



*"I have more gaming tribes in my district than anyone in the country. I understand the good that comes from gaming. In my area, there are tens of thousands of jobs, hundreds of millions of dollars that come into our economy that are based on Indian gaming."*

*State Senator Jim Battin of Riverside*

*"Tribal governments in the Inland Empire have shown a commitment to safer streets and neighborhoods by supporting public safety."*

*Michael J. Brooks, Banning Police Chief*



*"The Colusa tribe has increased medical services throughout the county. Through their generosity, they have opened their doors to invite the public so that families and their children can access medical services. The revenues from the Indian gaming are being used to improve the lives of all citizens of Colusa County."*

*Charlette Lauppe, Executive Director, Children and Families Commission*

*"We know first hand of the generosity of local Indian Tribes. As a result of their contributions, the San Diego Food Bank was able this past year to supply more than 25,000 Holiday Food Baskets serving more than 100,000 people in San Diego County. Representatives of tribes are part of our year-round effort to bring food to those in need."*

*Dr. Howard H. Carey, CEO, Neighborhood House Association, parent of San Diego Food Bank*



*"Indian gaming has been very positive on our local community and on our economy . . . It's added capital to our community that's helping other businesses thrive."*

*Robert J. Wentz, Administrator/CEO of Oroville Hospital*

*"The contribution that the Sycuan tribe is making to public safety extends well beyond the reservation. Members of this tribe and this fire department have provided life-saving services to citizens throughout this county on almost a daily basis. Without it, there would not be this level of service available."*

*Capt. Brian Fennessy, San Diego City Fire Department*



# Indian Gaming... Making a Difference



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## A path to dignity and self reliance

Thousands of California Indians still live in poverty, but Indian Gaming has provided hope and opportunity for all tribes.

- Most tribes have no casinos or very small ones. Successful gaming tribes shared more than \$100 million with small gaming and non gaming tribes.
- Gaming revenues are used on reservations by tribal governments to:
  - Improve health care
  - Build new homes to replace old and sub-standard housing
  - Reduce or eliminate welfare payments
  - Pave dirt roads
  - Provide care for the elderly
  - Offer pre-school and after-school day care
  - Award scholarships to Indians going on to college
  - Drill new water wells
  - Build museums to preserve tribal cultural heritage, language and ceremonies
  - Create jobs and job training to break the cycle of welfare
  - Build mental health and counseling facilities to provide alcohol and drug addiction services
  - Enable economic diversification through investment in non-gaming businesses like hotels, office buildings, agriculture and banking



## Partners with local communities and California

Gaming tribes have fostered constructive relationships with local communities and gained a better understanding of one another.

- More than 44,000 people are employed by Indian gaming tribes, most of them non-Indians, many of whom were previously on public assistance programs.
- Many tribal government gaming operations have become among the biggest employers in their region.
- Each casino job generates at least two other jobs in surrounding communities.
- Long-term agreements with local governments provide for tribes paying tens of millions of dollars to improve infrastructure and environmental projects on non-tribal lands and strengthen local economies.
- Many Indian hotels and casinos give first preference when buying goods and services to local communities, creating thousands more jobs statewide.
- Indian gaming operations generate more than \$400 million in state, local and federal payroll and income taxes annually.
- Gaming tribes have donated tens of millions of dollars to local schools, colleges, Little Leagues, the Red Cross, cultural institutions and other charitable and philanthropic causes.
- About \$130 million annually is paid by gaming tribes to two state funds. The money assists non-gaming tribes and provides funds to local governments to help address the impact of Indian gaming on nearby non-tribal lands.

