



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

July 23, 2004

Ms. Alice Gunn
7504 Jenkins Avenue
Hesperia, California 92345

Re: Tribal State Negotiations under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act

Dear Ms. Gunn,

This is in response to your letter of March 22, 2004, expressing your concerns about Indian gaming near Hesperia. As you know, the State of California is required under the federal Indian Gaming Regulatory Act to negotiate with eligible Indian tribes with respect to "Class III" gaming on Indian land.

The Tishimba Shoshone Tribe under federal law does have the right to require the Governor in good faith to negotiate regarding a proposed casino. The Governor has not yet negotiated a compact with the tribe. It does not currently have land eligible for gaming near Hesperia. The City of Hesperia, however, has approved a Municipal Services Agreement and the voters of Hesperia voted in favor of a ballot measure approving the agreement. The Governor does not oppose permitting a tribe to take land into trust for the purpose of gaming when the tribe's project has the support of the local community.

No compact negotiations have been commenced and no compact conditions have yet been fixed with the Tishimba Shoshone Tribe. Be assured that in negotiating a compact, your concerns about the impact of the casino on the local community will be addressed.

Thank you for your letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter Siggins".

PETER SIGGINS
Legal Affairs Secretary