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Brenda Soulliere, Chairperson  
California Nations Indian Gaming Association  
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Dear Ms. Soulliere:

I am personally disappointed and offended by the false and defamatory letter sent by CNIGA to its member tribes criticizing the 30 minute informational participation of Richard DeCuir, Commission Deputy Director, in the "Local Government Symposium" conducted in Sacramento on this date. Labeling this meeting of local government officials as a "hate group" meeting frankly is all too typical of the type of distortion and unfortunate hyperbole that has emanated from the CNIGA "public relations machine" as of late.

Your letter further misdescribes and demeans the intent of the Commission to include tribal representation by asking the sponsors to invite them through your organization which, you purport, represents the majority of tribes in California. The conference attendees were almost all elected city and county officials with other attendees from state agencies and both U.S Senators from California.

It is the policy of the Commission to make speakers available upon request to organizations with concerns in the areas of gaming within the Commission's purview. Commission representatives have spoken before your organization on several occasions to provide information. In this case, Mr. DeCuir addressed both card room and compact informational issues. Card room fees supply nearly half of the Commission's funding.

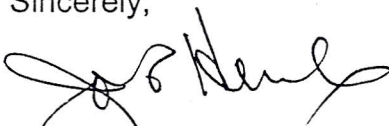
Your overbearing approach is merely an improper and opprobrious attempt to intimidate state and local government officials who, I assume, have an honest and sincere desire

to understand the financial provisions for local governments that have been made in the Tribal-State Gaming Compacts. It is an attempt to muzzle discussion with local government officials and impose "political correctness" from your perspective. Such behavior is incorrect and should be rejected whether directed from Tribes or against them. We reject any and all such attempts to stifle discussion, as was apparently the intent of CNIGA.

By your letter, you have not only shown disrespect for the Commission and these local government officials, but you have disrespected and demeaned the dignity of your own members by trafficking in inappropriate pejorative screed. It is perhaps an indication that CNIGA has a ways to go to reach political maturity.

As always, I am available to discuss this further with you at a mutually convenient time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John E. Hensley", written over a circular stamp.

John E. Hensley  
Chairman

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Lt. Governor Cruz Bustamante  
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