On Aug 28, 2015, at 2:59 PM, Smithers, F. Sydney <<u>fssmithers@cainhibbard.com</u>> wrote:

Wendy:

My e-mail of July 30, below, as an accurate summary of the decision taken by the Amicus Committee as of that date.

Since that time the Amicus Committee, at my urging, has agreed to endorse an Amicus Brief in support of Justice Agnes' dissent.

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Subject: RE: SJC amicus brief

Wendy:I've been asked by Ed Bloom, the chair of the Abstract Club/REBA Amicus Committee ("Committee"), to let you know that the Committee has been requested by both sides of the case to file an amicus brief on their respective behalves, and declines to do so on the ground that the Committee considers the matter to be uniquely fact specific to Aquinnah and the partitioned lands of the Wampanoag Tribe and not of general application.

For future reference, Henry is retired and Ed Bloom is now chair of the Committee.

Regards,

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