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January 6, 2011

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Dear Dr. Hernandez:

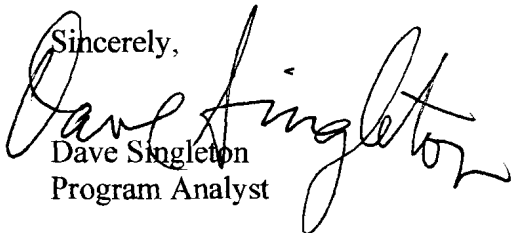
Re: Plaza de Cultura y Artes Project; State Clearinghouse Number: SCH#2001101167;
Lead Agency: County of Los Angeles. California Health & Safety Code §7050, Recent
Reports of Native American Human Remains to the Native American Heritage Commission
(NAHC); Recent Reports of Human Remains Discoveries on property at 501 North Main
Street;; Downtown Los Angeles, California

This is a follow-up of NAHC Larry Myers' letter of January 4, 2011 regarding the above-reference project. Since that letter was sent to your office, we received numerous reports of human remains being found at the *Plaza de Cultura y Artes* Project site. The Native Americans who have contacted our office feel strongly that some of the remains being discovered at that site are of Native American origin; however, we have no such reports from your office, pursuant to California Health & Safety Code §7050.5 to confirm that assertion. However, Dr. Elizabeth Miller, Forensic Anthropologist at California State University, Los Angeles (phone: 323-343-5205), and apparently in the employ of The Sanberg Group, Inc. of Whittier, claims that she speaks on behalf of your office, and she states that non of the remains discovered recently and in October of 2010, at the site are of Native American origin.

The NAHC, based on Dr. Miller's comments to us of yesterday, January 5, 2010, has additional concerns and a recommendation. Dr. Miller indicated that many remains including redwood coffins were being discovered at the site in Campo Santo Memorial Garden area and they were all unmarked graves and were virtually in every area of the site. Therefore, if that is the case, given the strong concerns expressed by the Native Americans of the Los Angeles basin, the Native American Heritage Commission, respectfully requests that the Los Angeles Department of Coroner **stop the project or request that your office make said request to the appropriate agency of the County of Los Angeles** until a full investigation takes place in order to bear all the facts and the roles and responsibilities of the various government agencies with regard to the above-referenced project.

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dave Singleton". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name.

Dave Singleton
Program Analyst

Cc: Larry Myers
NAHC Manger

Cindi Alvitre, Chairwoman
Tribal Council of Pimu

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Dear Dr. Hernandez:

Re: California Health & Safety Code §7050.5, Reports of Native American Human Remains to the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC); Unanswered Communication Between the Coroner's Office and the NAHC and the Recent Report of December 29, 2010 of Human Remains Discoveries on property next to Our Lady of the Church of Angeles, Main Street near Spring and Olvera Streets; Downtown Los Angeles, California

The Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) is charged by the California Legislature to designate a Most Likely Descendant (MLD) once human remains are determined to be likely Native American by California county coroners and reported to the NAHC as required by California Health & Safety Code §7050.5.

The NAHC has experienced recent communication difficulties with your office on these issues of human remains discoveries. From November 2009 to date, the NAHC contacted Ms. Elissa Fleak, Los Angeles County Coroner Investigator regarding four cases reported to the NAHC by archaeologists. The NAHC staff left messages on Ms. Fleak's office phone (323-343-0735) in each case but never received a response. The first three cases were reports to the NAHC from a Caltrans archaeologist (Topanga Canyon discovery), Southern California Edison archaeologist (City of Glenora skull discovery), and an Angeles National Forest archaeologist (the recent fire near Chatsworth).

Now, latest apparent discovery: the NAHC received a call on December 29, 2010, from an archaeologist, Reilly Murphy, in the employ of The Sanberg Group, Inc. (15051 Leffingwell Road, Suite 102; Wittier, CA 90604; 562-941-3448). Mr. Murphy was reporting to us a discovery of human remains at a development site next door to the Roman Catholic Church, Our Lady of the Church of Angeles on Main Street, near Spring and Olvera Streets. He indicated that the remains represented about 50 percent of a skeleton and had what appeared to him Native American associated grave goods, which is why he was making the call to the NAHC. Also, this site is near the ancient Gabrieleno Tongva Village of *Yangna*. Mr. Murphy's cell phone number is 310-621-2154. In turn, the NAHC staff called the LA Department of Coroner, your office: 323-343-0512 to request an investigation of the remains and associated grave goods. The person receiving the call at your office said that your office procedure was for the NAHC to call first, the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), Central Division. Los Angeles 213-485-3294 and the Police Department would report the discovery to the LA County Department of Coroner. The NAHC staff made that call to the LAPD. The LAPD Officer did take the report of human

remains discovery that included Mr. Murphy's contact information. On December 30, 2010, the NAHC received another call regarding this case from a Beth Miller who identified herself as an archaeologist with the Sanberg Group and said she was also representing the Los Angeles County Department of Coroner. She indicated that the remains that were discovered were definitely not Native American in origin.

The NAHC would like to know what analysis of the remains provides that conclusive determination that the remains were not of Native American origin, in light of apparent 'associated grave goods (beads and other items) found with said remains? Did Beth Miller have authority to represent your office in this case? Is there a change of *protocol* in your office that explains why Ms. Fleak does return phone calls or e-mails from the NAHC?

The NAHC is aware that California Government Code §27491 give California county coroners jurisdiction over all unidentified human remains discovered in the state. In turn, the NAHC takes its statutory responsibility in such matters very seriously. This is the purpose of calling these issues to your attention. The local Native American community is concerned that their rights provided under law are being trampled upon by the apparent failure to adhere to state law.

Thank you for your attention to these issues. The discovery of Native American remains is of great importance to Native American people. We look forward to your timely response.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNATURE ON FILE

Larry Myers
Manager

Antonette Cordero
California Deputy Attorney General

Ron Andrade
Executive Director
Los Angeles City/County American Indian Commission

Elissa Fleak
Coroner Investigator

Cindi Alvitre, Chairwoman
Tribal Council of Pimu

Dave Singleton
Program Analyst

From: Dave Singleton <ds_nahc@pacbell.net>
Subject: Fwd: LA Plaza de Cultura y Artes Project; Concerns
Date: January 6, 2011 2:39:47 PM PST
To: molina@bos.lacounty.ca.gov
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January 6, 2011

ATTN: Mr. Francisco Chabran

Dear Mr. Chabran:

I appreciated the opportunity to speak with you today about the above-referenced project. Attached is the e-mail message we prepared for Supervisor Molina and the letter to the LA County Coroner, prior to our conversation.

The NAHC stands ready to assist Supervisor Molina's Office to meet the concerns of local tribes. Unfortunately, some tribal entities did not wait until either the NAHC or your office could get clarification on the facts surrounding the project.

Thank you again for your time to discuss this urgent issue.

Dave Singleton
Native American Heritage Commission
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Begin forwarded message:

From: Dave Singleton <ds_nahc@pacbell.net>
Date: January 6, 2011 12:17:52 PM PST
To: gmolina@bos.lacounty.gov
Cc: Milford Donaldson <mwdonaldson@parks.ca.gov>
Subject: LA Plaza de Cultura y Artes Project; Concerns

January 6, 2010

The Honorable Gloria Molina
Supervisor - First District
County of Los Angeles

Dear Supervisor Gloria Molina:

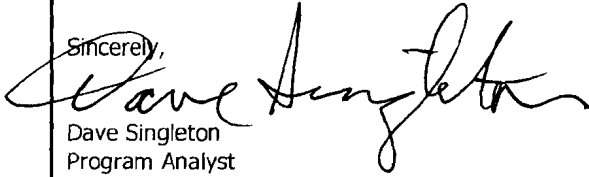
The California Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) is concerned about reports of Native American cultural resources that may be present at this site where the County of Los Angeles is the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The NAHC is not against the project, but is concerned about conflicting reports among deferent archaeologists, and the project forensic anthropologist as to whether or not the numerous sets of human remains being unearthed at unmarked graves at the sites are Native American and whether or not the beads, obsidian(?) and other items found with the burials are Native American cultural objects. Therefore, the NAHC wishes that the County of Los Angeles stop the project so that an investigation can be conducted to sort out the facts as well as the current and future roles and responsibilities of the various government agencies involved.

