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GABRIELINO-TONGVA TRIBE VS. STEIN. 1 2 ROUGH TRIAL TESTIMONY OF BARBARA GARCIA. ****** 3 4 THE COURT: Okay Barbara Garcia. Just have a 5 And ma'am you understand you're still under oath? seat. I do. 6 Α. 7 THE COURT: Okay thank you. 8 0. BY MR. STEIN: Barbara I'd like to start off with 9 the -- we made a list of people and resolutions that had 10 all approved the SMDC agreement as well as amounts that 11 were due under the SMDC agreement, one amount being '76 12 Is that your understanding of what the records of 13 GT Tribe reflected? 14 Yes there and again, when were you with GT Tribe? Α. 15 Α. Since September of 2003 to May of 2010. 16 Q. So May of 2010, that was after the split occurred? 17 Right. Α. And 2003 was before the split occurred? 18 0. 19 Correct. Α. 20 0. During that time you testified that the 2.1 organization -- you didn't change organizations, did you? No. No, I didn't. 22 Α. 23 Ο. And during that time was the SMDC agreement in 2.4 force until terminated by GT Tribe? 25 Α. Correct. 26 And that was in force with the organization for which you were tribal administrator? 2.7 28 Α. Yes.

- Q. So based on that you would say -- would you say that the SMDC agreement, the contracting party with the SMDC agreement was GT Tribe?
 - A. Yes.

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- Q. Would you say that the contracting -- that the Dunlap faction was not the contracting party with the SMDC agreement?
 - A. Yes.
 - Q. Why?
- A. Because they left and if you look at all of the contractual resolutions and agreements that were attached to each resolution, several people were signing or several tribal counsel people were signing, different tribal counsel people were signing and they left, they created, some of them created other factions and yet the agreements didn't go with them. So in my opinion, why would it be different?
- Q. So what you're saying is that because of the large number of signatories and if an individual leaves the voluntary organization stays the same?
- 21 A. Correct.
 - Q. You mentioned you worked with public counsel correct?
 - A. Yes yes.
 - Q. Has it had more than one CEO while you were there?
- A. Yes actually. Right before I left the previous
 CEO that I had worked with for five years left and there
 was an interim.

Is the public house run by a board of directors? 1 Q. 2 Α. Yes. 3 0. And how many people on this board? 4 Α. 80. 5 80 people. So have there been a significant Q. number of changes as to who the people are on the board of 6 7 directors while you were with public counsel for five 8 years. Α. Yes. 10 MS. IBARRA: I'm going to object to relevance. 11 THE COURT: Sustained. 12 BY MR. STEIN: In your experience then when a Q. 13 voluntary organization has changes in personnel, does the 14 organization still maintain the same identity? 15 Α. Yes. 16 And in the case of GT Tribe were 1500 members the same out of the 17 to 1800 members? 17 18 Α. Yes. Were the 23 two members that left GT Tribe while 19 Ο. 20 you were tribal administrator the only example of a mass 2.1 number of people leaving the voluntary organization? 22 Α. Yes. 23 0. Was there a second group, smaller but they left at 24 the same time called the Salas Group? 25 A little bit after, yes. Α. 26 Now let's kind of refresh your recollection. Did Ο. 2.7 the Salas Group leave while you were tribal administrator?

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- Q. I see. And about when would that have been?
- 2 A. I don't remember exactly but I'm thinking it was
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- 4 Q. Who were they led by?
- 5 A. Ernie Salas?
- 6 A. Ernie Salas.
- 7 Q. And did Ernie have a son Andy Salas?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. And did Ernie and Andy Salas lead out a large 10 group of people or a smaller group of people?
 - A. A smaller, it was their family.
- 12 Q. Did they ask for their records?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. Did you give them their records?
- 15 A. Yes.
- Q. Did you happened it will the same or different from how had you handled the record requests from the
- 18 Dunlap faction?
- A. Same. They each got their old membership with a letter, everything was the same.
- Q. And do you know the issue that led the Salas Group to leave?
 - A. They didn't agree with -- they wanted to be on council and they didn't agree with certain things that were going on and so they decided that they were going to form their own group.
- Q. Was one of the issues that they disagreed with the spelling of Gabrielino-Tongva Tribe?

A. Yes.

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- Q. The way those members left, they all got their records the same as the Dunlap faction?
 - A. Correct.
 - Q. Did they take any money with them?
 - A. No.
 - Q. Did they take any assets, did they steal chairs from the office?
 - A. No.
 - Q. And do you know -- do you know from your personal knowledge if that Salas Group exists today?
- 12 A. I don't know.
- Q. Exhibit 6 '69 I will ask you to identify.
- 14 THE COURT: That's a new one huh.
- 15 THE CLERK: Yes.
- MR. STEIN: Let me scroll through, these are a series of handwritten cash years [TKHAOERPT] eye one or \$146,000, a [H*EUPB] [KA*BG] for 58,000, a handwritten [KA*BG] for 51,000 h a handwritten cash for 47,000, a handwritten [KA*BG] for 42,000, please notice they're all written the same date, November 8th, a [H*EUPB] check dated
- 22 November 8th for 10,000, another 10,000, 9500. Can you
- 23 | identify Exhibit 6 '69?
 - A. These were bank records that were given to us from the Gabrielino-Tongva Tribe checking account and they were copies of withdrawals that had been made on that date, when we later found out that it was to pay things in advance.
- 28 Q. Was this -- were these -- to your knowledge was

- 6 there one main account for the casino project? 1 2 Right. 3 And did it have the vast majority of the \$898,000 4 in that one casino project account? 5 Α. Yes. Were all of these withdrawals from that one 6 Q. 7 account? 8 Α. Yes. 9 Exam were they all on November 8th according to records that you examined? 10 11 Α. Yes. 12 And these were records of the tribe of GT Tribe? Q. 13 Α. Correct. And its casino project? 14 Q. 15 Α. Correct. 16 Q. Now the signature, do you recognize the signature? Yes Elizabeth Aronson. 17 Α. And who is that? 18 0. Elizabeth Aronson. 19 Α. 20 Q. And Elizabeth Aronson was who? 2.1 The tribal general counsel. Α. 22 So she was the tribal general counsel, the lawyer Q. for the tribe? 23 2.4 Α. Right.
- 25 The GT Tribe. Do you know why these are all 26 handwritten and on the same day?
- We later were -- found out that they had paid 2.7 28 vendors, their own vendors a year in advance, I think

including themselves and they were trying to get as much money paid out because you were trying to freeze the account while the problem was solved or while there was a resolution between the investors and the tribe.

- Q. Do you know if a litigation had been filed by November 8th?
 - A. Not yet, I don't think.
 - Q. I'd like you to identify Exhibit 5 40.

MR. FORDYCE: And that's not been previously marked, 54 zero.

MR. STEIN: Five 40, very good.

- Q. Now this is a little bit hard to read, do you recognize this as an Excel table that you helped put together?
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Q. And does this track what happened to the 800 --.

17 THE COURT: I don't have that, is this five 40.

MR. FORDYCE: Correct Your Honor.

THE COURT: Oh I'm at six 40, sorry about that, keep going.

- Q. BY MR. STEIN: And does this track the actual expenditures of the 898,000?
- A. Yes.
- Q. And were the vast majority of expenditures in what period?
- A. November 8th.
- Q. November 8th. And were the vast majority of the expenditures of the 898,000 over approximately what period?

