

Vote YES on Props 94, 95, 96 & 97: Good for Local Governments

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 bi-partisan 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, these agreements 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.** They also include strong new protections for cities and counties. 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 hundreds of millions of dollars a year in new funding to help out budget crisis.

- Props 94-97 will allow the Agua Caliente, Morongo, Pechanga and Sycuan tribes to add slot machines on their existing tribal lands in Riverside and San Diego counties. In return, the tribes will pay up to 25% of the revenues from these machines to the state to help support public services in communities statewide.
- These payments will increase General Fund revenues that benefit local government programs and services, and will help relieve pressure for state budgetary cuts that impact cities, counties and special districts.

"The new Tribal-State Gaming agreements require increased cooperation and coordination with local governments through mitigation agreements. These mitigation agreements will include reasonable compensation from tribes to the County and any impacted cities for: law enforcement, fire protection, emergency medical services and other public services required as a result of new gaming-related projects."
–Riverside County Board of Supervisors, resolution in support of Indian Gaming Revenue Agreements, October 2, 2007

Voting YES means new levels of cooperation with local government and direct payments to offset impacts on local services.

The agreements require a heightened level of cooperation with neighboring cities and counties. The tribes must negotiate and enter into enforceable written mitigation agreements with the county and any impacted city to fully mitigate the impacts of gaming-related projects on the off-reservation environment and government services. These agreements are to include direct payments to compensate for local government services like public safety, infrastructure and more.

Voting YES means enhanced environmental review and local government involvement.

Under the amended compacts, the four tribes will also have to meet or exceed federal and state standards for new development, including enhanced local government participation and review of environmental impacts. The compacts ensure that the tribes will comply with environmental reviews that mirror the California Environmental Quality Act, through Tribal Environmental Impact Reports (TEIR). The compacts provide 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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