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OF *Graton Rancheria*

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CITY OF
ROHNERT PARK

Mr. Dan Schwarz, Interim City Manager
City of Rohnert Park
130 Avram Avenue
Rohnert Park, CA 94928

Re: Funding for Special Enforcement Unit

Dear Dan:

As you are aware, the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria ("Tribe") has provided nearly \$3 million in funding for the City of Rohnert Park's ("City") Special Enforcement Unit ("SEU"). The SEU has proven highly effective in reducing drug and gang-related violence throughout the City, and the Tribe has been proud to sponsor the SEU.

The Tribe's funding of the SEU is provided pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding between the Tribe and the City dated October 14, 2003 ("MOU"). Under the MOU, the Tribe agreed to provide \$700,000 in 2004 to create the SEU and \$500,000 in 2005 to fund its ongoing operations. Since then, the Tribe has provided a minimum of \$500,000 annually to maintain the SEU, notwithstanding the fact that the Tribe was not required to do so by the terms of the MOU. The Tribe has also funded the planting of daffodils throughout the City and has proposed a series of organic community gardens throughout the City.

These initiatives, intended to improve the lives of City residents, demonstrate the Tribe's commitment to maintaining a strong, government-to-government relationship with the City. As we discussed before the Holidays, the Tribe is concerned that the City has not always fully appreciated the extraordinary nature of these initiatives or the sacrifice required of the Tribe to provide them. As a result, I am hereby requesting a meeting with the new Mayor and the new Chief of Public Safety, at our tribal office, to discuss the City's plans for acknowledging the Tribe's contributions and the City's support of our efforts to get the Tribe's resort project back on a realistic timeline.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. My assistant, Lori Fye, will be contacting you to schedule the meeting.

Sincerely,

Greg Sarris
Chairman

