

June 8, 2026

Via Electronic Mail

Jackie Pata, 1st Vice President
Central Council of the Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska

Re: Follow-Up on George Family Disputes, Executive Council Inaction, and Your Representations To Me

Dear Jackie:

I am writing because I am gravely disappointed in you as a representative of tribal people and as the Juneau district representative to whom the George Family specifically turned for help.

On April 10, 2026, I sent you and the Executive Council a detailed letter regarding the treatment of George Family tribal citizens and trust landowners. In that letter, the family asked for prompt attention, meaningful oversight, independent review, written process, and a written response. We made clear that the Council had already been copied on the family's correspondence, already knew the pattern of misleading and evasive conduct, and that continued silence would no longer be neutral. We warned that, at that point, silence would function as approval.

After our later call, I followed up again in writing on May 26, 2026. In that letter, I thanked you for telling me that you had presented my April 10 letter and supporting materials to the Executive Committee and that you intended to bring the matter up for further discussion that week. I also restated the three things that remained essential before any family sit-down with Tlingit & Haida: construction needed to stop, Ron Harris and AANV needed to be settled with, and the family needed full document production. I further made clear that I had written support from 11 of the 14 family members, representing 71.25% ownership, and verbal support from the remaining 3. I asked to be kept informed of any discussion, next steps, or opportunity for the family to be heard.

You never got back to me.

Now I read the Tribe's June 5 public notice regarding the soft opening of Two Coppers Casino. That notice states that the Executive Council provided thoughtful leadership, careful consideration, and steadfast commitment throughout the development of the project. It says the Council helped establish the governing framework and approved the operating documents and organizational structure. It also publicly thanks the George Family for its partnership and vision.

Those statements are deeply troubling. If they are true, then the Executive Council was fully aware of what was happening and affirmatively approved it, all while refusing to deal honestly and directly with the family. If they are not true, then the Tribe has now issued a public statement that is itself misleading. Either way, your silence and your failure to follow through with me fall far short of what I expected from a fellow tribal citizen, the delegate from my jurisdiction, and the First Vice President of the Executive Council..

The George Family has not been treated with transparency, fairness, or respect. We have been ignored, misled, and strung along while the project moved forward. We were told one thing

privately while the Tribe now says something very different publicly. That is not honorable conduct. That is not the way tribal citizens should be treated by their own leadership.

The June 5 notice goes even further and claims the enterprise was developed through partnership with the George Family and reflects accountability, transparency, and regulatory compliance. You know as well as I do that the family has been objecting for months, that the family has not approved the building now being used, and that the family's disputes remain active before BIA and NIGC. To publicly describe this as a project carried forward through George Family partnership and trust, while the family's grievances were left unanswered, adds insult to injury.

I am left to conclude that the Executive Council had no real intention of protecting tribal citizens here, no real intention of looking after the George Family, and no real intention of requiring honesty or accountability from President Peterson. The Council was put on notice. You were put on notice. Nothing meaningful was done.

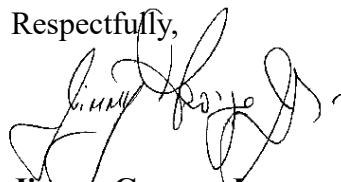
Because of that, I intend to begin meeting with other Tlingit and Haida delegates and communities so tribal citizens understand exactly what has happened here. They deserve to know that when tribal citizens and trust landowners raised serious concerns about their land, their rights, changing construction, safety issues, and the conduct of tribal leadership, the Executive Council did not meaningfully intervene. They deserve to know that silence, inaction, and public spin took the place of honesty and accountability.

I am asking you one final time to respond in writing and tell me plainly:

1. Did you in fact present my April 10 letter and my May 26 follow-up letter to the Executive Council or Executive Committee for discussion?
2. What action, if any, did the Council take?
3. Did the Council approve the operating documents, organizational structure, soft opening, and continued operation of the casino with knowledge of the George Family disputes?
4. Do you stand by the Tribe's June 5 public statements that this project moved forward through partnership with the George Family?
5. What, if anything, do you intend to do now?

At this point, I do not need another vague assurance. I need the truth.

Respectfully,



Jimmy George, Jr.

Tribal Citizen and Trust Landowner

and on behalf of **Bernice Hansen, Dean George, and Garfield George**

Tribal Citizens and George Family Trust Landowners

Attachments: Tlingit & Haida press release
May 26, 2026 Letter to Jackie Pata
April 10, 2026 Letter to Jackie Pata and EC