A. November 8th.

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- Q. November 8th?
- Q. And then I'd like to turn to exhibit the writ of attachment, Santa Monica Boulevard. [TPHAOEULT] do you have the number for it.
- MR. FORDYCE: Yeah that's for terminal or for Santa Monica.
 - MR. STEIN: Santa Monica.
 - MR. FORDYCE: I have it as 78 five.
- MR. STEIN: Thanks very much, I had forgotten it too so thanks very much for helping me out.
- 12 Q. Okay. Can you please identify Exhibit 78 five?
- A. It's a wrist of attachment to the 50 one Santa
 Monica Boulevard location.
 - Q. Right [SKP-FPLT] that's Paragraph 3, writ of attachment to attach property at 50 one Santa Monica Boulevard. Now Linda Candelaria testified previously about Exhibit 78 four I believe it was which is to terminal street, this is for Santa Monica Boulevard, is that where your offices are?
 - A. They were.
 - Q. Are you describe to me when you first saw this document?
 - A. The Sheriff's officer came and showed us the document and said they were coming to pick up documents that were attached to that writ and I showed them where the files were, I also told them that Santa Monica development company had their offices there as well so they were a

little confused because the writ was for the same address so they ended up just leaving.

- Q. But left having officially attached the records?
- A. Right, back to Santa Monica Boulevard.
- Q. And then after attaching the records they turned them over to Saint Monica?
 - A. Well yes technically.
- Q. And the guy didn't actually pick up the notebook and hand you it and go through 100 nobody's one at a time did he?
- A. Yeah he just said he had never seen that before.
- Q. Well is it your understanding that whatever claims that Plaintiffs had in those records the Los Angeles Sheriff's instead took those records pursuant to that document and turned them over to Saint Monica?
- A. Right.
- 17 Q. And then.
- 18 THE COURT: Did he physically move them?
- 19 A. No.

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- THE COURT: They were physically in the same
- 21 location, so that's why they're confused?
- 22 A. Right.
- THE COURT: So they're saying they're here but
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 of confused?
- 26 A. Right.
- 27 THE COURT: So now I see why.
- 28 Q. BY MR. STEIN: And did about Saint Monica do with

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And then you processed the paperwork?

That's the tribes accountants prepared them?

- 1 Α. To send out, got the signatures and mailed them 2 out. 3 0. Very good. So which exhibit -- we were talking 4 THE COURT: 5 when 500 right. MR. STEIN: 500, 503 is this one which 500 has one 6 7 page with the EI N . 8 THE COURT: Yeah, okay. 9 MR. STEIN: Thank you. And then 505, the Gabrielino tribe 10 0. BY MR. STEIN: 11 lobbyist papers were they filed quarterly? 12 Yes. Α. 13 Q. And who would usually file them? At the beginning it was a lobbying firm and then I 14 Α. 15 took over and started filing them myself. 16 Q. And were they signed by Mr. Martin Alcala? 17 The first couple of ones that I prepared, yes. Α. 18 0. And then were they later signed by Linda Candelaria? 19 20 Α. Correct. 2.1 And you feel that you were being truthful with the 22 State of California's fair political practices commission 23 by saying this is the same GT Tribe that filed them before 2.4 the split and this is the same GT Tribe that filed them 25 after the split?
- 26 A. Yes.
- Q. And you felt you were being truthful with the State of California?

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              THE COURT: Did you call 506.
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THE CLERK: 1 506 was on six, 21. 2 THE COURT: No I'm saying it was it's not 3 displayed, is there a reason, you don't have copies or --506. 4 5 MR. STEIN: Forgive me I turned this off by putting my paper on it so I'm waiting for it to warm up. 6 7 In the meanwhile. 8 THE COURT: Let's have a look at 506. 9 MR. STEIN: May I get the exhibit book. THE COURT: Yes. 10 11 MR. STEIN: Barbara let me show this to you, I 12 tried to get a they can-er one but I couldn't find it? 13 Α. Thanks. So let me try that again. Happily I was able to 14 0. 15 give you the exhibit book just in time to look at the 16 screen. Is this the lobbying report that Crane Group filed on behalf of GT Tribe in Washington? 17 18 Α. Yes. 19 0. And did you file the ones for the tribe? 20 Α. For the state, yes. 2.1 For the state and did you also keep the official Q. copy in the tribes records? 22 23 Α. Yes. 2.4 So that you could report to the United States 25 senate should they call? 26 Α. Right. 2.7 And is this report in particular from December

31st of 2006 that was received by the clerk of the U.S.

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              MR. STEIN: Know we can pull it out if you want.
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THE COURT: No that's okay I want to.

MR. STEIN: I'd like to blame it on the Xerox shop

Q. Exhibit 5 14 -- Exhibit 5 20 is the membership Exhibit No. 1?

THE CLERK: Exhibit 5 14 or 520.

MR. STEIN: 520, my apologies.

but I'm pretty sure it was me.

- Q. And we've identified this previously. Did you mail that her out?
 - A. Yes.

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- Q. And if you notice in the first paragraph we went over with Linda Candelaria while you were not here that Jonathan Stein acknowledged that he was fired, Jonathan Stein said later down here some other facts that were not so hatch [AOE] about Mr. Stein himself but tried to tell the truth. When you sent this to members was the use of tribal letterhead appropriate or not appropriate in your view when you sent it out?
- A. In my view it was appropriate because we were getting a lot of calls from members that had heard what was going on and they wanted more information so that's when this meeting [TPWAUZ] established.
- Q. And you say a lot of calls, do you mean libeling six?
- A. No, we were getting a lot, I'm talking about 30, 40 calls from people, repeatedly, a lot of them had questions, they would hear from [TAPL] [TPA*PLZ] so they would call in and they would want answers as well so then

this meeting was [S*ETD] set to be able to give them 1 2 information there and was that the November 18th meeting? 3 Yes. [STPHAO*E]. 4 MR. FORDYCE: 5 THE COURT: Mr. Stein just a five minute warning. MR. STEIN: Very good actually think I'll probably 6 7 be finishing a little bit early. 8 Ο. And was it your understanding that the tribal council was happy with this meeting or was not willing to 9 10 participate? 11 They weren't willing to participate, in fact they 12 set up a different meeting the very next day. 13 When you say they set up a different meeting the very next day, did they find out about this meeting? 14 15 Α. Yeah because all members were really talking to 16 each other, so they were telling each other what was going on so once --. 17 18 Ο. This was -- there were several letters like this, were there not? 19 20 Α. Yes. 2.1 And you send them out? Q. 22 Α. Yes. 23 Ο. Did you accepted them out to Sandonne Goad? 24 Α. Everyone, every --. 25 Did you send them to Virginia Carmelo? Q. 26 Α. Yes. 2.7 Sam Dunlap? Q. 28 Α. Yeah.

1 Q. And did they mention the November 18th meeting? 2 Α. Yes. 3 And what you're saying in response is they set up Ο. 4 the November 19th meeting? 5 I'm assuming in response. Α. And did you go to one of the meetings? 6 Q. I went to the November 18th. 7 Α. 8 Q. Did you go to the 19th? 9 Α. No. Was the result of those two meetings on November 10 0. 11 18th and 19th that the tribe split into -- GT Tribe split 12 into two pieces? 13 Α. Yes. 14 And we've referred to the two pieces, the Ο. Candelaria faction and the Dunlap faction? 15 16 Α. Correct. How many [peoples|People's|people's] in Candelaria 17 faction? 18 19 Over 15. Α. 20 Q. How many members in the Dunlap faction? 2.1 Under 500 for sure. Α. And how many blue cards were received? 22 Q. 23 23 two. Α. 24 Ο. So there were at least 23 two? 25 Α. Yes. 26 And between those two factions that made up the Q. entirety of what had been GT Tribe? 2.7 28 Α. Correct.

- Q. In your opinion, did the GT Tribe continue with the Dunlap faction?
 - A. No.

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- Q. Thank you very much. No further questions.

 THE COURT: Thank you cross-examination.
 - Q. BY MS. IBARRA: My good morning Ms. Garcia?
 - A. Good morning.
 - Q. I [STPREPLT] eye Delia Ibarra and I represent the plaintiff Gabrielino-Tongva Tribe and my client is Sandonne Goad. So we heard a lot about your background yesterday?
 - A. Uh-huh.
- Q. The most interesting thing to me was your employment with Mr. Stein's law offices, so he paid you, correct?
- 15 A. Correct.
- Q. And you also served as a tribal administrator?
- 17 A. Correct.
- 18 Q. So did you get paid by the tribe?
- 19 A. No.
- Q. So did you get paid by Mr. Stein for that -- for
- 21 | those functions?
- A. Uh-huh.
- Q. So would you characterize it as were you volunteering for the tribe?
- 25 A. A lot of my time was volunteered.
- 26 Q. Okay did you volunteer any time for Mr. Stein?
- 27 A. No.
- Q. Did the tribe ever ask you to volunteer?

