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Mr. Baksh:

I represent the community residents of Palomar Mountain and am writing to comment on the planned expansion of the Pauma Valley Casino. I attended the recent August 28<sup>th</sup> public comment meeting, purchased and read the several hundred pages of the Draft EA TEIR. Whereas many of the proposed changes cause community concern, I believe the greatest impact to the residents of Palomar Mountain is traffic.

I similarly attended public meetings and read the full March 2007 SR-76 East Corridor Study prepared by the Reservation Transportation Authority. In that recently completed report, sanctioned by the Pauma and 18 member tribes, the traffic levels on SR-76 in the vicinity of the proposed plan are *currently rated* as an unacceptable "D" level on weekdays and "F" level on Saturdays. By 2035, the average daily traffic volumes are expected to roughly double or triple with no road expansions planned.

The mitigation proposals in your plan, while improving access immediately surrounding the Casino, do not accommodate the current "D" and "F" levels of traffic, not to mention the expected increases due to the expansion. Additionally and anecdotally, the number of traffic accidents and resulting deaths on SR-76 are a matter of grave concern, and the mitigation proposals do not improve the situation.

Sincerely,

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