August 7, 2024

Amy Dutschke, Regional Director

Bureau of Indian Affairs, Pacific Regional Office

2800 Cottage Way, Room W-2820

Sacramento, CA 95825

**Subject: EIS Comments, Koi Nation Shiloh Resort and Casino**

Dear Regional Director Dutschke:

I am a Sonoma County resident and I oppose the Koi Nation’s proposed fee-to-trust transfer of unincorporated land adjacent to the Town of Windsor for a hotel and casino gaming project. The draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) released on July 8, 2024, contains complex, technical information and is virtually impossible for a layperson to understand or comment on. Moreover, it does not adequately address the significant impacts this project will have on the surrounding community and Sonoma County if it is approved.

Sonoma County and the Town of Windsor have raised numerous concerns related to water supply, wastewater, traffic, wildfire risk and evacuation routes, law enforcement and public safety, and housing and other economic impacts. Sonoma County Tribes have also highlighted the impacts on them and their cultural resources. Many of the mitigation measures in the DEIS are framed as best management practices, but there is no guarantee that they will occur. I am very concerned that the Bureau of Indians Affairs is rushing this process, has not adequately considered the local environmental impacts, and cannot guarantee or enforce the mitigation that is proposed.

We support the local, indigenous tribes. This project is not right for Sonoma County and will do nothing to restore lands to the Koi Nation, whose homeland is in Lake County. The only way to avoid significant environmental impacts is for the Bureau of Indian Affairs to approve the environmentally preferred “no project” alternative in the DEIS.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]

[Your Address]