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- Q. And your parents, did they ever -- did they ever ask them to volunteer?
 - A. I asked them.
 - Q. You asked them, why would you ask them?
 - A. Because we needed the help, we didn't have enough had people to do everything that needed to be done for the meeting. There was a lot of work that went in so we needed people to cook, so I asked my parents to help.
- 10 Q. Were you a- warranted tribal administrator by the 11 tribe or Mr. Stein?
- A. At the beginning it was Mr. Stein but I know that the tribal council had agreed with it, there wasn't anything formal, I don't recall.
 - O. So there was no resolution?
- 16 A. No.
- 17 Q. Saying we're appointing?
- 18 A. No.
- 19 Q. Barbara Garcia?
- 20 A. No.
- Q. And you were -- your offices were -- were shared with Mr. Stein's law offices?
 - A. Correct but one thing is that all of the [mails|males] mail that went out had my name's as tribal
 administrator and none of them ever complained.
- Q. Okay. So they never complained to you so you assume that they were okay with you?
- 28 A. Uh-huh.

- Q. Being tribal administrator?
- 2 A. Uh-huh.

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- 3 Q. Or getting appointed --
- A. And they always prevented me as tribal administrator.
 - Q. But the initial appointment was by Mr. Stein and there was no objection on their part, and I'm sure they never objected to getting free work from you, right?
 - A. I'm sure.
- Q. I'm sure. So I've also seen a number of proves in pleading before I was en flamed in this action that bear your signature so you served documents Mr. Stein's law offices correct?
- 14 A. Correct uh-huh.
- 15 Q. In this litigation?
- 16 A. Uh-huh.
- 17 Q. Were you his legal assistant?
- 18 A. Right.
- 19 Q. So what --?
- A. I think that was stated at the very beginning, I wore the hats of paralegal.
- 22 O. You were Jack of all trade?
 - A. Right, so that was one of my functions.
- Q. And that's what you did after you went to public counsel, you were basically paralegal?
- A. I was a part time paralegal, part time executive
 assistant to the presidency. And I do have formal training
 as paralegal at UCLA.

- Q. Oh so you have a certificate?
- A. Yes, I do.

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- Q. That's great. So we also heard from

 Ms. Candelaria after you and she did mention that you
 actually forwarded a lot of documents for her signature?
 - A. Uh-huh.
- Q. Right? And she said she often received these documents via e-mail. So I'm wondering if you were exercising any independent judgment from Mr. Stein when you transmitted those documents to Ms. Candelaria?
- A. Most of them were tribal letters that were going to go out so they would review them. They came from my tribal administrator e-mail because I did have an e-mail for that and I always kept those separate. So if would -- there was a member meeting coming up, there was a letter always generated, they would review it and make changes if if he deemed necessary.
- Q. Now so now we're talking about Ms. Candelaria so this is when you were sending documents for her signature to be transmitted. So this is correspondence for the Candelaria faction right?
 - A. Actually either [WAOEU], even with.
 - Q. So before what you call the split.
- MR. STEIN: Objection if the witness can finish her testimony.
- 26 THE COURT: Okay did you not finish your answer?
- 27 A. At this point I don't remember.
- 28 THE COURT: Okay.

- Q. BY MS. IBARRA: So we were talking about you prepared documents for their signature and we were talking about the general sister of that was that it was candidate who testified to that but you were about to tell me that you did that also for Virginia Carmelo [WHOTZ] a tribal chairwoman before the split or --?
- A. Right because they would verify and look over all of the letters, files, I would always send -- if I was doing a filing I would send it to them to review, once they approved it, you know I would mail it to them for original signature.
 - Q. And what about the government filings?
- 13 A. Uh-huh.

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- Q. Did Mr. Stein instruct you to transmit those for candidate signature?
 - A. I kept tally of when they were due, so I would let them know that the filings were coming up and that I would be send [T-G] to them.
- Q. What about the --
 - A. Because there's -- I'm sorry I didn't mean to interrupt you because there's due dates by when you have to submit them so I would keep that -- calendar of that.
 - Q. But what about the tax forms though, so they weren't filed until Ms. Candelaria took over in 2007 so you weren't keeping track of them?
- 26 A. Those were --
- 27 | Q. Before then?
- 28 A. Right. I don't recall when they were filed

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THE COURT: Who instructed you to file them is the question if anybody.

A. I know that because of the investment they wanted to file all -- make everything -- all of the documentations and all of the necessary filings so that came as part of the investment.

THE COURT: Yeah but who, I mean the question is for seven years nobody filed anything and then seven years later oh we've got to file seven years worth of stuff did you decide to do that on your open?

A. No.

THE COURT: Did somebody tell you to do it was the investors, who was it?

A. I know that arose from one of the meetings, I don't know who exactly made the final decision.

THE COURT: So you have don't know or?

- A. Well I'm sure it was Mr. Stein who gave me the task but I don't know who made the decision.
- Q. BY MS. IBARRA: And you're talking about meetings, what meetings are you talking about?
 - A. Tribal council meetings.
- Q. So tribal council meetings so this is -- if we're talking about the tax forms, we're talking about 2007, at some point there's a tribal council meeting with Mr. Stein and at a certain point he gives you direction to file call of these back taxes?
- A. Well he gave -- whoever gave Talley because I

didn't file the actual tax reforms, I didn't file tax
reforms, I'm not licensed to file tax forms.

- Q. Did you have direct communication with Talley?
- A. Sometimes.

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- Q. But you didn't task them with work, right, because they would bill you?
 - A. Right.
- Q. So that would be something that Mr. Stein would do?
- 10 A. Or tribal council, they had direct commune
 11 [WAEUGS] can tribal council as well.
 - Q. Okay because Ms. Candelaria did not mention Talley at all, she didn't know who had prepared the forms.
 - Q. When you transmitted documents to Ms. Candelaria did you try to make sure she understood what she was signing?
 - A. Yes we would always talk about it before and it wasn't just Ms. Candelaria, I would send it generally to all of the tribal council members unless she was signing directly, then I'd like her know that it was her signature that was needed.
 - Q. Were you around when she signed the settlement agreement of this action with Mr. Stein?
 - A. I believe so.
- Q. So were you there when she executed the document?
- 27 A. I can't recall.
- 28 Q. Do you know if she understood what she was signing

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- A. Yes I'm pretty sure, they had counsel explain it to them.
 - Q. Who was her counsel?
 - A. I have think at the time it was Jason Meyers maybe and I can't -- there were so many attorneys that came by, I'm so sorry if it's not.
- Q. It's okay. So you were paid by Mr. Stein and you did work for Mr. Stein and you were -- your work was directed by Mr. Stein but sometimes you also did volunteer work for the tribe?
- 12 A. Right.
- Q. So as between the two of them who were you loyal to?
- 15 A. Loyal?
- 16 Q. Yes your loyalty?
- A. My loyalty was both of them, I worked with both of them I wouldn't choose one over the other, if you're trying to say Mr. Stein is one I was loyal so I know what's right and what's wrong so I would never choose Mr. Stein if there was something wrong so I don't understand the question about loyalty.
 - Q. If there was a conflict between the two who would you choose?
 - A. I would not -- I would recuse myself, it was something I didn't have to pick one or the other, they could find someone else to do whatever was needed but I was never in that position.

Q. So we took judicial notice yesterday that this litigation was filed on November 1st.

THE COURT: November 2nd.

MS. IBARRA: November 2nd, I keep confusing those two dates, November 2nd of 2006, right?

