August 1, 2006

LA City/County Native American Indian Commission
Mr. Ron Andrade, Director
3175 West 6th Street
Room 403
Los Angeles, CA 90020

Re: Mission College Master Plan EIR – Sacred Sites Records Check

Dear Mr. Andrade:

This letter serves as a request for knowledge regarding the presence of sacred sites or cultural resources for the proposed Mission College Master Plan EIR in order to determine the potential for the project to pose an impact to Native American sacred sites or resources within the project site. This information will be included in the Cultural Resources Section of the EIR in compliance with the California Environmental Policy Act (CEQA).

The proposed project site is located at 13356 Eldridge Ave, within the City of Los Angeles, in the community of Sylmar, California, and may be located on the Township 3 North, Range 15 West, as depicted on the Sylmar, California USGS 7.5 Minute Series Topographic Quadrangle Map (See Figure 1 – Topo Map). The existing 22.5 acre campus provides 234,500 gross square feet (gsf) of instructional and support facilities housed within low profile (building height up to 47 feet) permanent buildings and temporary structures. An additional 443,271 gsf, or a total of 677,771 gsf, would be necessary in order for the College to serve the anticipated enrollment growth. The land to be acquired for scheme C in the off-site option includes two parcels. The district is currently in negotiations with St. Ephraim’s Church (Syrian Orthodox Church) for the North parcel of approximately 3 acres. The District has also contacted Comstock Homes about purchasing the approximately 7 acre parcel to the south. Excavation at an excess of 20 feet below surface may be required for this project.

Respectfully, I have enclosed a pre-paid envelope for your convenience which you may use to respond to our inquiry.

If you have any questions regarding this project, please feel free to contact me at 213.996.2258.

In good spirit,

Laurie Solis, M.A.
Cultural Resource Specialist

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Figure 1
Figure 1: U.S.G.S Topographic Quadrangle, Sylmar Sheet. Township 3 North, Range 15 West