

Rebuttal to Argument in Favor of Proposition 48

VOTE NO ON PROP. 48. It would allow the North Fork Tribe to build a massive off-reservation, Vegas-style casino in Madera County.

As a Madera County Supervisor, I oppose this casino in my community.

North Fork's reservation land is over an hour's drive from the proposed location, but they want to build a casino with 2,000 slot machines here because it is closer to major freeways and Central Valley communities. It won't create jobs; it will only siphon them from area businesses and existing casinos.

Years ago when Californians approved Indian gaming, we were told there would be a limited number of casinos built on original reservation land.

Prop. 48 breaks that promise.

Until now, dozens of tribes have played by these rules, but Prop. 48 would allow the first off-reservation casino and would start a wave of casino projects across California.

United States Senator Dianne Feinstein opposed this proposed off-reservation casino. In an opposition letter sent to Governor Jerry Brown she said:

". . . with the market already saturated, tribes from rural areas are 'reservation shopping' for casinos in more densely populated areas to obtain a better share of the market. This cannot be allowed to happen; enough is enough."

I agree with Senator Feinstein. VOTE NO ON PROP. 48.

I love my community and building a mega-casino that will bring more traffic, pollution and crime is just wrong.

VOTE NO ON PROP. 48 to STOP off-reservation, Vegas-style casinos in all of our neighborhoods.

David Rogers, Madera County Supervisor