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- Q. So they're at odds with each other, the tribal council, Stein, you had possession of the documents, what would you do?
- 10 A. I didn't do anything. Are you asking because they
 11 were asking me for the documents?
- Q. So yeah you had -- well they were asking Mr.

 Stein?
- 14 A. Uh-huh.
- Q. But you didn't have discretion to do anything other than what Mr. Stein asked you to do right?
 - A. Well I didn't -- okay. So there was a conversation with tribal council where they were asking me to take the files but they were asking me to steal because they were asking me to do it without Mr. Stein knowing. So at that point I felt like I couldn't do anything and even Elizabeth Aronson advised that I shouldn't do anything that was not in knowledge of Mr. Stein because then I would be accused of stealing. So if that's what you're referring to.
 - Q. By Mr. Stein -- yes?
- A. If that's what you're referring to? Can.
- 28 Q. Yes.

- A. Then I did not -- and yes I chose not to commit a crime.
- Q. So by -- so being accused of stealing is actually different than stealing so --?
- A. The way they were trying to get me to do it was stealing.
 - Q. Okay.

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- A. Because otherwise they could have come into the office and taken whatever they needed. Jonathan never closed the door, he have never looked the door, they actually came during the split, they could have taken things then, in fact they did take some things so for them to ask me specifically to make copies of database information, that was had not legal.
- Q. Okay that was going to be my next question is if -- because that came up yesterday was with one of the other witnesses would you have given them a copy of the membership information if they had asked and you're basically saying they did ask and you didn't or --?
- A. Well but the question is for me is the tribe was the entity, Carmelo and Dunlap and everyone that was leaving was creating their own separate group, they had formed a whole different application --.
 - Q. Okay can I stop you there.
- MR. STEIN: Your Honor.
- MR. FORDYCE: Your Honor can she finish her answer please.
- MS. IBARRA: Okay.

THE COURT: Yes finish.

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- A. She they had [RAOE] [KRAOEUT]—d at this member meeting on the 19th they had forms that were completely different than what was different from before, they were asking them to fill out all these new membership forms so it was a whole new entity. So if you're asking me what am I supposed to do at that point if they're forming something different, then it would be stealing from the tribe.
- Q. Okay. So and your evidence that they were creating a new entity was that they were filling out these blue cards?
- A. No. People were giving me membership application see everyone was going [ORB] or a lot of the members went to both meetings so the members that went to their meeting brought us back the packets that were being issued at that time. So they were giving a whole new membership, they had new constitution, I mean they had everything that was completely different so if it's a new group, wouldn't it be stealing from one group to give to the other?
 - Q. Okay but --?
- A. And I did not want to get caught in that and I did not want to find out if it was stealing or not to be quite honest with you.
- Q. And you have did not want to be in cross hairs with Mr. Stein who was my employer's?
- A. I mean he could have fired me and I would have found another job, that's not -- that's not what I was

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- Q. So November 1st -- November 2nd litigation starts and then the meetings are November 18th and 19th. They don't have access because like you said -- [SKPUF] wouldn't have given them access to the membership information so Mr. Stein was sending out all these letters, there's three of them explaining his side of the story, they didn't have the same access to the membership, right?
 - A. They had copies of something because --.
- O. Of some?
 - A. Right.
- Q. Okay so they had copies of some and maybe they were able to reach some but they didn't have the entire full set, right?
 - A. They were pretty close because they were each given a copy of lists to make calls for the first meetings. So they did have, maybe just not updated addresses from whatever the last meeting to that November.
 - Q. So if they [KOBLD] them all together they might come up to something that was close to the full list?
 - A. Right.
 - Q. But they didn't have the little Club Assistant that would just generate the information and you know -- right?
- A. Right.
 - Q. So just it just meant it was going to be a lot more work for them to sort of figure it out and maybe they were missing a lot of information too?

- A. But even if I would have given him the CD they still wouldn't have had the program so they would have still had to do the work.
- Q. So in any event, in order to do what you admitted Lee said yesterday took you like three days for --?
 - A. But it was just me.
 - Q. Right but it was just you?
 - A. That would have been six of them, right.
- Q. With Club Assistant to generate this information for one meeting so you have know you have thought that they should have like recreated the list and mailed it out and try to you know generate the same, the same you know amount of work that this little proprietary Club Assistant program got them to?
- 15 A. Right.

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- Q. Okay. So they're trying to recreate their list, right, because they don't have access to it, so they ask people to submit information to them so they can keep -- so they can recreate the list and I think that's evidence?
- A. But it wasn't just a simple give me your address for, it was a very detailed application that had gene [OL] gee information, you know it was just more than just an address, so it wasn't just them trying to [KRAOE] create a mailing list, it was a whole new for, it was [AOEP] more detailed than the one we had.
- Q. Okay. So but you have kept all of the confidential membership information about anticipate of the members?

- A. Right in their files.
 - Q. So they didn't have that?
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- Q. So if they want today recreate it because it was going to be [PRO*E] tract-d litigation and I think nobody thought it was going to be 10 years, a litigation always last a time [TAOEUBG] so in they wanted to do business in the interim and keep in contact and update their records they needed to -- they mope Ed to photograph [AOE] update their he'd Gabrielino h more on [TKPWOE], whatever right?
- 11 A. Uh-huh.
- Q. So people that need to show up to the meeting they kind of needed to start off from scratch?
- A. Right but they were also giving oust Ah any constitution.
 - Q. And we'll hear more about the constitution today I think. But lastly -- not lastly actual but more on this topic is you talked about how you've create [-FD] the little files for each of the members, right?
 - A. Uh-huh.
 - Q. But the original information came to you via Sam Dunlap?
 - A. For -- he gave me three months but those weren't the entire.
- Q. No of course not because you continued to grow?
- 26 A. Right.
- 27 Q. You still do, both sides still do?
- 28 A. Right.

- Q. But the original membership information and the families moved from there came from Mr. Dunlap?
- A. Right and what he had was mostly just name and address and at the member meetings we started giving out you know forms so they could fill out more detailed because he had you know lined paper, like the notepads with information, so.
 - Q. So it was handwritten stuff?
- A. Right.

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- 10 Q. That he had kept for a long time?
- 11 A. Uh-huh.
- Q. And do you know who those members were, did they
 like -- did they come from a different group, had they been
 engaged in any faction before?
- 15 A. Honestly I don't remember that.
- 16 Q. So we've seen the blue card a lot during just the last couple of days?
- A. Uh-huh.
 - Q. And the blue card was addressed obviously to Mr. Stein and then the salutation was to Mr. Stein and then it requested that you know the individual who was mailing the blue card was requesting that Mr. Stein send the information back to the individual or in some case [TOZ] accepted it to Virginia Carmelo?
 - A. Correct.
 - Q. Buff you took that as an indication that this was an official communication to the tribe even though it was addressed to Mr. law as law offices of Jonathan Stein?

- A. If you look at the card, most of them were addressed to Virginia Carmelo, they have had —— one side was Virginia Carmelo and then the other side says the person's name and said please [S-PBD] the forms to and it had the terminal address, a lot of them had the [SREURPL] Carmelo one —— and [AOEP] the one that was posted op here was [SREURPL] [SREURPBL]. Not all of them had Mr. Stein's —— because they came in batches and some of them were hand delivered to us.
- Q. So it's possible that people mailed them to Virginia to deliver to Mr. Stein? Because the salutation was dear Mr. Stein?
- A. I have think a lot of them -- well they were given at that meeting and I think families -- I remember they were coming into the office and they were -- some of them were brought but I don't remember how the bulk happened because they weren't all mailed.
 - O. Some of them were walked in?
- A. Yeah.

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- 20 O. Both of them that we saw here had a?
 - A. A stamp.
 - Q. Little cancellation stamp. Do you think it's a reasonable interpret [TAEUFGS] to say they wanted to quit the tribe because -- let's just take the ones that were address today Mr. tine?
- 26 A. Uh-huh.
- Q. Do you think it's a reasonable [TER]

 interpretation to see they wanted to quit the tribe if they

didn't want to be affiliated with Mr. Stein?

