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City of Palm Springs  
Human Rights Commission  
Attn: Chair Ron deHarte  
Via email: [cityclerk@palmspringsca.gov](mailto:cityclerk@palmspringsca.gov)

Dear Chair deHarte:

The Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians remains neutral on the issues of the Frank Bogert statue. The Tribe has not been contacted by anyone seeking permission to use quotes of deceased Tribal leaders to support either side's argument on this controversy.

In fact, the Tribe has not been consulted for its opinion on the issue at all. The irony of the controversy is that non-Indians on one side of the cancel culture argument have convinced themselves and seek to convince others that the statue is a symbol of racism and they seek to use quotes of deceased Tribal leaders to justify their argument for tearing it down. Non-Indians on the other side of the cancel culture argument wish to use quotes of deceased Tribal leaders to justify keeping the statue in place because they believe Frank Bogert was a virtuous man.

To be very clear, this matter is of no concern to the Tribe. The Tribe has its own culture, which it is glad to share with all persons who wish to learn about it, and very soon it will be on display for the entire community to see at the Agua Caliente Cultural Museum opening within the next year. The public may visit and view the Section 14 Exhibit, which is the root of this controversy, and people can reach their own conclusions of how history unfolded.

Sincerely,

Jeff L. Grubbe  
Chairman, Tribal Council  
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