



CITY OF  
**WEST SACRAMENTO**

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May 23, 2006

Ruth Coleman, Director  
California State Parks  
1416 Ninth Street, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: California Indian Heritage Center

Dear Ms. Coleman:

The City of West Sacramento owns approximately 43 acres of land at the confluence of the American and Sacramento Rivers and 25 adjacent acres are owned by Cook Inlet Region Inc., an Alaska Native Corporation. The combined parcels are partially covered by the type of native riparian vegetation which characterized the central valley's waterways prior to European settlement. The property has outstanding views of downtown Sacramento, Discovery Park, and the two rivers. The property is centrally located within the Sacramento region, and offers a unique opportunity for a riverfront park and an exceptional setting for a cultural center and museum with statewide significance.

The city would like to explore the idea of a partnership for improvement and use of the site for the California Indian Heritage Center (CIHC). While we are unable to make commitments for use of the site without a clearer understanding of intended uses and consultation with the city council, staff believes that this is a proposal with significant merit and definitely worth pursuing.

There are some expectations regarding the property that would need to be considered through any discussion that may follow. These include:

- Improvement of the site to appropriate State Parks standards.
- Inclusion of a museum facility that will attract the general public.
- Assuring public access unless special events are in progress.
- Maintaining continuous unrestricted trail access for bicycles and pedestrians along or parallel to the river.

Our understanding is that a site in the city of Sacramento is first in consideration for the CIHC facility. We are presenting the West Sacramento property as a backup option in the event the first site proves infeasible or unsatisfactory. In any event – whether the West Sacramento

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site is seriously considered for the CIHC or not – we are interested in working with State Parks to see that the site is dedicated to a use worthy of its outstanding characteristics, location, and natural features. Our request last year that the property be included in planning for state parks in the central valley reflected that objective; the CIHC appears to be consistent with that vision as well.

I look forward to discussing the possibilities for this site with you. Please contact me at (916)617-4535 or via email at [valt@cityofwestsacramento.org](mailto:valt@cityofwestsacramento.org).

Sincerely,



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Director of Redevelopment

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