April 29, 2011

Dear Mr. McAfee;

We are writing to you in great concern about the proposed developments on the Glen Cove burial ground site. As an educational non-profit organization based in Benicia, we feel strongly that the cultural, spiritual and natural sanctity of this sacred site be preserved. This can be done without the addition of a parking lot or a public restroom. Development on this sacred site is simply inappropriate in every sense of the word.

The local indigenous people of this region have ancestors who are buried at this site. Please take a moment to consider how your family would feel if the graves of your grandparents were paved to create a parking lot. This is a grave insult to the Native people both of this region and nationwide. We beg of you to consider the error of judgment that GVRD seems intent on making. This mistreatment of the beliefs and cultural importance of the Glen Cove site will be remembered and reflects poorly on the GVRD board, the City of Vallejo and our entire region.

The mission of the Pagan Alliance is to educate our communities and the general public; to promote acceptance of our faiths and traditions; to connect our communities; and to celebrate our spiritual diversity. We recognize the dire need to unite based on concern for the current ecological crisis that faces our Mother Earth. The Pagan Alliance is committed to education of the general public with the intention of changing public views, opinions and response to the Pagan Community. We hope these offerings will lead to the creation of increased acceptance and understanding, and to dispel common misconceptions. We are committed to justice, and eliminating prejudice and ignorance in all communities, including all ethnic backgrounds, sexual orientations, gender identities, age, size, and class affiliations. We sponsor activities and events that reflect how our traditions are supportive and in tune with Nature, and play a positive role in healing human’s relationship with the Earth and among all cultures.

In Community,

The Pagan Alliance, a CA 501©3, Board of Directors