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Dear Mayor Hicks and Councilmembers,

Please approve the resolution supporting protection of Juristac and opposing the Sargent Ranch Quarry.

Juristac is both a sacred Indigenous landscape for the Amah Mutsun Tribal Band, and a critical wildlife corridor for animals such as mountain lions, bobcats, and badgers. An open-pit mine excavating the hillsides would be devastating for the cultural and spiritual significance of Juristac and the ability of wildlife to migrate in and out of the Santa Cruz Mountains.

All too often, Indigenous communities are marginalized and ignored in the decision-making process. By supporting the protection of Juristac, you will be sending a message that their voices matter and that we value their contributions to our community. This resolution is an important step in recognizing and acknowledging the historical trauma that Indigenous communities have experienced. It is time for us to take concrete action to address this legacy of injustice.

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