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**Cultural Arts Commission**

City of Pomona  
505 S Garey Ave  
Pomona, CA 91766

Dear Cultural Arts Commission,

The Rumsen Ohlone Indigenous Embrace Non Profit Corporation is taking this opportunity to express our disappointment on a project being conducted by the cultural arts commission of the city of Pomona. Specifically the mural that will be displayed on the side of the restroom at Tony Cerda park.

It has been brought to our attention that the Rumsen Ohlone name will be exhibited along with the images of an Ohlone Rumsen village, a bear and the portrait of Mr. Tony Cerda. This mural is displeasing to us as Rumsen Ohlone people who have complete documentation tying our lineage 7 generations to the Mission Carmel in the Monterey Bay in the Ohlone territory. Tony Cerda has never proven that he is a blood relative of the Ohlone people. He is not the chief of the Rumsen people and is not a man of good morals.

Tony Cerda has recently found himself in the middle of a very troubling circumstance in Northern California and as a result Tony Cerda and his tribe the Coastanoan Rumsen Carmel Tribe, had been asked to excuse themselves from various ceremonies and gatherings in the Ohlone territory. Due to these facts and other allegations such as political corruption and the lack of honesty in his outreach, the Rumsen Ohlone Indigenous Embrace Non Profit Corporation and other Ohlone tribes and groups across Southern and Northern California find it to be very disrespectful to have the Rumsen Ohlone nation be associated with Tony Cerda and his legacy.

Sincerely,

**RO Indigenous Embrace A Non Profit Corporation**

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