

RESOLUTION
OF THE
PAPAGO COUNCIL

RES. NO. 1137

WHEREAS, The Superintendent of the Papago Agency, Harry W. Gilmore, sent a memo to the Tribal Office, dated September 2, 1960, stating that the heirs of Juan Antonio have expressed their desire to sell their interest in a 160 acre portion of allotment 127, which is in the southeast corner of the San Xavier Reservation, at an advertised sale, and

WHEREAS, The allottees are Alonzo Flores, other members of the Flores family, and William Moran, and

WHEREAS, The landowners have indicated that preference may be given to the Papago Tribe in acquiring the land, if the Tribe meets the highest bid, and so the Superintendent asked the Council to pass a Resolution stating whether it wishes to acquire the land or not, and

WHEREAS, It is the Council's understanding the land has not been appraised, but it is likely to be valued at considerably more than any funds the Tribe has available to buy it, so the Tribe cannot consider acquiring the land, and

WHEREAS, It appears the Superintendent has approved the sale, and he apparently believes the sale is clearly justified, and in the best interest of the allottees, and

WHEREAS, The people of San Xavier are greatly concerned that the possible sale of this land would be start of other sales of allotted land at San Xavier, which they believe would be bad for all the people and future generations of Papagos and they also do not believe it is in the best interest of the allottees of the land in question, and

WHEREAS, 156 residents of San Xavier District signed a petition protesting the sale, which was circulated and explained by the Papagos themselves, a copy of which is attached to the Resolution, and

WHEREAS, It appears that the allottees in question may not have fully understood the situation when they signed, because one of them signed the petition of protest when she found out what the sale meant, and Jacinto Flores said he did not know what he was signing, and

WHEREAS, It appears the allottees may have been influenced to sign because certain promises were made by Alonzo Flores who is reported to be the one who started the sale of this land and who held meetings about it, and

WHEREAS, The Council believes the Superintendent of the Papago Agency did not see the people's side who don't want the land to be sold and that he was not acting in the best interests of the allottees when he approved the sale.

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED by the Papago Tribal Council that it strongly protests the sale of proposed land is not in the best interest of the San Xavier people or the allottees involved, and that it urge the Superintendent of the Papago Agency not to approve the sale.

Said Resolution was duly enacted by the Papago Council on October 7, 1960, with a vote of 10 for, and 0 against during a meeting at which a quorum was present, pursuant to the authority vested in the Council by Section 2 (a) of Article V of the Constitution of the Papago Tribe ratified by the Tribe on December 12, 1936, and approved by the Secretary of

San Xavier Land Sale Protest

Resolution on January 6, 1937, pursuant to Section 16 of
the Constitution of the State of Arizona. Said Resolution is effective as of the date of its
adoption by the Papago Agency and is subject to the rescission by the Sec-
retary to Section 6 of Article V of the Constitution and By-Laws.

THE PAPAGO COUNCIL

ATTEST:

Raymond P. Vavagon
Raymond P. Vavagon, Secretary

Enos J. Francisco
Enos J. Francisco, Chairman

APPROVED: _____

Harry W. Gilmore, Superintendent