



**Associated Students, SJSU, Board of Directors' Resolution 23/24-04
RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE AMAH MUTSUN TRIBAL BAND
AND THE PROTECTION OF JURISTAC**

- Whereas,** It is the mission of Associated Students at San José State University to represent the students of San José State University and continually improve the quality of their educational opportunities and experience; and
- Whereas,** Associated Students (A.S.) is the official voice of over 36,000 students at San José State University (SJSU); and
- Whereas,** One of the many desired outcomes of SJSU'S 10-year Strategic Plan, "Transformation 2030," is to "foster an inclusive environment and infrastructure where diverse populations can flourish;" and¹
- Whereas,** San José State University sits on the land of the Tamien-speaking Ohlone people, represented today by the Muwekma Ohlone Tribe and other Indigenous people who trace their ancestry through the Missions: Dolores, Santa Clara, and San Jose, and
- Whereas,** Indigenous peoples from around the world who now call San José their home, including many who are SJSU students, share related struggles to maintain their cultures, languages, worldviews, and identities; and
- Whereas,** The traditional territory of the Amah Mutsun Tribal Band encompasses portions of the modern Counties of San Benito, Monterey, Santa Cruz, Santa Clara, and San Mateo;²; and
- Whereas,** Sargent Ranch Partners LLC has applied to the County of Santa Clara for a conditional use permit for a proposed sand and gravel mining operation with aggregate processing facilities on 403 acres of Sargent Ranch, within an area known as *Juristac* to the Amah Mutsun Tribal Band³; and
- Whereas,** Juristac is the location of numerous historic ceremonial and sacred sites, comprising a landscape of paramount cultural and spiritual importance to the Amah Mutsun Tribal Band⁴; and

¹ <https://www.sjsu.edu/strategicplan/goals-and-outcomes/grow-and-thrive.php>

² <https://amahmutsun.org/land-trust>

³ <https://plandev.sccgov.org/policies-programs/smara/sargent>

⁴ <https://www.protectjuristac.org/about/>



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- Whereas,** The Amah Mutsun maintain that the proposed mining pits, overburden piles, roads, and processing facilities would irreparably harm Mutsun cultural resources, landscape features, including four sacred mountains, and the spiritual integrity of Juristac; and
- Whereas,** The draft Environmental Impact Report released by Santa Clara County in 2022 identifies 14 significant and unavoidable impacts to the environment that would result from the proposed Sargent Quarry, including impacts to tribal cultural resources, biological resources, and air quality⁵; and
- Whereas,** The Tribal Council of the Amah Mutsun has taken a unanimous stand in opposition to the Sargent Quarry Project and is seeking the support of surrounding communities in efforts to protect their sacred grounds; and
- Whereas,** In November of 2021, the Santa Clara County Human Rights Commission voted unanimously to recognize the desecration of the Amah Mutsun sacred site of Juristac as a significant human rights issue and to recommend that the County of Santa Clara deny approval of permits for the proposed mine⁶; and
- Whereas,** The cities of Morgan Hill, Santa Cruz, Sunnyvale, Gilroy, Mountain View, and Santa Clara have unanimously adopted resolutions supporting the efforts of the Amah Mutsun Tribal Band to preserve the entirety of Juristac as open space⁷; and
- Whereas,** Executive Order B-10-11⁸ established the position of the Governor's Tribal Advisor to oversee and implement effective government-to-government consultation between the Administration and Tribes on policies that affect California tribal communities; and
- Resolved,** That the Associated Students at San José State University supports the efforts of the Amah Mutsun Tribal Band to preserve Juristac as an open space in perpetuity and to regain access to their cultural and spiritual land at Juristac; and be it further

⁵ <https://plandev.sccgov.org/policies-programs/smara/sargent>

⁶ <https://gilroydispatch.com/human-rights-commission-opposes-sargent-mine/>

⁷ <https://www.protectjuristac.org/statements-of-support/>

⁸ <https://archive.gov.ca.gov/archive/gov39/2011/09/19/news17223/index.html>



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Resolved, That the Associated Students at San José State University urges the County of Santa Clara to deny the approval of permits for the proposed Sargent Quarry Project; and be it finally

Resolved, That Associated Students will make this document public and will forward this resolution to all affected parties, including, but not limited to: all board members of the **CSU Board of Trustees, Mildred Garcia** (*Chancellor, CSU*), **Cynthia Teniente-Matson** (*President of San José State University*), *Members of the President's Cabinet, Jennifer Malutta* (*Chief of Staff*), **Mari Fuentes-Martin** (*Interim Vice President for Student Affairs*), **Jahmal Williams** (*Director of Advocacy for Racial Justice*), **Patience Bryant** (*Interim Deputy Diversity Officer*), **Kristin Dukes** (*Chief Diversity Officer*), **Jon Tucker** (*Director of Student Involvement*), **Mai Mai Cantos** (*Director of Strategic Initiatives*), **Nnenna Abaeze** (*Director of Health Services*), **Jeff Konya** (*Director of Athletics*), **Vincent Del Casino** (*Provost of San José State University*), **Charlie Faas** (*Vice President and Chief Financial Officer*), **California State Student Association Board of Directors, Ro Khanna** (*U.S. Congressman, 17th District*), **Zoe Lofgren** (*U.S. Congresswoman, 19th District*), **Alex Padilla** (*CA Senator*), **Laphonza Butler** (*U.S. Senator*), **Ash Kalra** (*CA State Assemblyman, 25th District*), **Alex Lee** (*CA State Assemblyman, 24th District*), **Evan Low** (*CA State Assemblyman, 26th District*), **Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors, Cindy Chavez** (*Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors President, District 2*), **Omar Torres** (*San José Councilmember, District 3*), **Matt Mahan** (*Mayor, San José*), New Student and Family Programs, Mercury News, San José Spotlight, and The Spartan Daily.

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**Passed and Adopted by the Associated Students of San José State
University Board of Directors at a regular meeting held March
27, 2024 by a vote of 11-Yea 0-Nay 0-Abstention 1-Absent**

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Date