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re: Federal Recognition of the Fernandefio Tataviam Band of Mission Indians

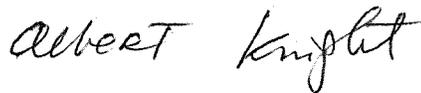
To whom it may concern:

The Los Angeles-Ventura Cultural Research Alliance (the LanVen) is pleased to speak in support of federal recognition of the Fernandefio Tataviam Band of Mission Indians (Petitioner #158). The membership of the LanVen consists exclusively of professional anthropologists, archaeologists, historians, environmentalists, other scholars of Native American studies, and graduate students. Various members of the LanVen are employed by government agencies, educational institutions, museums and historical societies, and cultural resource management firms, while others are private individuals: the senior members are amongst the leading experts in their respective fields.

Almost all of the members of the LanVen have worked with and are personally familiar with many members of the Fernandefio Tataviam tribe, and they with us. Fernandefio Tataviam elder Charlie Cook, who passed in 2013, was a founding member of the LanVen. More than a few of our members have consulted with members of the tribe, on various cultural and archaeological projects, over the course of many years. We are therefore in a knowledgeable position in regards to the proposed federal recognition, which we applaud and approve of.

In short, the Los Angeles-Ventura Cultural Research Alliance fully supports the Tribe as they seek federal recognition. We hope that the Office of Federal Acknowledgement recognizes that the Fernandefio Tataviam Band of Mission Indians deserves this recognition, which is long overdue.

Sincerely,



Stephen Bryne Chairman

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