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The Case For Proposition 29 1998 Indian Tribal State Compacts

Proposition 29 preserves the rights of California citizens and local communities if tribal gambling casinos are established or expanded in their communities. This measure empowers local governments with an opportunity to address and resolve negative impacts created by casinos, including traffic congestion; sanitation, pollution and zoning problems; law enforcement and fire protection; violation of building codes; and the lack of basic public health and safety regulations, and reimbursement of their costs.

Proposition 29:

- Allows for a **modest** expansion of gambling for California's tribal casinos, bringing the total number of gambling machines in the state to nearly 20,000, without changing the States Constitution or Penal Code;
- Ensures worker and consumer protections by guaranteeing worker's rights without mandating a union contract, and shares concurrent jurisdiction with the State of California, for appropriate regulation such as licensing procedures and background checks for all employees;
- Offers a profit sharing mechanism to ensure that all California tribes benefit from tribal gambling, and the development of gambling free economic enterprise zones, to assist tribes in diversification of their economic base;
- Prohibits Internet gambling, gambling on credit in tribal casinos and banked games like blackjack, pai gow, etc.
- Allows for Communities to have an "advisory vote", to ratify local agreements ensuring that mitigation's by the tribe are acceptable to the impacted citizens.

The Proposition 29 Compact is comprehensive in scope, it safeguards the rights of citizens and their communities. The Proposition 29 Compact has been signed by eleven tribes, ratified by the State Legislature and approved by Secretary of Interior Bruce Babbitt. Many doubt that Proposition 1A will survive California Constitutional muster let alone gain federal approval, leaving tribal gaming unregulated and uncompacted.

A YES vote on Proposition 29 promotes balance between the rights of citizens; local governmental bodies and the many exclusive rights afforded to tribes due to their special status as Native Americans. Proposition 29 is a fair approach to the complex and multi-jurisdictional issue of gambling expansion in California.

Proposition 29 Strengthens Community Rights

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