

# JAMULIANS AGAINST THE CASINO “JAC”

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Honorable Jared Huffman  
California Assemblyman  
State Capitol  
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RE: Assembly Concurrent Resolution (ACR) 56

Dear Assemblyman Huffman,

We are a non-profit community organization that has been opposed to the building of another casino in San Diego County backcountry. Our opposition began in 1992. Over 97% of our rural community of Jamul has opposed the building of a casino on six acres, along the dangerous two lane Highway 94.

The learning process has been tremendous. The governmental loopholes and the perception of back room deals are a major concern. All of us in San Diego County have witnessed the incredible impacts that the existing Indian casinos have in our rural areas.

One of our disagreements over the proposed casino in Jamul directly relates to your resolution. When the Governor of our State negotiates, behind closed doors, with tribal entities, legitimizing compacts that exclude local, county and even State input, we all lose. Often the compacts are approved but the Federal Government has not even taken the land into trust. The Governor's approval of a compact without community input (or knowledge) truly by-passes the vary processes we hold all others to. The perception often to the public is: "well the Governor has approved it so it's a done deal". Although far from the truth, it makes it very difficult to educate and encourage opposition for citizens who question "what can a little guy do against the government"?

For these reasons and many more, JAC strongly supports your Resolution (ACR) 56.

Sincerely,



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