

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



ITEM: 2.4
(ID # 12634)

MEETING DATE:
Tuesday, May 19, 2020

FROM : SUPERVISOR JEFF HEWITT:

SUBJECT: SUPERVISOR JEFF HEWITT: Resolution No. 2020-148, Riverside County Tribal Governments. [\$0]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Support the Riverside County Tribal Governments reopening of businesses to assist with jumpstarting the local economy.

ACTION: Consent

Supervisor Jeff Hewitt, Supervisor 5th District 5/15/2020

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Washington, seconded by Supervisor Spiegel and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended and Resolution No. 2020-148 is adopted as amended.

Ayes: Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Hewitt
Nays: None
Absent: None
Date: May 19, 2020
xc: Supvr. Hewitt

Kecia R. Harper
Clerk of the Board
By:
Deputy

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost
COST	\$	\$	\$	\$
NET COUNTY COST	\$	\$	\$	\$
SOURCE OF FUNDS:			Budget Adjustment:	No
			For Fiscal Year:	20/21

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: [CEO use]

BACKGROUND:

Summary

See attachment for Resolution No. 2020-148.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-148

Tribal Governments Reopening

Whereas, Tribal Gaming is a major employer in Riverside County and the State of California; and

Whereas, Tribal Governments will be reopening their casinos in Riverside County in accordance with the National Indian Gaming Commission guidelines; and

Whereas, Tribal Governments in Riverside County are reopening with full transparency, social distancing, personal protective equipment for employees, guests, and vendors; and

Whereas, Tribal Governments are sovereign independent nations and their gaming, hotels, and resorts are not subject to state guidelines; and

Therefore, let it be resolved, the Riverside County Board of Supervisors fully supports tribal governments returning to business and helping jumpstart the local economy.

2 RESOLUTION NO. 2020-148

3 RECOGNIZING THE SOVEREIGNTY OF TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS AND ENCOURAGING TRIBAL
4 CASINOS TO REOPEN SAFELY IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE AND FEDERAL GUIDELINES

5 Whereas, the Riverside County Board of Supervisors recognizes the sovereignty of tribal governments and
6 appreciates strong government-to-government relationships with 11 tribes in Riverside County;

7 Whereas, tribal gaming has a rich and significant history in Riverside County, which is home to the two
8 tribes that won a historic U.S. Supreme Court case in 1987 against the State of California in the battle over tribal
9 gaming;

10 Whereas, eight tribes now have thriving gaming operations in Riverside County, fueling our economy,
11 supporting their own members and providing jobs for many of our residents;

12 Whereas, tribes are governed by their own tribal regulatory bodies, the National Indian Gaming
13 Commission and the California Gambling Control Commission;

14 Whereas, Riverside County gaming tribes signed negotiated compacts with the State of California, in
15 accordance with the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988, which requires tribes and states to enter agreements
16 addressing regulation and the scope of gaming;

17 Whereas, the National Indian Gaming Commission has provided guidance for tribes looking to reopen
18 safely after closing due to the pandemic;

19 Whereas, tribes have developed their own protocols for protecting their patrons and workers as they
20 prepare to reopen;

21 Whereas, the State of California has engaged in government-to-government discussions with tribes about
22 how best to safely reopen and is preparing guidance to that end;

1 NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Riverside County Board of Supervisors does hereby declare its
2 recognition of and respect for tribal sovereignty and encourage tribal governments to work collaboratively with the
3 State of California and the National Indian Gaming Commission along with their own tribal regulatory bodies to
4 ensure they reopen in the safest manner possible for their workforce, patrons and the entire community of Riverside
5 County.

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ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Hewitt
Nays: None
Absent: None

The foregoing is certified to be a true copy of a resolution duly adopted by said Board of Supervisors on the date therein set forth.

Kecia R. Harper, Clerk of said Board
By Priscilla Rasso
Deputy

