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Sarah Shirley  
Opinion Committee  
Office of the Attorney General  
300 W. 15th Street  
Austin, TX 78701

Dear Ms. Shirley:

Recently, there has been a movement by the City of San Benito City Council to convey city land for special use granted under Indian tribal sovereignty status.

I am respectfully requesting a formal opinion from the Attorney General as to whether a city government or city council may open land for bid with the intended purpose of selling the land to an Indian tribe so they may build a casino on that land.

Thank you for your courtesy and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Irma Rangel".

Irma Rangel  
State Representative  
District 35  
Chair, House Higher Education Committee