Attached is a letter requesting the same of the Los Angeles County Coroner

and providing some more detail.

If you have any questions about the concerns of the NAHC as 'trustee agency' for the protection and preservation of Native American cultural resources and burial grounds pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21070, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Dave Singleton
Program Analyst
NAHC

cc: Larry Myers, Manager-NAHC
M. Wayne Donaldson, SHPO



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Director

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Lakshmanan Sathyavagiswaran, MD
Chief Medical Examiner-Coroner

November 3, 2010

Deputy Francisco Chabran
For and on the behalf of,
Supervisor Gloria Molina, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
500 West Temple, Room 856
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: BONES RECOVERED AT 501 NORTH MAIN STREET

Dear Mr. Chabran,

This letter is in response to your telephonic request today for a letter detailing our jurisdiction over the human remains that were discovered near Olvera Street on October 28, 2010.

Human remains that are unearthed at a registered cemetery (whether by accident or due to criminal activity) are not the responsibility of the Coroner. The Coroner's authority can be found in California Government Code Section 27491.

On October 28, 2010 we responded to this location at the request of Tony Kuhner. Mr. Kuhner is the on-site archaeologist and paleontologist hired by Sanberg Group, the construction company that is building La Plaza de Cultura y Artes. Our field investigator confirmed with Mr. Kuhner that the construction company is aware there is a registered cemetery at the northeast corner of the property. By all accounts, the cemetery was in operation from the years 1820 to approximately 1844 and is of historical significance. A protocol was already established due to the likelihood of human bones being unearthed during this project. These protocols were established in accordance with the appropriate building permits being issued. Cal-State Fullerton has been authorized to hold the human remains until they can be reinterred in accordance with all applicable laws and traditions.

Our involvement in this incident has been documented electronically under our *rejection* number 2010-56469. Since we did not collect any specimens from this site, we have no forensic report to forward to anyone. This construction company is under no obligation to report any future discoveries of non-native American human bones at

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California Medical Association-Continuing Medical Education
Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education*

*American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors/LAB
Peace Officer Standards and Training Certified*

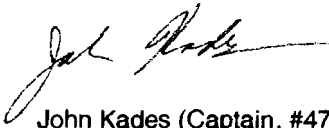
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this location to the Department of Coroner and they should be discouraged from doing so.

Thank you for your understanding in this matter. Please contact me if you need any further assistance.

Sincerely,



John Kades (Captain, #474887)
Investigations Division

CC: A. Hernandez
C. Harvey
E. Winter
E. Fleak

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From: Dave Singleton <ds_nahc@pacbell.net>
Subject: LA Plaza Cultura y Artes Project
Date: January 6, 2011 3:04:23 PM PST
To: Larry Myers <lm_nahc@pacbell.net>

January 6, 2010

Hi Larry:

It has been a kind of difficult and challenging day regarding this project. This morning we were bombarded with e-mails and phone calls from tribal members/tribes from all over the state, many on Wendy Teeter's?cindi Alvitre's Network about questions about the project. Desieree Martinez who is also an archaeologist declared that she saw actual Native American items with or at the grave site (obsidian pieces, for example).

I discussed the situation with Debbie, and, as a result, I called the top staff in Supervisor Molina's office - we talked for an hour with Francisco Chabran and another stafferr. Basically, we let them know and they agreed that the project needs to take a 'break,' stop so the conflicting views of the remains and artifacts can be sorted out. I told the same to the Coroner's Office but they insisted that there had been NO EVIDENCE presented that the remains might be Native American. But, I think they generally agreed to take another look at it.

The TV News never spoke with me, but quoted from my communications with the Coroner's Office as part of a news reel I sent you by e-mail from KCAL9-TV. Unfortunately, it features the Salas group along with their hard-hats and 'bold' letters that Andy and Ernie are MLDs. I told them by telephone that they had no right to be considered MLDs on that project; not until the Coroner determined that the remains were Native American and the NAHC designated someone as MLD. Gloria Molina's Office and the County Department of Community Development also called to ask about them and to complain the project had to force them off the property by escort.

