

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



ITEM: 2.8
(ID # 18934)

MEETING DATE:
Tuesday, May 10, 2022

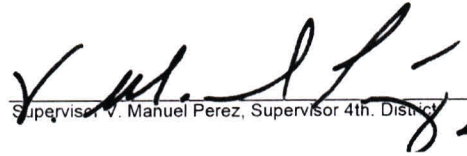
FROM : SUPERVISOR CHUCK WASHINGTON AND Supervisor V. Manuel Perez :

SUBJECT: Supervisor Chuck Washington and Supervisor V. Manuel Perez: Report from the Pechanga Band of Indians, Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians, and the Coalition for Safe, Responsible Gaming regarding the sports wagering measures slated to appear on this November's ballot, All Districts. [\$0]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors receive and file a report from the Pechanga Band of Indians, Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians, and the Coalition for Safe, Responsible Gaming regarding the sports wagering measures slated to appear on this November's ballot.

ACTION: Consent

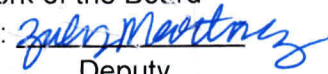

Supervisor Chuck Washington, Supervisor 3rd District 5/6/2022


Supervisor V. Manuel Perez, Supervisor 4th District 5/6/2022

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Washington seconded by Supervisor Perez and duly carried, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is received and filed as recommended.

Ayes: Spiegel, Washington, Perez, and Hewitt
Nays: None
Abstain: Jeffries
Absent: None
Date: May 10, 2022
xc: Third District, Fourth District

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	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
NET COUNTY COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
SOURCE OF FUNDS: N/A			Budget Adjustment:	No
			For Fiscal Year:	N/A

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

BACKGROUND:

Summary

For more than 20 years, California Indian tribes have operated highly regulated casinos on their tribal land. California voters could be presented with two, possibly three, sports wagering propositions on the November 2022 statewide ballot that would change the state’s gaming landscape. The Tribal Sports Wagering Act would allow sports betting at California Indian casinos. A competing corporate online gambling proposal would allow online sports betting. This presentation by the Pechanga Band of Indians, Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians, and the Coalition for Safe, Responsible Gaming will discuss provisions of each measure and its potential impacts on residents and tribal, state, and local governments.

Tribal Sports Wagering Act

The Pechanga Band of Indians, Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians, and the Coalition for Safe, Responsible Gaming is supporting the Tribal Sports Wagering Act (the Act). The Act authorizes in-person sports betting in the regulated environment of California Indian casinos and four licensed horse racetracks. The Act also allows Indian tribes to offer craps and roulette in their casinos. Offering in-person sports betting at Indian casinos ensures proper safeguards to limit participation to adults over the age of 21 by requiring participants to present physical identification to place bets.

Indian casinos contribute to the economic vitality of our state and local communities. Employing nearly 125,000 people, Indian casinos make a \$20 billion impact on the state’s economy, generating almost \$1 billion in revenue for the state and \$378 million for local governments every year. The Act will increase the economic impact of Indian gaming in the state by adding new jobs and creating new economic opportunities. The Legislative Analyst estimates that the Act could generate tens of millions of dollars in increased revenue for the state.

Corporate Online Gambling Proposition

A competing measure known as the California Solutions to Homelessness and Mental Health Support Act proposes to legalize online sports betting. Proponents of this measure include out-

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of-state internet sportsbook operators. The measure proposes to fund homelessness programs by legalizing online sports gambling, which is currently illegal. Online gambling opens the door to underage users and a rise in gambling addiction.

Research indicates that online gambling is more addictive than in-person gambling and leads to more problem gambling. The Legislative Analyst warns that this measure could lead to increased costs to local governments without a guaranteed stream of revenue to address the health problems associated with gambling addiction. Funding under the measure is only guaranteed for cities with more than 300,000 residents, leaving 97% of cities to compete for grants to receive revenue. Despite the measure's title, its intent is to legalize online sports betting, which is more likely to contribute to homelessness and mental health problems than it is to solve it. Moreover, this measure is likely to have a negative economic impact on tribal governments in Riverside County, and thus Riverside County.