

SAMPLE LOCAL GOVERNMENT RESOLUTION

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSITIONS 94-97**

WHEREAS, California continues to face chronic budget deficits, and the state struggles to adequately fund our schools, public safety, traffic congestion relief, healthcare and other services; and

WHEREAS, Gov. Schwarzenegger negotiated and bi-partisan majorities of the legislature recently approved new Indian Gaming Revenue Agreements, which are Propositions 94, 95, 96 & 97 on the February 5 ballot, with four tribes that have casino facilities on remote tribal lands in Riverside and San Diego counties; and

WHEREAS, under Props 94-97, the Agua Caliente, Morongo, Pechanga and Sycuan tribes will pay much higher percentages of their net gaming revenues (up to 25%) to the state in exchange for increasing the number of slot machines at their casinos on their existing tribal lands; and

WHEREAS, Props 94-97 will give our state hundreds of millions of dollars per year, or more than \$9 billion over the next two decades; and

WHEREAS, Props 94-97 are supported by a broad coalition of city and county elected officials, public safety officials and others because they 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; and

WHEREAS, Props 94-97 require increased cooperation and coordination with local governments. The tribes must negotiate and enter into enforceable written mitigation agreements with the county and any impacted city that include reasonable compensation from tribes to cities and counties for law enforcement, fire protection, emergency medical services and any other public services to be provided by the county and any impacted city to the tribe as a result of new gaming-related projects; and

WHEREAS, the tribe shall also 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; and

WHEREAS, under Props 94-97, the four tribes must meet or exceed federal and state environmental standards for new development, and allow for enhanced local government participation and review of environmental impacts; and

WHEREAS, Props 94-97 ensure that the tribes will comply with environmental review provisions that mirror the California Environmental Quality Act, through Tribal Environmental Impact Reports (TEIR); and

WHEREAS, the deceptive campaign against the 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 and if they get their way the agreements will be canceled, jeopardizing hundreds of millions of dollars in new funds for local governments.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ that we hereby urge a YES vote on Proposition 94, 95, 96 and 97.**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that we hereby authorize the listing of **<insert city or county name>** in formal support of Props 94-97 with the Coalition to Protect California's Budget & Economy.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
200\_\_\_ by the following vote: