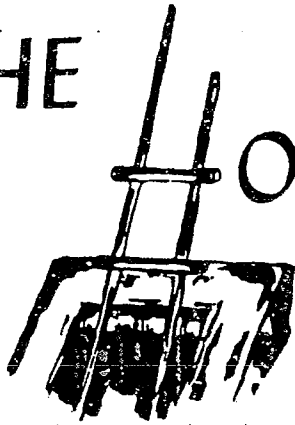


# THE HOPI TRIBE



LeRoy N. Shingoitewa  
CHAIRMAN

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VICE-CHAIRMAN

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Leigh Kuwanwisiwma, Director  
Hopi Cultural Preservation Office

*Martha A. Mase*  
**FROM:** Martha A. Mase, Tribal Secretary  
Hopi Tribal Council

**DATE:** September 28, 2012

**SUBJECT:** "GRAND CANYON ESCALADE" A.I. #118-2012

The Hopi Tribal Council on September 26, 2012 by motion and unanimous vote approved Resolution H-113-2012.

By passage of the Resolution the Hopi Tribal Council strongly opposes development of commercial initiatives called "Grand Canyon Escalade".

Should you have any questions, you may contact me at (928) 734-3132.

c: Office of the Chairman  
Office of the Vice Chairman  
Office of the Tribal Treasurer  
Office of General Counsel  
Department/Programs  
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WHEREAS, the Hopi Tribal Council, under Constitution and By-Laws of the Hopi Tribe, ARTICLE VI-POWERS OF THE HOPI TRIBAL COUNCIL, SECTION (a) and (f) is authorized "To represent and speak for the Hopi Tribe in all matters for the welfare of the Tribe" and "To use such Tribal Council fund for the welfare of the Tribe, . . ."; and

WHEREAS, the Hopi Tribal Council, under Article VI(k) is charged "To protect the arts, crafts, traditions and ceremonies of the Hopi Indians"; and

WHEREAS, the Hopi Tribal Council under Article IV is charged "...to secure adequate protection for its outlying, established shrines"; and

WHEREAS, the Hopi people are committed to carrying out its world stewardship for all living things; and

WHEREAS, the Hopi people, represented by their respective clan histories and traditions have established their cultural footprints throughout *Tuuwaqatsi* (earth), and more recently in the South and North American continents and particularly in the American southwest; and

WHEREAS, the Hopi people continue to have a living relationship and connection to its ancestral past including Hopi landscapes, ruins (*kiikiqō*), ceremonial trails (*homvi'kya*), eagle collecting areas (*kwaatitipkya*), shrines (*pahokiki*), offering places (*tuutuskya*), springs (*nōngangva*), rivers (*paayu*), lakes (*patupha*), ancestral burials (*tuutu'ami*), petroglyphs (*tutuventiwngwu*) and places of special events (*hiniwtipu*); and

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WHEREAS, the Hopi people continue to make annual pilgrimages and deliver offerings as stewards to ancestral Hopi lands (*tutskwa*) to reinforce the Hopi people's connection to their past, present and future; and

WHEREAS, it is important to preserve and protect these sites from harm and wrongful exploitation and the Hopi people have a significant responsibility to respectfully care for these special places and to transmit traditional knowledge about these places to the coming generations of Hopis; and

WHEREAS, *Öngtupqa* (the Grand Canyon), and its contributing Hopi cultural elements is a time-honored, revered, respected and important place to the Hopi people; and

WHEREAS, an organization called the "Confluence Partners, LLC" represented by Albert Hale, has proposed a significant commercial development project called the "Grand Canyon Escalade" inclusive of resort and a tramway into *Öngtupqa*; and

WHEREAS, this proposed development will be located at the confluence of the Little Colorado River and the Colorado River in the Grand Canyon; and

WHEREAS, this proposed development and location is unacceptable to Hopi religious leaders, practitioners and the Hopi people as it will significantly and forever adversely impact Hopi sacred places to which Hopis have aboriginal title and use; and

WHEREAS, this development will forever compromise the tranquility and sacredness of all surrounding area including the final resting place of Hopi people, *Öngtupqa*; thereby violating our First Amendment rights; and

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WHEREAS, Executive Order 13007, Indian Sacred Sites addresses Accommodation of Sacred Sites, and the Grand Canyon is eligible as a Traditional Cultural Property pursuant to the National Historic Preservation Act; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, adopted by the United States, states "Indigenous peoples have the right to maintain and strengthen their distinctive spiritual relationship with their traditionally owned or otherwise occupied and used lands...and other resources and uphold their responsibilities to future generations in this regard".

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Hopi Tribal Council that it hereby strongly opposes the proposed development of this commercial initiative called "Grand Canyon Escalade".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Hopi Tribal Council that it calls upon the Pueblo of Zuni, Navajo People, and other tribes to which the Grand Canyon is sacred, the National Congress of American Indians, Inter-tribal Council of Arizona, All Indian Pueblo Council, and the National Park Service to join in opposing this development and collectively support legislation to protect the Grand Canyon and other Native American Sacred Sites.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Hopi Tribal Council that it hereby authorizes and directs the Chairman, the Vice Chairman, Hopi Cultural Preservation Office and the Office of the General Counsel to pursue all avenues, including legal action(s) and

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sponsorship of legislation at the state and national levels to protect all Native American Sacred Sites, and to oppose and prevent this development.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED by the Hopi Tribal Council that the Chairman is authorized to

modify the budget of the Office of Public Relations, Acct.#102-12-2040, to create

a line item, "Advertising and Publishing", Account#102-6800 and that the

Chairman is hereby authorized to retain a public relations firm under this budget.


The current requisition submittal deadline of September 28<sup>th</sup>, is hereby waived

and extended to October 31, 2012.

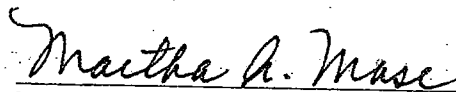
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CERTIFICATION

The Hopi Tribal Council duly adopted the foregoing Resolution on September 26, 2012, at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 16 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining (Chairman presiding and not voting) pursuant to the authority vested in the Hopi Tribal Council by ARTICLE VI-POWERS OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL, SECTION 1 (a) and (f) of the Hopi Tribal Constitution and By-Laws of the Hopi Tribe of Arizona, as ratified by the Tribe on October 24, 1936, and approved by the Secretary of Interior on December 19, 1936, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934. Said Resolution is effective as of the date of adoption and does not require Secretarial approval.

  
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LeRoy N. Shingoitewa, Chairman  
Hopi Tribal Council

ATTEST:

  
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Martha A. Mase, Tribal Secretary  
Hopi Tribal Council