

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



**FROM:** Supervisor Jeff Stone

**SUBMITTAL DATE:** July 5, 2006

**SUBJECT:** Adoption of Resolution #2006-284, Requesting the State Governor to Consider Alternative Amendments to the Compact with the Pechanga Band of Luiseño Indians.

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors adopt Resolution #2006-284, a joint request by the County of Riverside and the Pechanga Band of Luiseno Indians to have the State Governor consider alternative amendments to the Compact with the Pechanga Band of Luiseno Indians, in support of the Tribe's position.

**BACKGROUND:** The County of Riverside and the Pechanga Band of Luiseno Indians have worked hard, long and successfully to develop a relationship that is characterized by respectful government-to-government consultation and cooperation. Both the County and the Tribe believe the State Governor's model compact revisions should not be imposed on all the gaming tribes in California because of differences in size, location, land base, and socioeconomic circumstances. There is no single set of compact revisions that should be imposed on all gaming tribes in California.

Resolution #2006-284, is intended to request the State Governor to engage in meaningful discussions with the Pechanga Band of Luiseno Indians for amendments to their compact which will provide substantial financial assistance to the State, while respecting the particular needs and circumstances of the tribe, and the relationships that the tribe has cultivated with Riverside County and the City of Temecula.

  
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RESOLUTION NO. 2006-284  
RESOLUTION TO REQUESTING THE STATE GOVERNOR TO CONSIDER  
ALTERNATIVE AMENDMENTS TO THE COMPACT WITH  
THE PECHANGA BAND OF LUISENO INDIANS

Whereas, the County of Riverside and the Pechanga Band of Luiseno Indians over the past two decades have cultivated a cooperative and respectful government-to-government relationship that recognizes the interdependent role of the Pechanga Band, the County of Riverside and the City of Temecula;

Whereas, the Pechanga Resort and Casino, which is owned and operated by the Pechanga Band of Luiseno Indians, has been a significant economic engine for the Temecula Valley and the County of Riverside, providing 1,413 and 3,734 direct jobs for residents of those communities respectively;

Whereas, the Pechanga Band is a generous contributor to the quality of life in the area through it's regular charitable giving, including a \$1.5 million donation to Southwest Riverside County Boys and Girls Club for a new clubhouse last year;

Whereas, the Pechanga tribal government and local community leaders work together to resolve local concerns;

Whereas, through contributions made to the Individual Tribal Casino Account, established and funded through the Indian Gaming Special Distribution Fund pursuant to Senate Bill 621, the Pechanga tribal government has approved over \$11.6 million in grants to the County of Riverside and the City of Temecula to mitigate impacts caused by tribal gaming;

Whereas, Riverside County and other local government jurisdictions would lose this substantial financial support if the Pechanga Band and other Riverside County gaming tribes contributing to the Special Distribution Fund were to agree to compact amendments which eliminate payments to the Individual Tribal Casino Accounts, under the Special Distribution Fund;

Whereas, the Pechanga tribal government has proposed compact revisions which will protect the long-term financial interests of Riverside County and other local government jurisdictions, from legislative overreaching and delays by providing that the Pechanga tribal government would make direct payments into its Individual Tribal Casino Account, rather than paying into the Indian Gaming Special Distribution Fund and having the local government jurisdictions depend upon appropriation by the Legislature. In addition, this will help reduce costs of administering the fund and ensure that more money is available at the local level to mitigate impacts.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Riverside County Board of Supervisors does hereby recommend that the Governor enter into good faith negotiations with the Pechanga Band of Luiseno Indians tribal government for amendments to their compact which will provide substantial financial assistance to the State, while respecting the particular needs and circumstances of the tribe, and relationships that the tribe has cultivated with Riverside County, the City of Temecula and other local government jurisdictions. There is no single set of compact revisions that

should be imposed on all gaming tribes in California. Tribal differences in size, location, land base and socioeconomic circumstances are too great for a one-size-fits-all approach.

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