

National Aeronautics Space Administration

Ames Research Center

Historic Preservation Office, MS 213-8

Moffett Field, California 94035-00001



May 14, 2018

Rosemary Cambra, Chairperson

Muwekma Ohlone Indian Tribe of the San Francisco Bay Area

PO Box 360791

Milpitas, CA 95036

Dear Ms. Cambra:

Re: Notification to Potential Consulting Parties of the Archaeological Data Recovery Plan in Support of the Moffett Federal Airfield Navigational Aids, Airfield Lighting, and Signage Replacement Project.

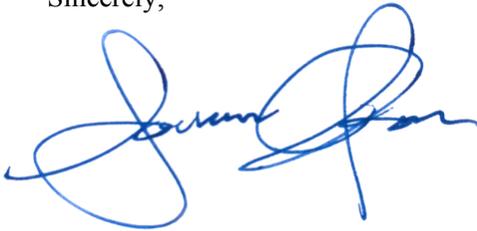
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Andrew Galvan
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Fremont, CA 94539

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