

# Keep Indian Gaming on Indian Lands

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## **New Survey Shows Vast Majority of California Voters Strongly Oppose Off-Reservation Casinos** **72% Say “Off-Reservation” Gaming Decisions Should Come From Voters**

*Sacramento, CA* – New polling data released today shows a vast majority of California voters strongly OPPOSE building off-reservation casinos and believe voters should have their say in any decision to pursue off-reservation gaming.

The new survey, conducted by **Jim Moore Methods**, found that **72 percent of California voters** OPPOSE off-reservation casinos and say tribes should not be allowed to build away from their historic tribal lands while only 20% support. Moreover, **72 percent of California voters feel that any decision to change Prop 1A to allow off-reservation gaming should be made by the voters.**

This information is timely given the recent decision by the Department of the Interior to approve two off-reservation gaming facility proposals in California, despite the fact that the tribes making the proposals (Enterprise Rancheria and North Fork Rancheria) already have existing tribal lands on which to build casinos. The tribes instead are pursuing a practice known as “reservation shopping” in an effort to build casinos in urban areas and along highways where they have no modern, historical, or aboriginal nexus.

### **California voters strongly (72%-20%) OPPOSE allowing tribes to build off-reservation casinos.**

- 72% oppose allowing tribes to build casinos off-reservation
- 20% support allowing tribes to build casinos off-reservation

### **California voters strongly (72%-22%) AGREE any decision to change Prop 1A to allow off-reservation gaming should be made by the voters.**

- 72% agree tribes who want to build new gaming casinos off of their historic tribal lands should ask the voters for permission.
- 22% disagree

The next step now lies with Governor Jerry Brown, who can either “concur” or “not concur” with the second part of the Federal government’s “two-part determination.”

“Although the federal government has mistakenly opened the doors for these casinos, the Governor has the chance to follow the will of the people,” noted Cheryl Schmit, director of [Stand Up For California!](#) a statewide organization with a focus on gaming issues. “Off-reservation casinos pose a threat to our communities, are inconsistent with what voters agreed when they passed Props. 1A/5 and, if approved, would open the off-reservation casino floodgates throughout California.”

The survey was conducted by **J. Moore Methods, Inc.**, of Sacramento from Nov. 14-22, 2011 with a sample size of 800 and has a (+/-) 3.5% margin of error. (*Survey Memo attached*)

For more on Stand Up for California!, visit [www.StandUpCA.org](http://www.StandUpCA.org). For more on *Keep Indian Gaming on Indian Lands*, visit [www.NoOffReservationCasino.com](http://www.NoOffReservationCasino.com).

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