

# *Stand Up For California!*

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*Stand Up for California* today appealed to the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit the recent district court ruling upholding the Bureau of Indian Affairs’ 2017 decision to acquire land in Elk Grove, California, in trust for the Wilton Rancheria’s proposed casino. The Bureau of Indian Affairs approved the Elk Grove site in an extraordinarily expedited two-month review at the end of the Obama Administration after spending several years reviewing a different site in Galt, California. Among other things, Stand Up argued that the Administration’s last-minute switch to the Elk Grove site misled the public and resulted in an inadequate analysis of the project’s impacts. It also argued that the public official who made the decision in the final hours of the Obama Administration did not have the power to do so.

“Today’s appeal makes clear that this case is not closed,” said Cheryl Schmit, director of *Stand Up for California* “The district court overlooked serious flaws in the BIA’s public process and hasty environmental analysis, as well as a lack of proper legal authority exercised by an acting official in the waning days of the last Administration.”

*Stand Up For California* is a statewide organization with a focus on gambling issues affecting California, including tribal gaming, card clubs, horse racing, satellite wagering, charitable gaming and the state lottery. It has been involved in the ongoing debate of issues raised by gaming and its impacts for over a decade, assisting individuals, community groups, elected officials, members of law enforcement, local public entities and the State of California with respect to gaming. Stand Up is a recognized resource of information to local, state and federal policy makers.

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