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MAYOR

April 5, 2016

The Honorable Lorena Gonzalez
Assemblywoman
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 2114
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Assemblywoman Gonzalez:

I am pleased to offer my support for AB 2470. I understand this bill is a work in progress and appreciate the ongoing collaboration between the agencies and tribe to draft language to help ensure adequate water for the Sycuan Reservation and its enterprises.

Currently, the Sycuan Tribe's original reservation is served through groundwater wells. In the event of an earthquake, wildfire, prolonged drought or other public safety emergency, the tribe, its members, employees and customers would be significantly harmed if the groundwater wells were disrupted.

AB 2470 would authorize the tribe to purchase water from a contiguous municipal water district. This bill recognizes the historic circumstances of tribal reservations in California, the unique circumstances of the Sycuan reservation today, and the special status of a sovereign Indian tribe and its government-to-government relationship with the state.

Sincerely,

Kevin L. Faulconer
Mayor

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