



PECHANGA INDIAN RESERVATION
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The Honorable Reginald Jones-Sawyer, Co-Chair
Special Committee on the Office of the Attorney General
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Mark Stone, Co-Chair
Special Committee on the Office of the Attorney General
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Re: Appointment of Xavier Becerra as California Attorney General (Support)

Dear Chairmen Jones-Sawyer and Stone,

On behalf of the Pechanga Band of Luiseño Indians, a federally recognized Indian tribe, we are very pleased to support the confirmation of Congressman Xavier Becerra as the next Attorney General for the State of California.

We have had the pleasure of getting to know Mr. Becerra during his 25 years of service in the U.S. House of Representatives. As you know, Congressman Becerra has been a tireless champion for the rights and progressive values of Californians on a multitude of policy fronts from the environment to social justice to education and healthcare, to name a few.

As a member of Congress, Mr. Becerra has consistently demonstrated a deep understanding and respect for the sovereign rights of Indian tribes, which are enshrined in the U.S. Constitution and have been generally upheld in more than 200 years of federal jurisprudence. As home to the largest number of Indian tribes in the nation, a respect for tribal rights is an important quality that our Attorney General should possess.

We look forward to working with Mr. Becerra as Attorney General of the State of California. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mark Macarro
Tribal Chairman

cc: The Hon. Jerry Brown, Governor
The Hon. Kevin de León, Senate President pro Tem
The Hon. Anthony Rendon, Speaker of the Assembly