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To Whom It May Concern:

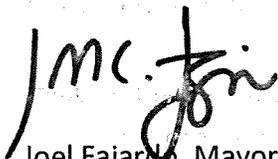
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On behalf of the City of San Fernando City Council, it is my pleasure to provide you with this letter of support for the Fernandeno Tataviam Band of Mission Indians (Tribe), in their pursuit of federal acknowledgment. The Tribe has been an active and involved member of our community for more than 30 years.

In 2009, after the passing of Tribal Leader Rudy Ortega Sr., the City re-named a local park after him. Rudy Ortega Sr. Park is 3.5 acres and contains a unique educational and cultural venue reflective of the City of San Fernando's rich history. Among these features are a simulated Tataviam tribe village, a tea house, a Mission-style plaza, a small amphitheater, and the restoration of a historic water tower. A walking trail is also incorporated that winds throughout landscaped open spaces with drought tolerant plants and trees.

We strongly urge you to consider providing the Tribe with this well-deserved and long awaited designation. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Joel Fajardo, Mayor
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