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- A. They have didn't want to be part of that organization, yes.
- Q. But Mr. Stein was fired or he would either voluntarily resigned in September or he was terminated in October and the blue cards are November, so what authority did he have to even keep these documents. So why would you interpret that as a request to terminate a relationship that you are no longer affiliated with?
- A. There were several members that did not want him to believe, there were several members that were still trying to figure out what was going on, why did the mop

 [HAOE] -- why was the money taken so they were asking them not do anything, to just, you know wait for them to figure out what was going on and part of that created an oversight committee that --.
 - Q. Yes we've heard about that?
 - A. Right, so that's what that's how I interpret it because they didn't want him to leave, they wanted him to continue and the cards when I was getting the cards from members and remember I was getting a lot of calls they were saying that they wanted to leave this group to go to the Dunlap group and those cards clearly had their address on there.
 - Q. So earlier we talked about who you were loyal too and who you the [PHALT] [HAOE] owed any loyal [TAO*E]

 [TAOE] to. So during the process of the disagreement between Mr. Stein and the tribal council, do you feel you

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have [TPHAEUD] a decision, setting aside the documents that you sort of retained possession of in Mr. Stein's law offices, setting aside that, did you feel that you owed them any responsibilities, any obligations, he [SP-RBL] lie when litigation breaks out between them?

- A. If I'm being honest, it's not that I had loyalty to Jonathan [SO*] or to the tribe, it's just that their actions to me were questionable. So I entertained the idea of going to work with them, I mean obviously making more money in that's what I was going after and did sound good but the way they were acting and the actions and the [TPHABGT] they were withholding payment to Jonathan after all the time that he has been and after all the money that he put in personally, to me just seemed pretty shady and therefore, it's not that I had more loyalty [THO] one or the other it's that I was looking at right and wrong and what they were doing to me in my opinion was wrong.
- Q. So you did ultimately decide that you believed Stein, you didn't believe the tribal council and you --?
- A. Well I was seeing the actions. You know, it wasn't that I believed one over the other, it's that I was seeing what was happening and to me at that point I felt like the way they were -- everything was unraveling was just really really messed up.
- Q. So when you were -- if when you were at public counsel or now that you're in a supervisor Solis office, if somebody size Mrs. Solis?
 - A. I left county counsel handle that.

- Q. Right but you're not going to assist -- you're going to be mindful of the fact that it the a legal proceeding?
 - A. Right.

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- Q. And you're not going to assist somebody who's suing your boss, right?
- A. Well I mean everything goes through county could you please so we get calls from people that are suing the county that are suing or threatening to sue or office I'm all time so it's not that I'm going to stop helping them, it's that there is legal ramifications so I would go call county counsel, let them toe what they need and let me know what is to be done.
 - Q. I'm sorry?
 - A. Go ahead.
- Q. That's a bad example that's not really what I want to get into. My question is whether under any circumstance even if you thought that the supervisor had done something incorrectly or somebody at public counsel had done something incorrectly and you saw it and you believed them and they were getting sued, you still under that you have an obligation to your employer that goes beyond —?
 - A. To a certain extent because --.
 - Q. You could quit but --?
- A. But I'm not going to put myself.
- 27 THE COURT: Hold on there's an objection what's your objection.

MR. STEIN: No just the interruption of the witnesses statements?

- A. I'm [-P] going to put myself in the position where I'm not going to do anything illegal. So it's not a question of loyalty, it's not a question of you know -- I'm not going to to something that I feel is right or wrong. Whether it was something -- if Jonathan asked me to do something incorrect I wouldn't do it and he knows that. So you know I don't understand why you're asking about loyalty, if you're trying to say I was loyal to Jonathan over the tribe.
 - Q. Yes.

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- A. That's not the case, it's just that I was seeing all the things that that was happening and the way they were talking, you forget they were talking to me, I wasn't telling him everything but the [THEUPGD] that they were telling me were just messed up. So yeah, you're right I stayed with Jonathan, I didn't believe that what they did was appropriate after everything that had led them to that investment, I mean they lost that investment and you know these people are poor whether they would have to the en a casino or not, they would have at least had the chance to try to find out and because of this they lost it so to me that was messed up.
 - Q. The whole thing was, right?
 - A. Yeah, yeah.
- Q. So you are aware that Mr. Stein also sued all of those individual council members for the specific actions

- that you just described here, right, so you size Virginia
 Carmelo.
- 3 MR. STEIN: Objection.
- 4 MS. IBARRA: And Sam Dunlap.
- 5 MR. STEIN: Objection facts not in evidence.
- 6 THE COURT: Overruled.
 - MS. IBARRA: We can take judicial notice of that fact because it's part of this action and there was a bench trial of those claims that he asserted against them and you also testified during that bench trial, right?
- 11 A. Uh-huh.

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- 12 Q. In front of Judge Linfield?
- 13 A. Uh-huh you have.
- Q. So you provided all of this testimony?
- 15 A. Very limited.
 - Q. Okay in any event, Mr. Stein was there, he tried to elicit your testimony and they were completely exonerated, correct, is that your understanding of the judgment?
- A. I honestly didn't see the judgment to be quite honest with you.
 - Q. So I'll represent to you that that's what happened. I have one more thing for you is the mail, the postal service, was there a controversy between you and the postal service when this was happening?
 - A. There was. There was a change of address that had occurred and I [WREPBT] into the post office and it was deemed fraudulent, I can't recall all the details but I

know they started sending mail back.

- Q. So you filed a change of address form so when they --?
 - A. No, I did not file.
- Q. Oh I have the documents here if you we can review them?
- A. I think it's because we were -- we were -- I don't remember exactly what it was but there was a change of address filed and then we did not submit that change of address, I think we had to resubmit it because they had done a change of address to the terminal office.
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- 13 A. If I remember correctly.
 - Q. So when they lose their offices because Stein is -- Stein had offered his -- to keep custody of the records in his law office and he offered his law office as its meeting space [-DZ] for tribal council, it's not big enough for the entire membership right?
 - A. Uh-huh.
 - Q. But when they had tribal council meetings they were held at his law offices so once they get they get

 [HRAOEB] -- they have get thrown out of his laugh offices and there's separation then them, they set up a new offices so Virginia and Sam and all them set up a new office in down [TOUP]?
 - A. Uh-huh.
- Q. Is that [WHAFPD]?
- A. They did have a new office in town town.

They had new office downtown since they didn't 1 Q. 2 have an office so they submit a change of address form and 3 then you submit a change of address form back? Because the tribe had not left. 4 Α. 5 So that's the dupe here is --? Q. 6 Α. Right. 7 Q. But there was -- was there any final ruling on 8 whether or not what the did was proper, improper by the 9 because there was like a little mail fraud investigation of 10 vou? 11 Α. We initiated that. 12 Do you want to look at the documents? Q. 13 Yeah that would be great. Α. MS. IBARRA: And Your Honor I just saw these this 14 15 morning so they're not on my list. 16 THE COURT: Well share them now. Do you have extra cop [HAOEZ]. 17 18 MS. IBARRA: I don't have extra copies. 19 THE COURT: Show him. 20 MS. IBARRA: Owe I do I have two copies. 2.1 THE COURT: Well give one to the other side. 22 MR. STEIN: Your Honor we spend 40 minutes talking 23 to in the hallway and this is the first I'm being shown 2.4 this. 25 MS. IBARRA: Sorry I just got them. 26 THE COURT: This is impeachment material but give 2.7 them a chance to look at them before you start questioning,

