

Vote Yes on Props 94, 95, 96 & 97: Good for The Environment

Voting YES gives our state billions in new revenues without raising taxes.

Under new Indian Gaming Revenue Agreements negotiated by Governor Schwarzenegger and approved by bipartisan majorities of the state legislature, four Southern California tribes will pay a much higher percentage of their gaming revenues to the state. At a time when California faces a budget crisis, these agreements will provide our state hundreds of millions of dollars in vitally needed new revenues each year. **Over the next two decades, they will give California more than \$9 billion to help balance the state budget and pay for public safety, education and other services statewide – without increasing our taxes.** The agreements also include new and enhanced protections for our environment. Voting NO would undo the agreements and make our state's budget problems even worse. Voting YES on Propositions 94, 95, 96 and 97 will preserve the new agreements and protect the revenues they provide.

Voting YES means enhanced environmental protections.

Under the amended compacts, the Agua Caliente, Morongo, Pechanga and Sycuan tribes will meet or exceed federal and state standards for new gaming-related projects. The compacts ensure that the tribes will comply with environmental reviews that mirror the California Environmental Quality Act, through Tribal Environmental Impact Reports (TEIRs). Specifically, prior to the commencement of any project by a tribe, the tribe must prepare and circulate a TEIR.

**“These agreements contain strict new environmental safeguards for tribal gaming projects, including provisions that mirror the California Environmental Quality Act.”
-Linda Adams, Secretary, California Environmental Protection Agency**

- The TEIR must provide detailed information about the effects on the off-reservation environment and must identify feasible mitigation measures.
- All interested persons will have an opportunity to comment on the TEIR and the tribe must respond to comments. Interested persons include all local, state and federal agencies which, if a project were not taking place on tribal lands, would normally have the responsibility for approving the project, including any city with a nexus to the project and any other persons, groups or agencies that request in writing a notice of preparation of a draft TEIR.

Voting YES means enhanced cooperation with local governments and mitigation of environmental impacts.

Before commencement of a project, the tribe must enter into enforceable written mitigation agreements with the county and any impacted city which include provisions providing for the timely mitigation of any significant effect on the off-reservation environment including aesthetics, air quality, biological resources, geology and soils, hazards and hazardous materials, water resources, land use, mineral resources, traffic, noise, utilities and service systems.

Gaming interests that don't want competition are bankrolling the effort to repeal the Indian Gaming Revenue Agreements.

State financial reports show that the deceptive campaign against the Indian Gaming Revenue Agreements is funded and led by the owner of a big Las Vegas Casino and two racetracks and other gambling interests that simply want to prevent competition. If they get their way, the agreements will be canceled – and our state will lose billions of dollars in vitally needed revenues.

How you can help...

You can help by joining our coalition to show your support. To join, or for more information, just visit our website at www.YESforCalifornia.com.



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