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February 11, 1999

Mr. Eric Cortez
613 Singley Rd
Loleta, CA 95551

Dear Eric:

Thank you for your recent letters regarding the development of a gaming facility near your property. I am familiar with the Loleta area and know the site you speak about.

I am becoming more aware of the impacts of Proposition 5 and the development of Indian gaming facilities in the Second District and throughout California. I understand the concerns that are frequently expressed by property owners living near or adjacent to the existing or proposed facilities.

At present, development of new gaming facilities is dependent upon successful negotiation of a Compact Agreement between a respective Native American Tribe and the Governor's Office. The impact of Proposition 5 will not be felt until the legal questions are resolved in the Courts (this may take a long time). The Governor has not yet initiated any new compact negotiations with Native American Tribes.

Also, Federal law mandates (National Indian Gaming Regulatory Act) that local communities and individuals who are 'impacted' by any proposed gaming facility be allowed to comment on a development before authorization can be obtained. It is my understanding that no new gaming facilities will be approved without a Compact Agreement and the opportunity for local communities to respond to the project.

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My Office will be tracking gaming development closely. It is my hope that our local Native American Tribal governments can reach mutually acceptable agreements on proposed gaming facilities with the communities in their vicinity.


If you have any questions you can contact **Zuretti Goosby (Zuey)** in my Eureka District Office. The address and phone number is:

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Thank you for your letter. Thank you also for your early support for my first campaign for HSU Student Council seat.

Sincerely,



WESLEY CHESBRO
Senator, Second District

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