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              MR. FORDYCE: So I'm sorry it was given to me
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              MR. STEIN: Can we show the judge what we're
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              MS. IBARRA: So it was given to me when we were
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              MR. STEIN: I'm happy for it to come in.
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              THE COURT: Do you want it in.
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1 MR. STEIN: Well actually what's going to happen 2 later. 3 MS. IBARRA: I'm fine with that. 4 MR. STEIN: I'm trying to disclose to the judge 5 and I'm sounding wrong, what I'm trying to disclose is when Mr. Polanco is on the stand he did this and 20 other 6 investigations and we are going to bring one after the 8 other to see if the jury believes if 20 investigations including the postal investigation so we actually do not 9 10 have this document, that's what I -- that's why I wanted to 11 honestly disclose well actually if we're going to use it 12 later, I don't want to be unfair if she wants to use it 13 now. 14 MR. FORDYCE: So this is just. 15 MS. IBARRA: A complaint. 16 THE COURT: I guess the point is you have all the 17 information about Polanco's other investigations, this is just a new one you didn't see. 18 MR. STEIN: We knew about it we didn't have the 19 20 documents therefore, this actually helps you are occasion and [PWAZ] we're going to do this later we're going to hold 2.1 onto this. 22 23 MS. IBARRA: Yeah you can keep it. 2.4 MR. STEIN: And I don't want to disassemble and 25 have [POEF] owes Dunlap say well when [PEU] wanted to use 26 it Mr. Stein you were behalf blah, blah. 2.7 THE COURT: So what you're saying is you want to

use this later in your case, okay. And are you going to

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              MR. STEIN: Not object.
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              THE COURT: Move to -- okay.
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              MR. STEIN: Not object now because of that.
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              THE COURT: I see.
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              MS. IBARRA: Okay.
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              THE COURT: So you can admit it now because he's
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              THE COURT: There's going to be no objection
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              MR. FORDYCE: And can we be clear there's nothing
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              MS. IBARRA: I just asked him.
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              THE COURT: There may be but that's impeachment.
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              MR. STEIN: That's right.
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              THE COURT: And that's why you have all that
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     position about Polanco.
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              MR. FORDYCE: And there's no finding here.
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              THE COURT: Right the clerk can.
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              THE CLERK: Yeah Plaintiff's exhibits.
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              MR. STEIN: Okay I wasn't clear, thank you Your
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              THE COURT: Is this the first exhibit you're
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     referring to in the trial, jar.
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              THE COURT: That wasn't a defense exhibit.
              MS. IBARRA: Exhibit 240.
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              THE CLERK: It's going to be 244 is your next
            Exhibit 244, Plaintiff's Exhibit 244.
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              THE COURT: Thank you.
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              THE COURT: Well a question, is it a complaint.
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              BY MS. IBARRA: Do you recall seeing this?
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- MS. IBARRA: Have you finished reviewing it?
- 2 A. I mean no there's a lot.
 - Q. Yeah there's a lot?
 - A. Do you want to ask a question, I can --
 - Q. So you don't recall seeing it?
 - A. No.

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- Q. Do you want to describe it for the jury because we don't have a blow up of it?
- A. It's my resume and it's a letter to postal inspector R D Hinkley in which senate Richard Polanco submits a complaint and he's requesting appropriate action immediately and then there's a form discarded mail, damage to mailbox, suspicious active questionnaire and it's filled out by senate Polanco, there's a lot of see attachment see attachment see attachment see attachment, signed by Mr. Polanco December 1st, 2006 and then there's the actual complaint and that's what I was reading.
- Q. Okay. So did anybody ever speak to you about this from the postal service?
- A. I don't recall. And I think I would remember something like this.
 - Q. Whatever happened to --
- A. I know there was, I just don't remember it being a complaint against me.
- Q. But you do recall there was something about concerning --
- A. I remember the change of address but again I don't remember it being a complaint or an investigation on me.

That, I don't recall, and I think I would remember something like that.

- Q. So even if it wasn't a complaint against you that you recall, do you recall the investigation about the mail?
- A. Yeah I do remember that there was something about the change of address but we started getting the mail again so I just assumed it was resolved.
- Q. And you never got -- and you don't recall any final -- you got the mail started [TKOPLG] if it was a
 [TKPWRAOEUT] -- d to the Gabrielino-Tongva Tribe?
- A. Right it was addressed to the tribe.
- Q. Okay I'll take that back from you. Lastly on the Saint Monica development agreement, the SMDC agreement that we've been referring to, so you weren't employed by Mr. Stein when that was executed, right?
 - A. No.

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- Q. And you didn't know any of the tribal counsel people who signed either the agreement or the resolutions?
- A. Not at the time -- obviously not at the time but I've met a few of them throughout the years.
- Q. You knew some of them you knew Virginia which ones did you know?
- A. Sam Dunlap obviously Virginia Carmelo, as I understand Al, I believe Jim Velasques I met at one of the meetings and I don't recall the other names.
 - Q. And did you ever meet the name of Steve [OT] oh?
- 28 A. No, the attorney.

- Q. The attorney. Were you aware that he sent a memo to Mr. Stein stating the SMDC agreement should be considered as not having reviewed by counsel?
 - A. No.
- Q. Because he didn't want to be engaged in the matter as representing the tribe?
- A. No.

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- Q. So if there's a document out there that says that, shouldn't it be part of your custody of records because otherwise the SMDC agreement, the way that -- one of the resolutions states that he had reviewed it, it's incorrect if he said had he didn't review it?
- 13 A. Right.
- Q. So why wasn't that part of your records?
- A. I inherited the actual documents as of September 2003, that was previous, so I have that was there starting September 2003.
 - Q. So why wasn't it in there?
- 19 A. I can't explain, I wasn't the tribal administrator 20 at the time.
- 21 Q. Who was the tribal administrator?
- 22 A. I don't know.
 - Q. Did they have a tribal administrator?
- 24 A. I don't think so but --.
- Q. So it was Mr. Stein who was responsible for the custody of records before you?
- A. I don't know.
- Q. Did he have an assistant before you?

1 Α. Yes. 2 Who was that? Q. 3 Α. I don't know. 4 Q. You don't know who preceded you? 5 No. I didn't meet them. I wasn't trained by Α. 6 anyone. 7 Q. So if you weren't trained by anybody, is it safe 8 to assume that there wasn't anybody? 9 There was. We just didn't overlap. Α. 10 0. And did Mr. Stein -- Mr. Stein gave you the 11 records, right? 12 They were in the office, yes. Α. 13 Q. Do you know Ken Sulzer? Yes. 14 Α. 15 0. Do you have -- do you know that he preferred the 16 SMDC agreement? From the --. 17 Α. Well the SMDC agreement said to give notice to Mr. 18 19 Sulzer, it didn't say that he draft [T-D]? 20 Α. Right. 2.1 So why did you say that he drafted it? Q. I think estate [T-D] in meetings before because he 22 23 did come to the office. 2.4 Okay I will -- I feel like this goes to the case 25 in chief about who drafted it because it's not per se who's 26 relevant to a real party in interest? 2.7 I think you should ask him, no? Α.

Yeah, if he comes yes, then we will ask him.

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              THE COURT: Well what's your objection.
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              MR. STEIN: Objection no question pending.
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              THE COURT: All right sustained.
              BY MS. IBARRA: Should I show the document where
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     Mr. Stein transmits the SMDC agreement to Mr. Dunlap and
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              THE COURT: To yourself.
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              MS. IBARRA: Okay?
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              MR. STEIN: May we see the document, we haven't.
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1 Q. BY MS. IBARRA: Did you read it? 2 Α. Yeah. 3 Sorry I'm going to have to share it with you. So 4 from this letter, do you believe that -- so this is Mr. 5 Stein's signature which you're very familiar with, correct? That's not his signature. 6 Α. 7 Ο. Oh it's not? 8 It says but it you see it's initials, someone signed it. 9 10 So do you recognize the initials? 0. 11 Α. Huh-uh. 12 Did he have an assistant that often signed for Q. 13 him. 14 MR. STEIN: Objection hearsay. THE COURT: Overruled? 15 16 Α. 2000, I have no idea. 17 THE COURT: Pardon? 18 In 2000, I have no idea. Α. 19 0. BY MS. IBARRA: Did you sign documents for him on 20 occasion? 2.1 Sometimes and identify initial mine. Α. 22 So was his practice to sometime allow his Ο. 23 assistant or paralegal to sign documents for him? 24 Α. Uh-huh sometimes. 25 Okay but it is by him, right? 26 Α. Yes. 2.7 And what's the gist of the letter, if you can Q. 28 summarize it?

