

# Jamul Dulzura Community Planning Group

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**Board of Supervisors**  
1600 Pacific Hwy  
Room 335  
San Diego, CA 92101

Subject: Community Planning Group's request for the Board of Supervisors' participation in Negotiations with the Jamul Indian Village on their proposed Hotel and Event Center Expansion

Dear Board Members,

In 2016, the Board of Supervisors voted 3-1 to approve the Jamul Casino. Now 7 years later we get a second proposal for a large expansion project for a 16 story 225 room hotel and a new 35,000 SF Event Center as a new 3<sup>rd</sup> floor above the existing casino on 6 acres of tribal land.

Originally this was presented as a building that would "*seamlessly blend into the natural landscape*". This expansion is a huge jump into the realm of a Las Vegas style casino that is in extreme conflict with the conservation land goals of our Sub-Regional Plan. This clearly indicates a trend for the Jamul Valley to become an entertainment-resort destination which completely changes the quality and rural character of this near wilderness setting. It also will erode the isolation that the conserved lands rely on to thrive and flourish.

According to County Planner Scott Christman, this project does not need the approval of the Board of Supervisors or that of the Governor because it is not an expansion of Class III "gaming". The Jamul Dulzura Community Planning Group pleads to gain your participation in reviewing this project. Decisions made in negotiations with the Tribe will be very impactful to our community with long term consequences. The decision making in these negotiations cannot be placed solely upon the shoulders of County Staff.

We urge your Boards' participation to oversee the process and have a guiding hand in this critical issue that will affect the future of so many. We will copy you on our group's FINAL RESPONSE LETTER to the TEIR, under CEQA, which we will submit before the deadline of November 16, 2022.

Respectfully,

Preston Brown, *Chair*

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