




First Nations Advocates

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RESTORING THE
DIGNITY OF THE
FIRST NATIONS

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I support the efforts of the Vallejo Inter-Tribal Council in their endeavor to preserve the Glen Cove Burial Site.

For too long, other interests, both private and commercial, have superceded those of the Native Americans in the development of our communities. It is past time to hear the hearts of the indigenous people and consider their needs.

Raymond Shelton
Advocate

The cause at hand is more than commercial. It reaches deep into the culture and history of the original people, touching the very nature of their existence.

The sacredness of burial grounds cannot be overestimated. The ancestry of a proud people lies beneath the soil, eternally connected by the Circle of Life.

We respectfully request of the proper governmental authorities that the Vallejo Inter-Tribal Council be given a fair hearing on the matter at hand, and that every possible remedy be sought. This issue is more than political or governmental, and it is time that California natives have their needs considered in a historical perspective.

Sincerely,



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