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Tribal Chairperson

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Dear Supervisor Forster,

I have had the opportunity to review your recent testimony before Congress.

I share many of your concerns about "reservation shopping "

Please be informed that the administration's of both Governor Schwarzenegger and President Bush have found that the Buena Vista Tribe does not fall within any definition of such activity.

To the contrary, Governor Schwarzenegger strongly supports our efforts to build a casino on our ancestral land.

President Bush's administration has recognized the Buena Vista Rancheria as our legitimate ancestral Indian Land under federal law, my legitimacy as leader of the Buena Vista Tribe, and the legitimacy of the compact we have entered into with the State of California.

Perhaps you have read that I began my efforts in Washington because I wanted to preserve the sacred and historically significant sites on our land. I am proud to have won the support of our President's Administration for those efforts.

As you know, we have agreed, at Governor Schwarzenegger's request, to improve on the Gray Davis Compact and enter into an Intergovernmental Services Agreement with Amador County. I look forward to productive negotiations with you. The Memorandum of Understanding that you have already signed for the Gray Davis compact with the Buena Vista Tribe will serve as an excellent starting point for our new agreement and help avoid litigation which could be costly both to the taxpayers of Amador County and the tribe.

I also would like you to know that I am taking steps to implement the *Buena Vista Good Neighbor Initiatives*.

In the coming weeks we will sign both a Project Labor Agreement and a 20 year Maintenance Labor Agreement with the Building and Construction Trades Council insuring that all construction on our reservation provides excellent wages and benefits as well as preference to local residents for the jobs we are creating.

In addition, we are developing partnership plans with the California Correctional Peace Officers for youth sports programs for Amador County youngsters.

Later this spring, we hope to announce a new model for businesses in California to combat drunk driving. That model is being developed with the California Highway Patrol, the Automobile Association of America, and Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

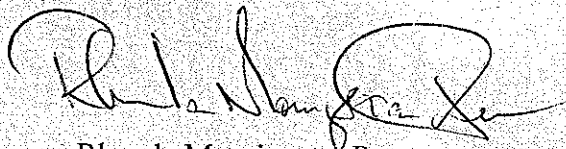
Next week, we will be mailing invitations to every business owner in Amador County for our "Buena Vista Vendor Fair" in April. It is our intent to partner with local businesses for millions of dollars in goods and services.

And finally, we see tremendous co-branding potential with Amador County Wineries. Our regional advertising will highlight Amador County's wineries as excellent destinations for visitors to Northern California.

Once the *Buena Vista Good Neighbor Initiatives* are underway, I am confident that we will successfully conclude our negotiations with Amador County.

I hope you will join with other civic and community leaders in accepting us as the good neighbors we will be.

Sincerely,



Rhonda Morningstar Pope
Chairwoman