

SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA



FROM: Supervisor John Tavaglione

SUBMITTAL DATE: July 29, 2003

SUBJECT: FORMATION OF RIVERSIDE COUNTY TRIBAL COUNCIL TASK
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RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors form a Riverside County Tribal Council Task Force for the purpose of developing a formal structure and working agreement with the 11 American Indian Tribes located in Riverside County.

BACKGROUND: With the continued growth in Indian Gaming by tribes throughout California, challenges for the tribes and local government will be ongoing. Riverside County government and members of the Board have established strong, positive relationships with most of the tribal councils in our County and it is crucial that these relationships be strengthened and outlined into formal working agreements. Unfortunately, due to the lack of strong dialogue between tribes and local governments in other parts of California, the State Legislature introduces and/or adopts legislation, which can often be detrimental to certain jurisdictions and ultimately drive a wedge between the local government and the tribal council. However, certain counties have structured formal agreements with their tribes, which have helped to lay the framework for continued prosperity for all involved. Since the framework for a strong, ongoing relationship with our tribes is in place, we would be best served to formalize that relationship and alleviate future challenges caused by legislation and actions by others that ultimately may not pertain to our local jurisdiction. To begin this process, the Board of Supervisors should create a special task force consisting of one member of each of the 11 tribes (preferably the Tribal Chairman) and two members of the Board of Supervisors, consisting of the Chairman and one other appointed Board Member.


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