Adding to the circus, Desieree Martinez angered Supervisor Moina by insisting that the remains were Native American and making accusing, even libelous statements and criticism against the Supervisor. And Desieree's and Cindi's attachments and criticism apparently went out to Wendy Teeter's 600+ Network. I insisted that the NAHC was investigating and just trying to get clarification of the facts and that everyone should wait until the facts are sorted out.

What appears to be a mistake on the part of the County is that their archaeology firm in August 2008, in doing a cultural resources assessment did NOT contact the NAHC for a Sacred Lands File search and therefore, did not receive a list of Local Native American to contact. Nor did they list the NAHC as one of the State agencies contacted in preparing the amended Final EIR, approved by the Board of Supervisors in September 2010. All the County had was Rob Wood's letter of 2001 in response to the CEQA NOP. Nother mention. Also, there is no Native American Monitor on site. This adds to the **us** versus **them** scenario.

Well, the County seems cooperative with us and all the agencies today were receptive to our suggestions. The Coroner's office is notifying us in writing that there is no evidence of Native American remains in their records of the remains, now housed at Cal State Los Angeles.

I did the best i could with whatever means I had in my control. Debbie's suggestion turned out to be excellent.

Dave

PS: I will be available by cell (760) 801-8011 if you need to discuss.

From: Dave Singleton <ds_nahc@pacbell.net>
Subject: **La Plaza de Cultura & Artes Project; Summary**
Date: January 5, 2011 4:34:07 PM PST
To: Larry Myers <lm_nahc@pacbell.net>

January 5, 2010

Hi Larry:

Plaza de Cultura y Artes Project

State Clearinghouse Number: **SCH2001101167**

Lead Agency: **County of Los Angeles**

Location **501 North Main Street (First Supervisorial District, Gloria Molina)
Los Angeles, CA 90012-2828**

Final CEQA Environmental Impact Report (FEIR): **Certified by Board of Supervisors; September 28, 2004
Approval of Addendum to FEIR and of Project Refinements: September 14, 2010**

Land Area parameters: approximately **four acres**

Building Space: approx. **55,000 square feet**

Approx cost of project: **\$20 million**

Construction Contractors: Several and some of the work is being bid out by the County.

I was unable to get any contractor's names, but the person at the site who identifies himself as 'in-charge' of the project is **Daniel Mendoza, Los Angeles Department of Community Development; 1200 West 7th Street, Suite 300; Los Angeles, CA 90017; (213) 744-7300.**

Currently, construction activity includes 'site preparation' including some grading, clearing & grubbing but the ground-breaking activity has apparently yielded human remains including rewood caskets and remains that are not accompanied with caskets.

Environmental/Archaeology Firms:

Sapphos Environmental, Inc. of Pasadena; Los Angeles County

subcontractors: Planning Consultants of Los Angeles

The Sanberg Group, Inc. of Whittier; Los Angeles County

COMMENTS:

The Final EIR was certified by the Board of Supervisors September 28, 2004 and included an archaeological report and a 2003 letter from Rob Wood of the NAHC. I have not seen the earlier EIR.

An Addendum to the Final EIR with Refinements and an expanded project foot-print and additional proposed building construction was approved by the **Board of Supervisors, September 14, 2010**. This document of which I have a copy includes an 'Archaeological Assessment' prepared by Sapphos Environmental, Inc. dated August 2008. It makes **no mention of the NAHC, its Sacred Lands File search or Native American Contacts** list. The cultural section argues that no archaeological items of significance or human remains are likely to be found once the project is constructed. The **refined Final EIR does not list the NAHC in its 'References' section** of federal, state, local and private agencies contacted in preparation of the Refined Final EIR. Even though I know the report archaeologists quite well (Natasha Tabares and Shannon Carmack).

Now, the issue of concern to me is the **nature and details of the human remains reported December 29, 2010 by a Sanberg Group staff person** and the apparent confusion of the Los Angeles County Coroner's Office as to whether the discovery was made, or not made at a **dedicated cemetery**. The Sanberg Group archaeology firm told me that the LA County Coroner's Office told them that they did not have jurisdiction. Yet, an independent archaeologist, assisting the Gabrielino Tongva told me that **Elissa Fleak, Coroner Investigator (323-343-0735)** was at the site today.

My understanding is that all construction must stop once human remains are discovered at a construction site (Health & Safety Code 7050). So, I contacted the archaeologist's forensic anthropologist, Dr. Elizabeth Miller of California State University, LA (323-343-5205 & cell 626-483-7976); she had told me Dec. 30th that her opinion was that the remains were not Native American and that she was calling me on behalf of the LA County Coroner. Today, she indicated that her opinion, given to the LA County Coroner, had not changed. Not Native American.

She did say that the remains being discovered were all over the site, none were marked nor had grave-stones, and were mixed, those with caskets and those without caskets. She said the objects found with the grave site were rosaries, Mexican military medals and similar.

Let me know if you have any questions.

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Gray Davis, Governor

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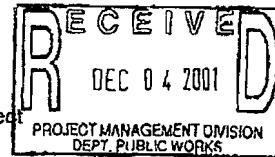
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November 27, 2001

Mr. David Palma
Los Angeles County Department of Public Works
900 South Fremont Avenue
Alhambra, CA 91803-1331



RE: SCH# 20011011167 - El Pueblo Cultural and Performing Arts Center Project

Dear Mr. Palma:

The Native American Heritage Commission has reviewed the above mentioned NOP. To adequately assess the project-related impact on archaeological resources, the Commission recommends the following actions be required:

- ✓ Contact the appropriate Information Center for a record search. The record search will determine:
 - Whether a part or all of the project area has been previously surveyed for cultural resources.
 - Whether any known cultural resources have already been recorded on or adjacent to the project area.
 - Whether the probability is low, moderate, or high that cultural resources are located within the project area.
 - Whether a survey is required to determine whether previously unrecorded cultural resources are present.
- ✓ If an archaeological inventory survey is required, the final stage is the preparation of a professional report detailing the findings and recommendations of the records search and field survey.
 - The report containing site significance and mitigation measures should be submitted immediately to the planning department.
 - The site forms and final written report should be submitted within 3 months after work has been completed to the Information Center.
- ✓ Contact the Native American Heritage Commission for:
 - A Sacred Lands File Check.
 - A list of appropriate Native American Contacts for consultation concerning the project site and assist in the mitigation measures.
- Provisions for accidental discovery of archeological resources:
 - Lack of surface evidence of archeological resources does not preclude the existence of archeological resources. Lead agencies should include provisions for accidentally discovered archeological resources during construction per California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) §15064.5 (f).
- ✓ Provisions for discovery of Native American human remains
 - Health and Safety Code §7050.5, CEQA §15064.5 (e), and Public Resources Code §5097.98 mandates the process to be followed in the event of an accidental discovery of any human remains in a location other than a dedicated cemetery and should be included in all environmental documents.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (916) 653-4040.

