignty, I join many of California's Tribal Governments in the belief that off-reservation gaming activities are not consistent with what the voters approved via Proposition 1A in 2000.

In addition, it is unclear as to whether or not Caltrans and the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District have been given an opportunity to comment on this application.

Thank you for taking time to consider my opposition to this project. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

ASHLEY SWEARENGIN  
Mayor

cc: Malcolm Dougherty, District Director Caltrans District 6  
Seyed Sadredin, San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District