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Honorable Valentin Lopez, Chairperson
P.O. Box 5272, Galt, CA 95632

Dear Honorable Valentin Lopez, Chairperson:

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Supervisor Cultural Resources Unit
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Enclosures: Regional Location Map & Project Location Maps
1-2 Sequoia Backup Generating Facility

Regional Location

Legend

- Project Site: Available aerial imagery shows the past use of the site, although it is currently vacant.

Source: Google Earth, 2019

Not to Scale
Sequoia Data Center
September 5, 2019

Honorable Irene Zwierlein, Chairperson
789 Canada Road, Woodside, CA 94062

Dear Honorable Irene Zwierlein, Chairperson:

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Honorable Ann-Marie Sayers, Chairperson
P.O. Box 28, Hollister, CA 95024

Dear Honorable Ann-Marie Sayers, Chairperson:

The California Energy Commission (CEC) is responsible for preparing an environmental analysis for the proposed Sequoia Data Center (SDC) and invites the Indian Canyon Mutsun Band of Costanoan to consult regarding this project because of the Indian Canyon Mutsun Band of Costanoan’s traditional and cultural affiliation, and knowledge within the geographic area of the proposed project.

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Honorable Charlene Nijmeh, Chairperson
20885 Redwood Road, Suite 232, Castro Valley, CA 94546

Dear Honorable Charlene Nijmeh, Chairperson:

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Honorable Katherine Erolinda Perez, Chairperson
P.O. Box 717, Linden, CA 95236

Dear Honorable Katherine Erolinda Perez, Chairperson:

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Andrew Galvan
P.O. Box 3388, Fremont, CA 94539

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