

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



FROM: Supervisor John Tavaglione

SUBMITTAL DATE: October 2, 2007

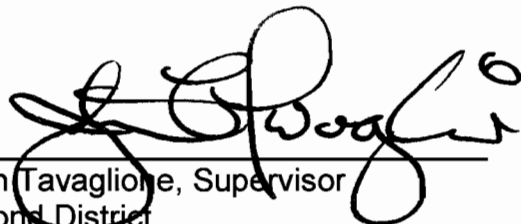
SUBJECT: Resolution No. 2007-448 in Support of Tribal-State Gaming Agreements

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors adopt Resolution No. 2007-448, County of Riverside, State of California Resolution in Support of Tribal-State Gaming Agreements.

BACKGROUND: Governor Schwarzenegger negotiated and the Legislature ratified new Tribal-State gaming agreements with three Riverside County tribes that have casino facilities on tribal lands.

Under these agreements, the Agua Caliente, Morongo and Pechanga tribes will pay increased percentages of net gaming revenues (up to 25%) to the State in exchange for increasing the number of slot machines allowed in casinos on existing tribal lands. The increased payments will provide \$9 billion over the next two decades to the State.

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 impacted cities for: law enforcement, fire protection, emergency medical services and any other public services required as a result of new gaming-related projects.



John Tavaglione, Supervisor
Second District

2 **COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE**

3 **RESOLUTION NO. 2007- 448**

4 **TRIBAL-STATE GAMING AGREEMENTS**

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7 **WHEREAS**, the State of California continues to face chronic budget deficits and struggles to
8 adequately fund public safety, healthcare, education, road improvements and other public
9 services; and

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11 **WHEREAS**, Governor Schwarzenegger negotiated and the Legislature ratified new Tribal-State
12 gaming agreements with three Riverside County tribes that have casino facilities on tribal lands;
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15 **WHEREAS**, under these agreements, the Agua Caliente, Morongo and Pechanga tribes will pay
16 increased percentages of net gaming revenues (up to 25%) to the State in exchange for
17 increasing the number of slot machines allowed in casinos on existing tribal lands; and

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19 **WHEREAS**, the increased payments will provide \$9 billion over the next two decades to the
20 State; and

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22 **WHEREAS**, these increased payments will increase State general fund revenues which support
23 local government programs and services; and

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25 **WHEREAS**, the new Tribal-State gaming agreements require increased cooperation and
26 coordination with local governments through mitigation agreements. These mitigation
27 agreements will include reasonable compensation from tribes to the County and impacted cities
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1 for: law enforcement, fire protection, emergency medical services and any other public services
2 required as a result of new gaming-related projects; and

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4 **WHEREAS**, tribes shall also provide for timely mitigation of any significant impact to the off-
5 reservation environment, including: aesthetics, air quality, biological resources, geology and
6 soils, hazards and hazardous materials, water resources, land use, mineral resources, traffic,
7 noise, utilities and service systems; and

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9 **WHEREAS**, under the new agreements, tribes must also meet or exceed federal and state
10 environmental standards for new development and allow enhanced local government
11 participation and review of environmental impacts; and

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13 **WHEREAS**, the new Tribal-State gaming agreements ensure that tribes comply with
14 environmental review provisions mirroring the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA),
15 through Tribal Environmental Impact Reports (TEIR); and

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17 **WHEREAS**, certain special interest groups are attempting to repeal the new agreements,
18 jeopardizing hundreds of millions of dollars in new State revenue.

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20 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of the County of
21 Riverside, State of California, in regular session assembled on October 2, 2007 does hereby
22 support the new Tribal-State gaming agreements.

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25 **PASSED AND ADOPTED** this _____ day of _____,
26 200__ by the following vote:

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