

Ohlone/Costanoan-Esselen Nation



*Previously acknowledged as
The San Carlos Band of
Mission Indians
The Monterey Band
And also known as
O.C.E.N. or Esselen Nation
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May 6, 2016

Monterey County Planning Commission
County of Monterey

Re: Schwenk, Heidi, 2486 17th Avenue, Carmel
File Number: PLN150453

CA-MNT-17

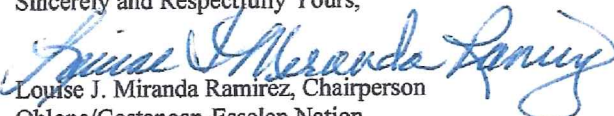
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Ohlone/Costanoan-Esselen Nation is an historically documented previously recognized tribe. OCEN is the legal tribal government representative for over 600 enrolled members of Esselen, Carmeleno, Monterey Band, Rumsen, Chalon, Soledad Mission, San Carlos Mission and/or Costanoan Mission Indian descent. Though other indigenous people may have lived in the area, the area is the indigenous homeland of our people.

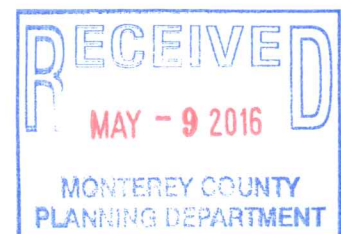
Ohlone/Costanoan-Esselen Nation objects to all excavation in known cultural lands, even when they are described as previously disturbed, and of no significant archaeological value. Please be advised that it is our first priority that our ancestor's remains be protected and undisturbed. We desire that all sacred burial items be left with our ancestors on site or as determined culturally respectable by OCEN. All cultural items returned to Ohlone/Costanoan-Esselen Nation. We ask for the respect that is afforded all of our current day deceased, by no other word these burial sites are cemeteries, respect for our ancestors as you would expect respect for your deceased family members in today's cemeteries. **Our definition of respect is no disturbance.**

We request consultation on projects affecting our aboriginal homelands, which include ground disturbance. In a previous consultation meeting I was advised that this project was not moving forward, therefore I find fault with revisions that continue to destroy OCEN's known sites. Please feel free to contact me at (408) 629-5189. Nimasianexelpasaleki. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely and Respectfully Yours,


Louise J. Miranda Ramirez, Chairperson
Ohlone/Costanoan-Esselen Nation
(408) 629-5189

Cc: OCEN Tribal Council



*Date of Hearing: May 11, 2016
Submitted via: Email
Distributed to
the Commission: May 10, 2016
Via Email*