Sincerely,

Rob Wood
Environmental Specialist III

CC: State Clearinghouse

Table 1
MITIGATION MONITORING PROGRAM
PLAZA DE CULTURA Y ARTE

Mitigation Measure	Cultural Resources
CUL-1	<p>The County of Los Angeles shall ensure that impacts in cultural resources as a result of the potential for earthmoving activity to uncover previously unrecorded archaeological resources is below the level of significance through monitoring by a qualified archaeologist of all subsurface operations, including but not limited to grading, excavation, trenching, and recording of any previously unrecorded archaeological resources encountered during construction. The plans and specifications for all ground-disturbing activities shall identify the need for archaeological monitoring and data recovery. The archaeologist shall be on site during any activity when soil is to be moved or exported. The archaeologist shall be authorized to halt the project in the area of a finding, and mark, collect, and evaluate any archaeological materials discovered during construction. In addition, an exploratory archaeological excavation shall be made (i.e., a sample test pit) to assess the presence of cultural resources.</p> <p>Copies of any archaeological surveys, studies or reports of field observation during grading and land modification shall be prepared and certified by the attendant archaeologist and submitted to the South Central Coastal Information Center at California State University Fullerton. Any artifacts recovered during mitigation shall be deposited in an accredited and permanent scientific or educational institution for the benefit of current and future generations.</p>
CUL-2	<p>Although the impact of demolition of historic buildings cannot be mitigated to below the level of significance, the County shall require and shall be responsible for ensuring that data recording and documentation of the historic buildings scheduled for demolition are completed prior to the authorization of demolition of any historic structure. Rehabilitation of historic structures shall be completed by the Plaza de Cultura y Arte Foundation pursuant to a Lease Agreement with the County. Prior to the initiation of any project-related demolition or construction work on an historic building, the County shall ensure the preparation of a Historic American Buildings Survey (HABS) documentation for all the historic structures within the proposed project site. The documentation for demolished and rehabilitated structures shall include a California Department of Parks and Recreation Primary Record, Building, Structure or Object Record, District Record, and a location Map. Documentation shall be in accordance with the applicable standards described in the Secretary of Interior's Standards for Architectural and Engineering Documentation. The original historic report shall be deposited at the archives at the new Plaza de Cultura y Arte. A copy of this HABS documentation shall also be provided to the City of Los Angeles Public Library; the main branch of the County of Los Angeles Public Library; the University of California at Los Angeles, Department of Architecture and Urban Planning Library; California State University Fullerton, South Central Coastal Information Center; and the National Park Service for transmittal to the Library of Congress. Completion of this measure shall be monitored and enforced by the County of Los Angeles. Feasible salvage of historic elements of the demolished structures shall be undertaken in order to preserve those elements that contributed to the historic nature of the structure. To the extent that they are not incorporated in the rehabilitation of the other historic buildings, these features shall be made available to architectural historians for the study, preservation and education of future generations.</p>
CUL-3	<p>Significant impacts to adaptively reused historic structures shall be avoided through conformance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation as described in Section 3.3.4 of the EIR. The adaptive reuse and rehabilitation of a historic structure shall include an historic resource evaluation update and HABS documentation, which shall include California Department of Parks and Recreation Primary Record; Building Structure, or Object Record; District Record; and a Location Map, including pre-rehabilitation and post-rehabilitation photos to be submitted to the City of Los Angeles Public Library; the main branch of the County of Los Angeles Public Library; the University of California, Los Angeles, Department of Architecture and Urban Planning Library; California State University, Fullerton; South Central Coastal Information Center; and the National Park Service for transmittal to the Library of Congress.</p>
CUL-4	<p>The County of Los Angeles shall ensure that impacts to cultural resources related to the unanticipated discovery of human remains be reduced to below the level of significance by ensuring that in the event human remains are encountered, construction in the area of finding shall cease and the remains shall stay in situ, pending definition of an appropriate plan. The County of Los Angeles Coroner shall be contacted to determine whether investigation of the cause of death is required. In the event that the remains are of Native American origin, the Native American Heritage Commission shall be contacted to determine necessary procedures for protection and preservation of remains, including reburial as provided in the State CEQA Guidelines, Section 15064.5(e), "CEQA and Archaeological Resources," <i>CEQA Technical Advisory Series</i></p>

From: Dave Singleton <ds_nahc@pacbell.net>
Subject: **Re: La Plaza**
Date: January 9, 2011 6:21:08 PM PST
From: jdmckeehan <jdmckeehan@sbcglobal.net>
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January 9 2011

Hi Judy:

Just wanted to make a point. When we spoke about the excavations, and you outlined the professional standards Sanberg was utilizing, I did listen. But the NAHC did not authorize continuing or not continuing the process because the coroner had determined, at that time, that the remains were NOT Native American and had no evidence otherwise. However, after speaking with Dr. Miller about the site and where and how the remains were being discovered, and receiving some documentation from a Native American archaeologist that there may in fact be Native American remains at the site, I asked that the County stop the project. The NAHC does have limited authority, but under California Public Resources Code Section 21070, it is the State Trustee Agency for the protection and preservation of Native American cultural resources and burial grounds. Therefore, we asked that the County stop the project and assess the conflicting data.

Let me know if you have any questions about this.

Dave Singleton
NAHC
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On Jan 5, 2011, at 3:29 PM, jdmckeehan wrote:

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Archaeology Environmental Compliance

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