



SACRAMENTO COUNTY

Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board

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Dear Mr. Lundgren,

Dr. Sherri Heller, Director, Health and Human Services Department, informed the Sacramento County Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board that you were seeking community input on the proposed Wilton Rancheria Casino and Resort. This summer our Board invited Raymond "Chuckie" Hitchcock, Tribal Chairman, to make a presentation regarding the proposed Casino. Since then, our standing committees and later the full Advisory Board developed and approved recommendations to address public safety issues including alcohol and other drugs (including DUIs), transportation, gambling and suicide problems and disorders.

Though these recommendations have been provided to reduce potential problems, we want to make it clear that the Advisory Board does not have an official position on approval/disapproval of the Casino, allowed gambling ages (18-20 allowed or only 21 and over), or other unintended consequences arising from the issues listed.

We believe the attached recommendations can contribute to the success of the Casino by preventing or otherwise mitigating potential problems, not only for the Casino itself but also for all County residents.

Sincerely,
Sara Kahoalii, Chair
Sacramento County Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board

Cc: Sacramento County Board of Supervisors
Clerk of the Board
Sherri Heller, Director, Health and Human Services Department
Raymond "Chuckie" Hitchcock, Tribal Chairman
Lori Moss, Director, Department of Community Development
Uma Zykofsky, Alcohol and Drug Administrator

Attachment

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Proposed Recommendations to Mitigate Potential Alcohol and Drug Problems Related to the Proposed Wilton Rancheria Casino and Resort

I. Internal Operations

1. Alcohol availability: Implement alcohol free policies in and surrounding the gambling areas, or if alcohol will be available, provide separated non-alcohol gambling areas (e.g., with non-alcohol drinks) for only 21 year olds and older
2. Alcohol Beverage Serving: Implement and maintain management and staff training on and monitoring of Responsible Beverage Serving policies and practices

II. Tribal Health

1. Treatment services: Ensure access to behavioral health services for tribal members, specifically to address alcohol and drug, gambling and suicide problems and disorders

III. Employment

1. Job training: Work with county employment agencies and businesses to promote local job training and hiring
2. Treatment services: Ensure employee health benefit packages include behavioral health services, specifically to address alcohol and drug, gambling and suicide problems and disorders
3. Preventive education: Provide prevention education and referral for alcohol and drug, gambling and suicide problems and disorders

IV. Surrounding area – Good neighbor policy

1. Schools: Implement policies and practices to minimize potential negative impacts on local schools in the area
2. Treatment facilities: Implement policies and practices to minimize potential negative impacts on the treatment recovery facilities in the area

V. Safety

1. Security force should be provided by law enforcement (County or Tribal) rather than by private patrol
2. Implement partnerships with surrounding law enforcement agencies
3. Implement pro-active crime reduction policies and practices (e.g., signage; lighting; patrols)
4. Prevent prostitution and sex trafficking in and around the facilities and provide training to employees to address potential problems
5. Monitor data on safety problems and address problems proactively

VI. Transportation

1. Ensure on ramps are designed/functioning to reduce safety problems (e.g., wrong way DUI drivers)
2. Implement a coordinated set of interventions to prevent and reduce DUI related incidents by providing:
 - a. Alcohol free lounge area(s) with appropriate amenities to reduce the likelihood of DUIs
 - b. Bus, taxi or Uber-type options
 - c. Overnight parking
 - d. Accommodations for overnight or shorter stays for those unsafe to leave
3. Address safety concerns at pick up and drop off points for travel to and from location

VII. Prevention messaging

1. Implement problem gambling prevention policies and procedures, including appropriate signage throughout the casino and resort
2. Implement suicide prevention policies and procedures, including appropriate signage throughout the casino and resort
3. Implement alcohol and other drug (AOD) prevention policies and procedures, including appropriate signage throughout the casino and resort

VIII. Community mitigation

1. Support local AOD prevention and treatment policies, programs and community efforts
2. Participate on County AOD Prevention Coalition
3. Actively monitor problems and mitigation efforts and use information for continuous quality improvement