- A. Can I see it again?
- Q. Sure. ?

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- A. Sorry.
 - Q. It's a letter or memo?
- A. So it's a cover letter with the development agreement and it's to Sam -- Sam Dunlap and Ken Sulzer stating that there has been changes made -- I guess there had been an employment agreement and there were changes made to that employment agreement and the S M -- the development agreement is supposed to be the new version of that employment agreement and he says that this needs to be further reviewed by Ken and Lee who are receiving this.
 - Q. You can receive this line?
 - A. Who are only receiving this with in mailing.
- 15 O. For the first time?
- 16 A. Right.
 - Q. So does that indicate to you that he drafted -- he did a first draft of the SMDC agreement and then [TARD] forward today Mr. Dunlap and to Mr. Sulzer for review?
 - A. From what I gather from that letter is that there were changing made to an employment agreement and I don't know who drafted that employment agreement but the changes seems like Mr. Stein did make.
 - Q. So why don't you read the full second paragraph?
 - A. I am the owner of 99 percent of Saint Monica

 [-RBS] my mother owned one percent, I believe that based upon the advice to date of my counsel an LLC may serve our purpose to full enforce ability better than the employment

- agreement that I originally instructed counsel to produce.
 - Q. So his employment counselor?
- 3 A. Uh-huh.

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- 4 Q. Which was an Ken -- well I don't know if you know?
 - A. I don't know.
 - Q. And is that it for that paragraph?
- 7 A. Yeah.
- 8 Q. So read the [TPH*ED] next paragraph?
- A. This agreement still needs further review by Ken and Lee would are only receiving it with this mailing. I also understand that the Tongva have in the process of selecting their counsel and should allow its counsel to begin to review with this draft.
- Q. And who is Lee, can you read?
- 15 A. I don't know.
- 16 Q. Who's the letter addressed to in full?
- 17 A. Oh, Sam Dunlap, Ken Sulzer, Lee Bergen and Ron 18 Andrade.
- Q. Can you read their titles of each, names and titles?
- 21 A. Mr. Sam Dunlap, professional Native American; Mr.
- 22 Ken Sulzer, Seiferth Shaw fairweather and Geraldson; Mr.
- 23 | Ron Andrade, l a city county Native American Indian; and
- 24 Mr. Lee Bergen, Nordhouse Halton Taylor, Taradash and Fry
- 25 LLP.
- Q. So you're a paralegal so of those names which are
- 27 the lawyers?
- 28 A. Ken Sulzer --

Objection. No evidence shown to the 1 MR. STEIN: 2 witness she already said she wasn't there. 3 THE COURT: Overruled. 4 Α. Ken Sulzer and Lee Bergen. 5 Q. So read the paragraph again about who need review it? 6 7 Α. This agreement still needs further review by Ken 8 and Lee who are only receiving it with this mailing, I also under that the Tongva are in the process of selecting their 9 10 counsel and so should allow its counsel to begin its review with this draft. 11 12 Great thank you. So after reading this do you 13 believe that Mr. Stein drafted any of the agreement of the 14 SMDC agreement? 15 Α. He drafted part -- to me he changed whatever part 16 of his employment agreement was and there's changes to that through this SMDC agreement. Who created that first 17 initial draft I don't know. 18 19 0. You're very charitable to Mr. Stein aren't you? 20 Α. I'm just interpreting the letter as you asked. 2.1 Thank you. I think that's all for now. Q. THE COURT: New redirect. 22 MR. STEIN: Yes Your Honor. I wish we could have 23 2.4 a break you must be tired? 25 Α. No I need to get back to work. 26 THE COURT: You want to leave, right? 2.7 I need to go back to work. Α.

THE COURT: Finish.

BY MR. STEIN: Let's start with Plaintiff's 6. 1 Ο. 2 You worked for Mr. Stein for how long? Since 2003 to 2007 -- 2010. 3 4 Q. Would you say that Mr. Stein. 5 THE COURT: Madam Court Reporter can you read that back. 6 7 (Record read.) 8 Α. I was about to say seven years, sorry. 9 BY MR. STEIN: You worked for Mr. Stein for seven 0. 10 years? 11 Α. Yes. 12 You never got a medal for honorable service or Q. 13 anything like that? 14 Α. I should have. 15 0. In your experience, is Mr. Stein an anal retentive 16 writer that might draft things 12 and 15 times? 17 Α. Yes. 18 Might he have sent a letter like this to the other 19 recipients 12 or 15 times before finishing a document? 20 Α. Yes. 2.1 Did Mr. Stein waste a lot of your time backa dnd Ο. forth with that sort of work over the last seven years? 22 23 Α. I mean it was part of my job, I don't know if it 2.4 was a waste of time. 25 Thank you. Let's try to go very quickly. First Q. 26 of all, Barbara was Mr. Stein rich when you worked for him. 2.7 THE COURT: That's irrelevant, completely 28 irrelevant.

- Q. BY MR. STEIN: Were you well paid when you worked for Mr. Stein?
- A. No I mean -- what do you consider well paid, it was average.
 - Q. Did you take a pay cut from your last job to work pour Mr. Stein?
 - A. A little bit.
 - Q. And did you ever see Mr. Stein talk over the course of seven years and say let's just add another staff person if you're too busy?
- 11 A. No.

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- 12 Q. Did you work long hours?
- 13 A. Yes.
- Q. Were you presented as tribal administrator by various members of the tribal council at member meetings and other formal occasions?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. About how many times?
- 19 A. Every single time that we had a meeting?
- 20 A. And starting when?
- 21 A. Starting -- well I was always identified as tribal 22 administrator since 2004, [SHOET] Lee after I had started.
- Q. And then starting 2004, that continued -- they introduced you in 2005?
- A. Yeah.
- 26 Q. 2006?
- 27 A. Yes.
- Q. After the split in 2007?

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. Eight?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 O. Nine?
- 5 A. Yes.
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- Q. So if there was no formal resolution in this voluntary under funded group, did you feel that you were still authorized as tribal administrator?
- 11 A. Yes.
 - Q. The tribal council reviewed documents before they went out, when they do so did Mr. Stein say well maybe -- maybe you just send them out because had you I want you to or did you follow what the tribal council wanted?
 - A. I followed what they want [STKPWHR-D] and could they contact you without contacting Mr. Stein.
- 18 A. Yes.
 - Q. And when they contacted you when they tried to bring Mr. Stein in, did he [OFP] say don't bug me I'm trying to earn a living?
- 22 A. Yes.
 - Q. How many years did Mr. Stein and you work before the investor funds came in in May 2006?
- 25 A. Three about.
- Q. And did Mr. Stein beginning in resolution 10 in 27 2001 how many years that would that?
- 28 A. [TWEPBLTS] 2001 and 2003 or 2001 and 2006.

1 Q. 2006 when the money came in? 2 Five. Α. 3 45 years? Ο. Right. 4 Α. 5 So that's five years without money? Q. 6 Α. Right. 7 Q. The litigation filed on November 2nd, you saw it, who filed first? 8 9 Α. They did. They filed first. Was it your understanding that 10 11 Mr. Stein was trying to mediate privately? 12 Α. Yes. 13 Exam [TKWR] would Mr. Stein want to mediate privately and avoid a public lawsuit. 14 15 MS. IBARRA: I'm going to object. 16 MR. STEIN: To your knowledge. THE COURT: Hold on. 17 18 MS. IBARRA: I object on the basis of settlement 19 privilege. 20 THE COURT: Yes sustained. 2.1 BY MR. STEIN: For SMDC, why would Mr. Stein want Q. 22 to mediate privately. THE COURT: No no. 23 2.4 MS. IBARRA: Okay same basis. 25 THE COURT: Privileged, privileged. 26 MR. STEIN: I'm sorry. 2.7 MS. IBARRA: Objection settlement privilege. 28 THE COURT: Privilege.

