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March 28, 2025

Hon. Darin Beltran, Chair
Koi Nation of Northern California
P.O. BOX 3152
Santa Rosa, CA 95402

RE: Letter of Intent--Koi Nation Trust Land at 222 Shiloh Road

Dear Chairman Beltran and members of the Koi Nation Tribal Council:

Thank you for your correspondence dated, January 16, 2025, regarding a proposed Letter of Intent between the Koi Nation of Northern California (hereinafter "Koi Nation") and the Town of Windsor, California, and the Koi Nation casino project. As you are aware, the Town submitted responses to both the Environmental Assessment ("EA") and Environmental Impact Statement ("EIS") that outlined certain off-reservation impacts to the Town, its residents and infrastructure. The Town's position is neither the EA nor EIS responses, nor the proposed mitigation measures, have appropriately addressed these concerns. Unfortunately, the Town (and we have learned, other interested parties) consider the environmental documents supporting the Department of Interior's Record of Decision ("ROD") for the Koi Nation Fee to Trust acquisition to be deeply flawed, and premature at best. Further, as you are also aware, several local Tribal Nations have filed suit to challenge the Interior ROD and the Indian Lands Opinion on various grounds.

Most recently on March 5, 2025, our Town Council heard public comments from Town residents concerning the Koi Nation proposed Shiloh Casino Project. The comments were overwhelmingly not in support of the project's location. Most recommended the Town engage in litigation to advocate for the residents' concerns. This is not surprising, as our residents feel that the casino project is being forced upon them absent any genuine input or consultation. Our residents, some families of whom have lived in Windsor for generations, have a genuine concern about how the casino project will impact their quality of life.

As such, out of respect to the local Tribal Nations that have filed suit, and the Town investigating the impact of the project independently, which is ongoing, any Letter of Intent agreed to before resolution of the pending litigation is premature.

Again, the Town appreciates the Tribe bringing the proposed Letter of Intent to its attention.

Respectfully,

Jon Davis
Manager - Town of Windsor

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