

# Citizens for a Quality Environment

To Whom It May Concern:

As a group of citizens who are concerned about the negative impact of gambling on the local communities in which tribe's build casinos, we support Senator Feinstein's Bill S338 which will ban expansion of Casino San Pablo without federal oversight.

When we, the citizens of California, voted to allow the tribes the right to create gambling casinos on their own land, we had no idea how invasive the casinos would become on local communities and their citizens. Tribes who we thought would place their facilities on their own tribal reservations, soon began buying land and erecting huge casinos that were a blight on the environment and a destructive force on the peace and prosperity of the areas in which they were built. Many tribes have chosen to either move their casinos off their reservations and/or build humongous facilities with little or no government oversight. The tribes claim the right to self-govern but have taken that right far beyond the initial intension so that they now feel that they have the right to do whatever makes them more prosperous, without little regard for the impact their decisions will have.

The Citizens for a Quality Environment thoroughly support the proposed legislation that will close the Omnibus Indian Advancement Act loophole and ensure that all tribes, including the Lytton tribe, will need to complete the intended steps before expanding or moving their gaming facilities.



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Citizens for a Quality Environment is a grassroots group created to inform the public of the impact of gaming on the lives of the citizens of the community.

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