1 MR. STEIN: Got it, my mistake.

- Q. BY MR. STEIN: You said is that the way that the tribal council and I assume Mr. Polanco here wanted -- am I correct that he wanted you to get the files out of 50 one Santa Monica Boulevard?
- A. Well he didn't ask me directly, it was the tribal council.
- Q. Tribal council. And what was their suggestion on how you should do it?
- 10 A. That I should make copies of the database on discs
 11 on CD Rom and give it to them.
 - Q. Without Mr. Stein knowing or --
- 13 A. Correct.

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- Q. Exam when might you do that, when Stein was out of the office?
- 16 A. Right.
- 17 Q. Did they specifically suggest that?
- A. They didn't tell me how, they just told me to do it or asked me to do it.
- Q. I'd like to go to Exhibit 5 39, you testified that
 you were asked to -- that you saw packages that people
 brought back from the November 19th meeting?
- 23 A. Uh-huh.
- Q. And we won't go into a lot of detail, we will be talking to others about these same documents but Exhibit 5 39, let me let you leaf through that, that's respectfully verge Carmelo and the Gabrielino slash Tongva tribe, that slash is a different than a dash right?

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- Q. And the terminal street address, it says tribal membership application, this the package, the membership application that you were discussing on cross-examination with Ms. Ibarra?
 - A. That's one of the forms that I saw.
 - Q. And was this to join a new group?
 - A. Yes.
 - Q. And if had you didn't fill out 16 these.

MS. IBARRA: I'm going to object on lacks
foundation, lacks no knowledge of what the document is
supposed to do.

THE COURT: Okay sustained. Maybe you can hey a foundation thoracic that.

MR. STEIN: Yeah absolutely.

- Q. Did members come back with documents for you from the November 19th meeting in Long Beach?
- 18 A. Yes.
- Q. And did they represent that they had received those documents on November 19th in Long Beach from the Dunlap faction?
 - A. Yes.
 - Q. And it they give you physical possession so that you could study those documents?
- 25 A. Yes.
- Q. And after your student [AOE] of those documents,
 let me give you the rest of the pages, here's proof of
 Gabrielino heritage, here is a chart you can fill out

[-FPL] was this the same package as Your Honor handed by 1 2 members from the November 19th meeting? 3 Α. Yes. 4 THE COURT: I thought she -- can you re [WAED] her 5 initial answer. MR. STEIN: And Your Honor of course we're trying 6 7 to redirect on testimony elicited by Delia Ibarra on cross-examination that had he said she was given these 8 packages or new agreements, this is why I did what I did, 9 10 and Ms. Ibarra continued questioning on her on that line so 11 that's why --. 12 THE COURT: Hold on a second, so your testimony 13 was they would deliver this package to you? 14 Α. They gave me a copy. 15 THE COURT: But did they say anything when they 16 were handing the package to you? 17 Α. That this was a package that was given to them at the November 19th meeting so that they could go and go with 18 19 their group. 20 THE COURT: And leave your group? 2.1 Α. Right. 22 THE COURT: Okay. 23 MR. STEIN: May I proceed then with this line of 24 questioning? 25 THE COURT: Yes. 26 Thank you, Your Honor. The application, in your Ο. 2.7 view, was this the application to join a new voluntary 28 membership organization of descendents of the historic

Gabrielino-Tongva Indian Tribe in Los Angeles County?

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- Q. And did it ask much the same as the tribal membership application for new membership who wanted to join GT Tribe when it was new?
 - A. Similar.
 - Q. And did it ask for proof of heritage?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. Did it ask for bureau -- BIA, Bureau of Indian
 10 affairs, certificate degree of Indian block, a blood
 11 quantum certificate?
- 12 A. Yes.
- Q. So the idea was you had to get your files from GT
 Tribe so you could show your blood quantum certificate to
 fill out this application and attach it to it?
- A. Right because a lot of them had lost their certificates.
- Q. And how would you get your files from GT Tribe if you wanted to do that?
- 20 A. Request it.
- 21 Q. And is that what you blue cards did?
- 22 A. Yes.

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- Q. And when you gave everybody a chance to make phone calls, is that what they -- is that what some people said?
- A. Some people -- most of the calls were tell us that they were leaving us to go join their group.
- 27 Q. And other calls said what?
- 28 A. Other calls just wanted to have their files

because they didn't know what was going on exam didn't want to get caught in the middle.

- Q. And was there a third type of call [-FRPBL] the other calls I couldn't see just wanting to find out what was going on?
- Q. Did some people say hey you send in an application to leave but I didn't want to leave my sister did that or my [UFRPG] [-RL] did that?
 - A. Yeah a lot of them.

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- Q. A lot of them. And do you recall that we saw a membership table showing that about six months after all of this 50 of the 230 had already come back from that?
- A. Yes and in fact even at meetings they would come and request the membership ID card from us and we had them marked off as having left the Gabrielino-Tongva Tribe to go join the Dunlap group and that was the first time they were hearing of it so when I declined giving them the card because of this fact, they would tell me they didn't know -- they didn't know why I had taken them off because they didn't know that they had been terminated or wanted to be terminated. So at that time I would request for them to give us an affirmation in writing letting us know that they had never intended to leave.

THE COURT: A few more minutes on this redirect and then we're going to take a short break.

MR. STEIN: Very good. Should the new stationary at the terminal street address?

A. Yes.

THE COURT: Which exhibit. 1 2 MR. STEIN: Exhibit 5 49. [STKPHR*] can you 3 identify this as being send by Virginia Carmelo and Sam 4 Dunlap? 5 Α. Yes. 6 Q. And are you familiar with their signatures? 7 Α. Yes. 8 0. And are those their signatures as best you can I understand? 9 10

- As best I remember, yes. Α.
- 11 And they now -- this time they don't have the 12 slash, they have the hyphen?
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- Very good. And can you read the first paragraph? 0.
- Α. We are writing this letter to respond to the unauthorized mailings which some of you may have received from Jonathan Stein, the did I say greased former chief executive officer of the Gabrielino slash [HOPBG] [SRA] tribal gaming authority. As though mailings admit, they are unauthorized.
- Very good. Now is it your understanding that this Q. was sent to practically all the same members, practically all the same members as received Mr. Stein's unauthorized mailing?
 - Α. That is correct.
- Except this time they were told he was not just unauthorized and he was unauthorized and disgraced?
- 28 Α. Right.

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              THE COURT: No, three.
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              MR. STEIN: May I borrow your copy.
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              MS. IBARRA: Sure (Indicating.).
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              MR. STEIN: That's my copy.
              THE COURT: I think that's Plaintiff's 6.
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              MR. FORDYCE: No Your Honor that's Plaintiffs 244.
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              BY MR. STEIN: Based on review of the document,
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So and is the first payment a fax cover to the 1 Q. 2 U.S. postal master inspector David McKenna? 3 Α. Yes. 4 0. Do you know how Mr. Polanco got your resume? 5 Because when he offered me the position and the Α. salary of 60,000 he told me to send him a resume and as I 6 7 was entertaining it I sent him a resume. And then you said no? 8 Ο. 9 Α. Right. And 60,000 was at the time was 2006 that was a 10 Ο. word of money more than what Mr. Stein was paying you? 11 12 Α. Yes. 13 Ο. So let me I understand this straight, Mr. Polanco offers you a world of money, you say no, and then soon 14 thereafter he reports you as committing a fraud on the U.S. 15 16 [mails|males] and includes your resume that you sent him with the fraudulent complaint of fraud, is that your 17 18 understanding? 19 From these documents, yes. 20 Q. And that was Mr. Polanco right here? 2.1 Α. Correct. 22 THE COURT: Let's leave it at that. Okay let's 23 take a 10-minute break and we'll do 15 minutes and then go 24 to lunch. 25 ***** 26

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