

WOODLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT #404

RESOLUTION No. 2511

A RESOLUTION of the Board of Directors of the Woodland School District #404, Woodland, Washington, to the Secretary of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), and to the Chairman of the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC) concerning the Cowlitz Tribe Land-to-Trust application for gaming in Clark County, Washington

WHEREAS, the Woodland School District is a School District located at the north end of Clark County and the South end of Cowlitz County, and serves over 2300 students in kindergarten through grade twelve; and,

WHEREAS, the city of Woodland, which is served entirely by the Woodland School District, was included in the socioeconomics report of the environmental impact statement for the proposed Cowlitz Tribe casino-resort as part of the primary study area and is likely to be an area with significant and direct socioeconomic impact, including an anticipated increase in school-aged population; and,

WHEREAS, the Woodland School District buildings are currently over capacity and there is no room for additional students without adding additional classrooms; and,

WHEREAS, the Woodland School District has the largest inventory of available and affordable housing in close proximity to the proposed casino; and,

WHEREAS, there is valid reason to believe that the EIS submitted by the Cowlitz Tribe grossly underestimates the impact to Woodland School District of the proposed casino development; and,

WHEREAS, school districts near other large casino developments have experienced significant increases in populations of students; and,

WHEREAS, school districts near other large casino developments have experienced increases in populations of students for whom English is not their primary language, requiring additional educational support; and,

WHEREAS, school districts near other large casino developments have experienced increases in populations of students who require additional remedial learning support, such as special education and Title I; and,

WHEREAS, the Woodland School District expects significant unmitigated impacts on the District including increased student population, lack of space for that increased enrollment, and potential net decrease in per-pupil resources available through local operating levy; now,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Board of Directors of the Woodland School District requests that the Secretary of Interior compel the Cowlitz Tribe, as a condition of the granting of the Land-to-trust application of the Tribe for land in north Clark County, to:

- 1) Complete and submit a Supplementary Environmental Impact Statement that specifically and accurately addresses the impacts to schools in Woodland.
- 2) Fully mitigate the initial anticipated impacts to schools of the proposed casino development, including capital and operational needs.
- 3) Fully mitigate, on an ongoing basis, the actual impacts to schools for the proposed casino development.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That should the Secretary of Interior fail to compel the Cowlitz Tribe thusly, or the Cowlitz Tribe fail to comply with such directive, the Board of Directors of the Woodland School District does herewith oppose the application of the Cowlitz Tribe and request that the Secretary of Interior reject the Land-to-trust application of the Tribe.


ADOPTED at regular session of the Board of the Woodland School District this 5th day of November, 2007.

WOODLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT #404
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

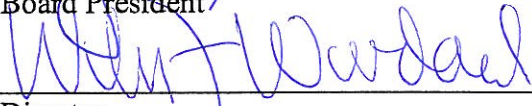
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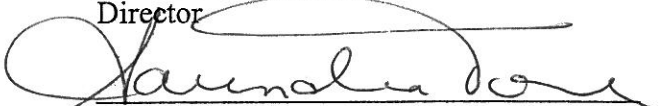
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